



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Poland Ambassador explores investment possibilities in Haryana

On 14 September 2021, the ambassador of Poland to India Prof Adam Burakowski met Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar and held talks to identify possibilities of investment in the state.

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Haryana govt relaxes mandatory 84-day gap between Covishield doses for certain categories

The Haryana government has relaxed the mandatory 84-day gap between two doses of the Covishield vaccine for people who have to travel abroad. The facility has been extended to those who have to travel abroad for urgent reasons, like availing treatment for any health problem, foreign nationals who have to return to their country and in any other circumstances in which foreign travel may be unavoidable.

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Himachal Pradesh

HPBSE to change evaluation system of board classes in Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBSE) has decided to change the evaluation system of board classes, on the basis of the new National Education Policy (NEP).

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Markfed products to be sold at 5,000 PDS depots in Himachal Pradesh

On 14 September 2021, Punjab cooperation minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa signed an MoU with his Himachal Pradesh counterpart to sell products of state-run Markfed at 5,000 public distribution system (PDS) depots in the neighbouring state.

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Highways, link roads in Himachal Pradesh blocked due to landslides, heavy rainfall

On 13 September 2021, the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) informed that few national highways (NH) and a total of 22 link roads were blocked in the state.

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Punjab

Punjab SEC to set up 24,689 polling booths for 2022 Assembly elections

Ahead of the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections, the state election commission (SEC) has decided to set up as many as 24,689 polling booths in the state. This comes as a rise from the present 23,211, after rationalization in view of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

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Punjab chief secretary reviews status of major infra projects

On 14 September 2021, Punjab chief secretary Vini Mahajan chaired a meeting of the Public Investment Management (PIM) committee to review the status of ongoing infrastructure projects in the state.

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Punjab govt allocates 31,970 machines under CRM scheme

The Punjab government has allocated over 31,970 machines and equipment to various units under the crop residue management (CRM) scheme. Of the total, around 10,023 machines have been approved for individual farmers, 15,498 machines for customer-hiring centres, 5,543 for panchayats, 906 for primary agriculture cooperatives societies on 50-80 per cent subsidy.

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Gujarat

IMD sounds red alert in Gujarat

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has sounded a red alert in Gujarat, as many parts of the state are expected to receive heavy to extremely heavy rains over the next two to three days.

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Night curfew extended in 8 Gujarat cities till 25 September

The Gujarat government has extended the existing coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced night curfew in eight cities till 25 September 2021. These include Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot, Junagadh, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Gandhinagar

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Maharashtra

Task force submits report on new NEP to Maharashtra CM

On 14 September 2021, the task force, set up under scientist Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, to study the provisions of the new National Education Policy (NEP) submitted its report to Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Thackeray.

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Buddha medical colleges to come up in Maharashtra on lines of Tamil Nadu

The Maharashtra government has decided to set up more medical colleges in the state on the lines of Tamil Nadu. The information was shared by state health minister Rajesh Ankushrao Tope, on 13 September 2021.

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Maharashtra govt to launch apps for tracking school dropouts

The Maharashtra education department has decided to introduce a few mobile applications which would help in tracking the school dropout rate after the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the resultant shift to online education.

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Goa

Goa govt extends COVID-19 curfew till 20 Sept

The Goa government has extended the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced curfew across the state by another week, till 20 September 2021. With this, the ban on several activities, including casinos, would continue.

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GEDA invite bids to set up rooftop solar power project at Legislative Assembly

Goa energy development agency (GEDA) has invited tenders to set up a rooftop solar power project in the Goa legislative assembly complex in Porvorim. The bidder will be responsible for design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of the power plant, including operation and maintenance for five years.

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Madhya Pradesh

Schools in Madhya Pradesh to reopen for classes I-V from 20 Sept

The Madhya Pradesh government has allowed schools to resume physical classes for standard I-V, with 50 per cent attendance, from 20 September 2021. Notably, schools in the state had been closed for around a year and a half due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Madhya Pradesh Cabinet takes slew of decisions

On 13 September 2021, the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet gave its nod to the ethanol policy and establishment of toll plazas at four state highways, namely Sagar-Damoh, Bina-Khimlasa-Malthon, Mhow-Ghatabillod and Bhind-Mihona-Gopalpur.

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Madhya Pradesh govt to launch mega COVID-19 vaccination drive on 17 Sept

The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to launch a mega vaccination campaign across the state against coronavirus (COVID-19) on 17 September 2021.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt enhances quota for women in govt jobs to 40%

The Tamil Nadu government has enhanced the quota for women in government jobs from 30 per cent to 40 per cent. The information was shared by state finance and human resource management minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, on 13 September 2021.

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Tamil Nadu govt signs MoU with DP World for establishing Rs. 20 bln projects

The Tamil Nadu government has signed an MoU with the UAE-based DP World for establishing a slew of projects worth Rs. 20 billion in the state. The projects include a container terminal, cold storage & seafood processing zone, free trade zone with an integrated rail siding, data centres, minor port in the Eastern Coast of the state and inland container depots (ICD), among others.

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt extends night curfew till 30 Sept

The Andhra Pradesh government has extended the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced night curfew across the state till 30 September 2021. The order, issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), would come into effect from 16 September 2021.

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Andhra Pradesh CM to launch 'CLAP' campaign on 2 October

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy is scheduled to launch the 'Clean Andhra Pradesh (CLAP)' campaign on 2 October 2021.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to set up whole-genome sequencing lab in Guntur

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to set up the state's first whole-genome sequencing lab in the Government General Hospital, Guntur, to enumerate COVID-19 positive samples for ultimate confirmation of the circulating strains of SARS CoV-2.

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt to introduce cyber security, data centre policy

The Karnataka government is planning to come up with a policy on cyber security and data centre in two months.

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Karnataka Assembly tables Bill seeking to constitute prison development board

On 14 September 2021, the Karnataka Assembly tabled the Karnataka Prison Development Board Bill for constituting a panel to strengthen the status of prisons in the state.

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Karnataka govt to administer 3 mln doses of COVID-19 vaccine on 17 September

In the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the Karnataka government has decided to carry out a massive vaccination drive on 17 September 2021. The objective is to administer as many as three million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine during the day.

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Telangana

Telangana health dept urges IT companies to reopen offices

The Telangana health department has urged the information technology (IT) companies in the state to reopen their offices, in view of the declining coronavirus (COVID-19) cases.

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APGENCO moves Telangana HC to recover outstanding debts worth Rs. 62.8 bln

The Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) Limited has moved the Telangana High Court (HC) seeking help to recover its outstanding debts, which had arisen after the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Andhra Pradesh.

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Telangana govt to appoint special commissioner under GHMC

The Telangana government has decided to appoint a special commissioner under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) for the protection, conservation and development of water bodies in Greater Hyderabad limits.

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Delhi

Delhi's DU resumes offline classes for UG, PG students

The Delhi University (DU) resumed offline classes for undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students, today. Classes will be conducted with 50 per cent of the total capacity, in view of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Delhi govt to form action plan to combat air pollution during winters

The Delhi government has asked municipal corporations and government departments to prepare a detailed plan on managing various factors responsible for the spike in air pollution in the national capital during winters.

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Uttar Pradesh

PM lays foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University in Aligarh

On 14 September 2021, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. The university will be set up over 37.2 hectares at Lodha and Musepur Kareem Jarouli villages of Aligarh's Kol tehsil.

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Uttar Pradesh tops list of states in implementing PM Svanidhi scheme

Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of states across the country in terms of implementing the 'Prime Minister (PM) Svanidhi' scheme. Over 28 per cent of the total beneficiaries of the programme are from Uttar Pradesh.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan HC stays discoms' demand for payment of duty on solar power plants

Rajasthan High Court has stayed the discoms' demand for payment of duty on electricity consumed by captive solar plants. The court also asked the members of the solar industry to submit their grievances within six weeks prior to the next hearing date.

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FHTR launches digital campaign to promote tourism in Rajasthan

The Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR) has launched a digital campaign to promote tourist destinations in Rajasthan, besides connecting tourism activities with the state's rich heritage of arts & crafts.

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Rajasthan govt temporarily suspends imposition of trade license fee

The Rajasthan government has temporarily suspended the imposition of trade license fee announced by the Jaipur Municipal Corporations, including Heritage and Greater. The decision was taken by Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot after the traders' association called for a market shutdown in the city, today.

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West Bengal

West Bengal Cabinet allows private players to set up industrial parks on 2 hectares

The West Bengal Cabinet permitted private players to set up industrial parks on two hectares of land, instead of the minimum standard requirement of eight hectares.

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Potato farmers in West Bengal hit by low prices

Potato farmers in West Bengal have been hit by low prices, with 50 kg per bag of their produce getting sold at Rs. 260. For this purpose, the farmers have demanded the state government to fix the minimum rate for a bag at Rs. 600.

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'Duare Sarkar' camps in West Bengal visited by 30 mln people

Over 30 million people have visited the ongoing 'Duare Sarkar' camps in West Bengal, since 16 August 2021.

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Bihar

Bihar govt to publish zonal list of plots to end land disputes

The Bihar government has decided to publish zonal lists of all government plots in an attempt to end land disputes across the state.

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Bihar govt to reinstate 45,000 teachers

The Bihar government has decided to soon reinstate over 45,000 teachers. A proposal of the state education department regarding the same has received a go ahead from Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

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Bihar Speaker seeks to host 82nd presiding officers conference

Bihar Legislative Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha on Wednesday expressed his desire to host the 82nd All India Presiding Officers Conference (AIPOC) in the state, as it would coincide with the Bihar Legislative Assembly building centenary function as well as the completion of 100 years of the conference and the 75th year of India's independence.

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Odisha

Special cell established to monitor COVID-19 infection in schools across Odisha

The Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA) has formed a special cell to monitor coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in schools across the state. The officials engaged in the cell will have to collect the daily attendance of students & ensure implementation of the COVID-19 protocol in the schools and submit it to the OSEPA on a daily basis.

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Odisha transport dept to provide first aid training to highway vendors, residents

The Indian Red Cross Society has joined hands with the Odisha transport department to provide first aid and life-saving skills to vendors and residents staying close to the highways so that they can turn saviours for road accident victims.

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North-East

Rs. 180 mln released by Centre as first instalment for promotion of Manipuri in Manipur

A total of Rs. 180 million has been released by the Centre as the first instalment for the promotion of the Manipuri language and the Manipuri script in Manipur.

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Manipur govt to provide mobile phones to class XI, XII students from BPL category

The Manipur government has decided to provide free mobile phones to students of classes XI and XII belonging to the below poverty line (BPL) category, under the Chief Minister's e-Support Scheme.

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Assam govt to set up innovation fund for startups with SIDBI

The Assam government has decided to partner with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for the purpose of setting up an innovation fund in the state to promote startups.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand to get dedicated pharma park at Chanho

On 13 September 2021, the Jharkhand government announced that it is setting up a dedicated pharma park at Chanho in Ranchi for the purpose of attracting investment to the sector. The state industries department has reserved an open area of 14 hectares for the creation of the facility.

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Jharkhand to get e-FIR police stations

On 14 September 2021, the Jharkhand Cabinet approved the state home department's proposal for the formation of e-FIR police stations in all districts, barring Ramgarh and Khunti.

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Kerala

Coconut oil manufacturers in Kerala worried over proposed hike in GST on packed edible coconut oil

Coconut oil manufacturers in Kerala are worried about the proposed hike in GST on packed edible coconut oil from five to 18 per cent. The move, if implemented, will see a consumer shift to cheaper edible oils as the GST on coconut oil would come around Rs. 18 per kg, said director of the Cochin Oil Merchants Association (COMA) Thalath Mohammed.

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Kerala govt eases restrictions imposed due to Nipah outbreak in Kozhikode

On 14 September 2021, the Kerala government eased restrictions imposed in the containment zones of Kozhikode district, where one death was reported due to Nipah virus infection. The decision was taken after noting that no new cases are being reported from the region and the incubation period of 14 days is over.

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