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Future Policy Gold Award

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- This award is given by UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and co-organised by World Future Council (WFC) and IFOAM Organics International.
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- The award is nicknamed the "Oscar for best policies".
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- It recognises the world's best laws and policies promoting agroecology.
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- Sikkim State has won the 2018 award for its achievement in becoming the world's first totally organic agriculture state.
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- Sikkim beat out 51 other nominees from around the world for the award.
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- Brazil, Denmark, Quito and Ecuador shared the Silver award.
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World Future Council

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- It is an independent body with 50 eminent members from governmental bodies, civil society, business, science and the arts.
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- It is registered as a charitable foundation and headquartered is in Hamburg, Germany.
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- It focuses on policy solutions that serve the interests of future generations.
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ROSHNI

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- Roshni is a centre of Women Collectives led Social Action.
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- It is established recently by the Ministry of Rural Development in collaboration with Lady Irwin college, New Delhi.
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- It is under the ministry's National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).
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- It is technically and financially supported by UNICEF India.
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- It aims to work with women collectives for social action on Food, Health, Nutrition and WASH (FHNW) interventions in line with NRLM's strategy.
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- It supports implementation of action plan under POSHAN Abhiyaan.
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Unmanned Drone

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- China has successfully tested the world's largest unmanned transport drone.
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- Feihong-98 (FH-98) is a large commercial unmanned aircraft which can carry payload of 1.5 tonnes.
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- It has a cruising speed of 180 kilometers per hour and a maximum range of 1,200 kms.
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Hand-in-Hand

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- It is an annual joint army exercise between India and China.
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- The exercise was cancelled last year due to tense relations in the aftermath of the Doklam standoff.
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- This year (7^{th} edition), it will resume in Chengdu region in China.
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- It was first held at Kunming (China) in the year 2007 and the last edition was held in Pune,2016.

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- It is seen as a sign of normalising relationship between India and China.
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- The scope of the exercise is to understand transnational terrorism and evolve joint drills for the conduct of counter terrorism operations, in addition to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations.
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Marijuana

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- Canada has become the second country after Uruguay to legalise possession and use of recreational cannabis.
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- It is the first industrialised nation to do so.
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- Medical marijuana has been legal in the country since 2001.
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- Marijuana is a psychoactive drug from the Cannabis plant used for medical, recreational & religious purposes.
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- Cannabis can be used by smoking, vaporization, within food, or as an extract.
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- It creates mental and physical effects, such as a "high" or "stoned" feeling, a general change in perception, and an increase in appetite.
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- Short term side effects may include a decrease in short-term memory, dry mouth, impaired motor skills, red eyes, and feelings of paranoia or anxiety.
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- Long term side effects may include addiction, decreased mental ability and behavioural problems in children whose mothers used cannabis during pregnancy.
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