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First fully Organic State:

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- Sikkim, after India’s cleanest title, it also becomes the first fully organic state.
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- Agricultural lands in the state were gradually converted to certified organic land by implementing practices and principles according to guidelines laid down in **National Programme for Organic Production**.
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- The National Programme for Organic Production standards for production and accreditation system has been recognized by European Commission and Switzerland.
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Road-mobile launcher test of Agni-IV:

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- Agni-IV also called as **Agni Prime** will be flight tested from a road-mobile launcher on the Abdul Kalam Island (earlier called as Wheeler Island).
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- Agni – IV is a two-stage, surface-to-surface missile that is 20 metres long and weighs 17 tonnes.
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- It can carry a one-tonne nuclear warhead over a distance of 4,000 km.
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- The army has already deployed the missile.
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Climate-smart villages:

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- **Madhya Pradesh** has started an ambitious plan to develop 1100 climate-smart villages with an aim to prepare farmers to manage the climate change risks.
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- The villages in the agro-climatic zones will be taken up under the National Agriculture Development Programme and Indian National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture.
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- The focus on Climate-smart villages will be on integrated agriculture which comprises animal husbandry, fisheries in addition to traditional farming.
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