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Haryana

Haryana govt reduces classes X, XII syllabus by 30% for 2021-22

On 20 July 2021, the Haryana government decided to reduce the syllabus for classes X and XII for the academic session 2021-22, by 30 per cent. The decision has been taken as the schools could not open due to the COVID-19 pandemic and education was disrupted.

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Haryana govt to establish `Ekikrit Sainik Sadans' in 8 districts for soldiers' welfare

The Haryana government has decided to establish 'Ekikrit Sainik Sadans' in eight districts of the state for the welfare of soldiers. The information was shared by minister of state for sainik, ardh sainik welfare and social justice & empowerment O P Yadav, on 20 July 2021.

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Himachal Pradesh

Centre pulls Himachal Pradesh govt signs MoU with NIFT

The Himachal Pradesh industries department has signed an MoU with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to assist empaneled host institution in setting up an incubator to establish ecosystems for innovation projects and startups for helping the entrepreneurial ventures.

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Himachal Pradesh govt to launch scheme for boosting nutritional profile of several crops

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to launch the 'Swarn Jayanti Paramparagat Beej Suraksha Samvardhan Yojana', to boost the nutritional profile of several crops by preserving and reintroducing traditional varieties.

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Himachal Pradesh govt resumes COVID-19 vaccination drive for 18-44 age group

On 19 July 2021, the Himachal Pradesh government resumed the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination drive for the 18-44 age group, however, it has capped the daily limit of jabs for each district.

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Punjab

Punjab govt allows reopening of schools for classes X-XII from 26 July

The Punjab government has allowed the reopening of schools for classes X-XII from 26 July 2021, in view of a downtrend in coronavirus (COVID-19) positive cases. Only the fully vaccinated staff and teachers will be permitted to enter the premises.

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Punjab govt sets aside Rs. 3.3 bln for third sero-surveillance survey

Punjab's third sero-surveillance survey, to be launched this month, will be focused on children in the age group of 6-17 years, informed Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, on 20 July 2021.

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Punjab govt to implement QR code-based track & trace mechanism for liquor supply

The Punjab government is likely to implement a quick response (QR) code-based track and trace mechanism for liquor supply, in order to prevent the smuggling and sale of liquor in the bordering states.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt mulls introducing new tenancy Act

The Gujarat government is planning to introduce a new tenancy Act for the state, thereby replacing the Bombay (now Gujarat) Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Control Act. This has come after the state government adopted the Centre's Model Tenancy Act, as per The Times of India.

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Gujarat govt mandates COVID-19 vaccination for business owners, staff

On 19 July 2021, the Gujarat government issued a notification directing owners and employees of all commercial establishments to get the first dose of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine by 31 July 2021.

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Maharashtra

BMC to start door-to-door COVID-19 vaccination in Mumbai from 1 August

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to commence door-to-door coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination for bedridden and immobile people in Mumbai, Maharashtra from 1 August 2021.

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Maharashtra approves adventure tourism policy to make it safe for people

Maharashtra government approved a policy for adventure tourism to streamline adventure activities across the state. The policy was approved in the state cabinet meeting and detailed guidelines will soon be issued by the tourism department.

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Maharashtra govt extends incentive under new EV Policy till 31 December

The Maharashtra government has extended incentive under the new Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy till 31 Dec. 2021. The revised EV policy aims to realize the state's ambition to have 10% EVs among new vehicle registrations by 2025.

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Goa

Goa govt likely to postpone implementation of amended MVA Act to 2022

The Goa government is likely to postpone the implementation of the amended Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) to 2022. The information was shared by state transport minister Mauvin Godinho on 19 July 2021.

Read more

Goa Govt signs MoU with MECL to identify new iron ore mines

On 19 July 2021, the Goa government signed an MoU with the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) to identify new iron ore mines in the state for e-auctioning.

Read more

Goa Govt extends COVID-19-induced curfew till 26 July

The Goa government has extended the ongoing COVID-19-induced curfew across the state till 26 July 2021. The same restrictions and relaxations announced earlier will continue, informed state CM Pramod Sawant.

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Madhya Pradesh Cabinet takes slew of decisions

At least On 20 July 2021, the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved the installation of CCTV cameras in every police station. Meanwhile, the police stations that already have CCTVs will be upgraded.

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Madhya Pradesh CM launches UNESCO's `Historic Urban Landscape' project for Gwalior, Orchha

On 20 July 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) 'Historic Urban Landscape' project for Gwalior and Orchha cities.

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Madhya Pradesh panchayat dept staff threatens to go on indefinite strike from 22 July

The employees of Madhya Pradesh panchayat and rural development department have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from 22 July 2021, to press for their demands.

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu sets target to become USD 1 trillion economy by 2030

The Tamil Nadu government has set a target to make the state a USD 1 trillion economy by 2030. The announcement was made by Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin during the Investors Conclave organised by the industries department, on 20 July 2021.

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Tamil Nadu govt relaxes income norm for obtaining OBC certificates

The Tamil Nadu government has relaxed the income norm for candidates applying for Other Backward Class (OBC) certificates in the state. As part of it, the state revenue officials and collectors have been directed to issue the certificate without insisting on income details.

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Tamil Nadu govt likely to explore land pooling scheme

The Tamil Nadu government is considering implementing the land pooling scheme, which involves property owners as stakeholders instead of outright acquisition.

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Andhra Pradesh

Development works worth Rs. 40.8 mln inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh

On 20 July 2021, Vijayawada Central legislator Malladi Vishnu inaugurated various road construction works worth Rs. 40.8 million in the constituency. He also unveiled works of public health centre (PHC) in Ayodhya Nagar at Rs. 8 million.

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Andhra Pradesh HC stays PPA signing with APEGCL

Andhra Pradesh high court (HC) stayed signing of power purchase agreements (PPA) between Andhra Pradesh Energy Green Corporation and developers till further orders.

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Andhra Pradesh govt extends night curfew by another week

The Andhra Pradesh government has announced an extension in the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced night curfew across the state for another week. The order will remain in effect from 10 pm to 6 am on all days.

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Karnataka

Karnataka CM asks officials to fast-track implementation of centrally-sponsored projects

On 20 July 2021, Karnataka CM BS Yediyurappa held a meeting to review the progress of 96 centrally-sponsored schemes across 24 departments like Jal Jeevan Mission and National Health Mission, among others.

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Karnataka's first horticultural crops processing cluster to come up in Ramanagara

Karnataka's first horticultural crops processing cluster, including a mango processing unit, would come up on 16.1 hectares of land in Ramanagara district.

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RGHC Southern Railway introduces special trains from Yesvantpur, Karnataka

Southern Railway has introduced fully-reserved special weekly and daily special trains from the Yesvantpur railway station in Karnataka's Bengaluru.

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Telangana

Telangana govt mulls setting up 200 clusters to benefit fishermen

The Telangana government is mulling to establish as many as 200 clusters, in order to benefit the fishermen in the state, informed state animal husbandry minister T Srinivas Yadav.

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Telangana govt increases gap between 2 Covishield doses to 98-112 days

The Telangana government has issued an order increasing the gap between two Covishield vaccine doses to 98-112 days, as against the earlier duration of 84-112 days. This has come after experts claimed that the delay may not negatively impact the efficacy of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, as per The Times of India.

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Telangana govt seeks 50% share in Krishna river waters

The Telangana government has sought a 50 per cent adhoc share in the Krishna river waters during the ongoing fiscal until the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal or Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) takes a final decision on the disputed matter with neighboring Andhra Pradesh.

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Delhi

BSES discoms ink pact with SECI to procure 510 MW green power for Delhi

The Reliance Infrastructure-led BSES Rajdhani Power Limited distribution companies (discoms) in Delhi have inked contracts with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to procure 510 MW of solar and bundled hybrid power.

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DDA invites suggestions on Draft Delhi Master Plan 2041

]The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has invited suggestions and recommendations from the general public, in view of the recently-released Draft Delhi Master Plan, 2041. The plan is the first-of-its-kind since the passing of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act and is likely to impact the national capital's urban development, as per The Indian Express.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt commences trial run of zero-emission e-buses in Lucknow

On 20 July 2021, the Uttar Pradesh government commenced the trial run of zero-emission electric buses (e-buses) across 10 routes in Lucknow, before their scheduled launch in 14 cities of the state.

Uttar Pradesh to get country's first green hydrogen plant at IOCL's Mathura refinery

The country's first-ever green hydrogen plant is set to come up at the Indian Oil Corporation Limited's (IOCL) Mathura refinery in Uttar Pradesh. The move aims to get ready for a future that caters to the growing demand for both oil and cleaner forms of energy.

Rajasthan

3 sub-healthcare centres in Rajasthan's tribal-dominated areas to be developed into PHCs

The Rajasthan government has decided to upgrade as many as three sub-healthcare centres in Udaipur's tribal-dominated areas into primary health centres (PHCs).

Rajasthan CM gives instructions for expediting watershed development work

On 19 July 2021, Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot asked officials concerned to approve water catchment development works under the Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana, on a priority basis.

Rajasthan announces EV subsidies, following Delhi, Maharashtra & Gujarat

The Rajasthan Government announced a policy to subsidies the sale of electric vehicles (EV) making it the latest state to have such a policy after Maharashtra, Gujarat and Delhi. As per the policy document, the state component of the goods and services tax (SGST) would be refunded to buyers of all EVs in Rajasthan between April this year and March 2022.

West Bengal

West Bengal govt mandates negative RT-PCR test report for unvaccinated air passengers

Passengers flying to West Bengal will have to either show their full coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination certificate or produce a negative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test report, not older than 72 hours of the departure of the flight.

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West Bengal govt to take strict action against violators of COVID-19 norms

The West Bengal government has decided to take strict action against those not following appropriate coronavirus (COVID-19) behavior. The information was shared by state chief secretary HK Dwivedi on 17 July 2021.

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West Bengal govt imposes restrictions on entry of people from Assam

The West Bengal health department and the Alipurduar & Cooch Behar administrations have imposed restrictions on the entry of people from Assam, from 19 July 2021.

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Bihar

Bihar govt bans public celebrations for Shravani Mela, Sawan Mahotsav

The Bihar government has decided to impose a ban on any kind of public celebrations for the Shravani Mela and Sawan Mahotsav in the state, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more

Centre approves Rs. 17.2 bln COVID-19 package for Bihar

The Centre has sanctioned an amount worth Rs. 17.2 billion for Bihar under phase-II of the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package.

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Bihar govt to set up 3 new universities

The Bihar government has drafted a plan to set up as many as three new universities in the state, one each for medical, engineering and sports. The decision was taken at a state Cabinet meeting, on 16 July 2021.

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Odisha

Odisha's Puri admin imposes curfew till 21 July ahead of Lord Jagannath's Bahuda Jatra

Odisha's Puri administration has imposed a curfew in the district till 21 July 2021, in order to prohibit mass public gatherings on roads, rooftops and balconies of buildings adjoining Grand Road during the Lord Jagannath's Bahuda Jatra.

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Odisha CM launches `Subarnarekha Irrigation Project'

On 19 July 2021, Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Subarnarekha Irrigation Project (SIP)'. During the inauguration, water from the canal system of the project was released through five canals at Puruduhi near Kathpal in Baripada block.

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North-East

4 wards of Sikkim's South Sikkim district declared containment zones

In the wake of the surge in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, the South Sikkim administration in Sikkim has decided to bring four wards of the district under the containment zone, until further orders.

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COVID-19-induced lockdown to continue in 5 Assam districts

In the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, Jorhat, Golaghat, Sonitpur, Biswanath and Lakhimpur districts in Assam will continue to remain under total lockdown, owing to the high positivity rate of the virus in these places.

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Assam govt announces Surcharge Waiver Scheme

The Assam government has announced the Surcharge Waiver Scheme, following which extra charges levied on outstanding electricity dues by the Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) will be waived off for consumers belonging to poorer sections.

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