



# Regional Developments

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt to launch 3rd COVID-19 sero survey in August-end

The Haryana government is set to roll out its third COVID-19 sero survey across the state, in the last week of August 2021. It will cover people who are fully vaccinated, those who have got their first shots and those who have recovered from the disease.

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### Haryana govt to map depleting water level in every village

The Haryana government has decided to check every village to map the depleting water level in the state. This has come in the wake of the groundwater being exploited at a rapid pace in almost 79 per cent area of the state, according to The Indian Express.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### 2 lake bank sites notified for water sports in Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh tourism & civil aviation department has notified as many as two sites on the banks of the Gobind Sagar reservoir for water and adventure sports activities. The information was shared by state rural development minister Virender Kanwar.

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### Death toll of Himachal Pradesh landslide reaches 25

The death toll due to the recent landslide in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district has reached 25, with two more bodies being recovered on 16 August 2021. According to state disaster management director Sudesh Kumar Mokhta, the fresh casualties have been reported from Chaura village on national highway (NH)-5 in Nichar tehsil.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt hikes DA payable to its employees, pensioners by 6%

The Himachal Pradesh government has hiked the dearness allowance (DA) payable to its employees and pensioners by six per cent, with effect from 1 July 2021. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur, on 15 August 2021.

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## Punjab

### People entering Punjab mandated to be fully vaccinated or have negative RT-PCR test report

People entering Punjab have been mandated to be either fully vaccinated against coronavirus (COVID-19) or have a negative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test report.

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### Punjab's Mohali admin to set up check-posts at entry point of Himachal Pradesh

Punjab's Mohali administration has decided to set up check-posts at the entry point of Himachal Pradesh. This has come in view of the rising number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Himachal Pradesh, as per The Indian Express.

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### Punjab govt approves seed funding of Rs. 300,000 each to 4 startups

The Punjab government has approved seed funding of Rs. 300,000 each to four startups in the state. The move comes in an effort to give a boost to entrepreneurship in the state.

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## Gujarat

### PM to inaugurate projects worth Rs. 830 mln of Somnath Temple in Gujarat on 20 August

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi is slated to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for four projects of the Somnath Temple in Gujarat on 20 August 2021. The cost of the projects has been pegged at Rs. 830 million.

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### Gujarat govt extends COVID-19 night curfew till 28 August

The Gujarat government has extended the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced night curfew in as many as eight cities till 28 August 2021. These include Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Gandhinagar and Junagadh.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra CM launches slew of initiatives to promote tourism

On 17 August 2021, Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Thackeray launched several initiatives of the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) in a bid to boost tourism.

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### 15 CAAQMS to be installed at key locations in Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) is planning to install as many as 15 mobile continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (CAAQMS) at key locations across the state.

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### Flipkart to set up 4 new facilities in Maharashtra

As many as four new facilities are likely to be set up by Walmart-run e-commerce major Flipkart in Maharashtra to support local sellers in the state and cater to the growing demand for e-commerce.

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## Goa

### Goa govt allows higher education institutions to resume offline classes

Those. On 16 August 2021, the Goa government decided to allow higher education institutions in the state to reopen for offline classes, with all coronavirus (COVID-19) protocols in place. This decision will be applicable to undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students.

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### Goa CM launches website for SHGs to sell homemade products

On 15 August 2021, Goa Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant launched an official website, providing an online platform to self-help groups (SHGs) for selling their homemade products.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### 44 New Flights In 35 days: Jyotiraditya Scindia's Gift To Madhya Pradesh

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia today said he has started 44 new flights in the last 35 days from Madhya Pradesh. Eight of these flights would be under UDAN scheme, which focusses on connecting smaller airports to metros and other cities

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### Madhya Pradesh: 39,000 register for sports department's talent hunt

To ensure that country wins more medals in international tourneys and sporting talent is properly honed across the state, MP hockey academy and sports department are organizing a comprehensive talent hunt from August 24.

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### With 4 new hockey turfs in the offing, MP ups its game

With 15 existing hockey turfs and four more proposed, the state is all set to create new benchmarks in training the players.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu govt to increase monthly pension for freedom fighters

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to increase the monthly pension for freedom fighters to Rs. 18,000, from the present Rs. 17,000.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to revamp Kasimedu fishing harbour at Rs. 1.5 bln

Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu finance minister Palanivel Thiagarajan has announced that the Kasimedu fishing harbour is set to be revamped at a cost of Rs. 1.5 billion.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to declare 7 moringa-growing districts as export zones

The Tamil Nadu government is set to declare as many as seven major moringa-growing districts in the state as 'Moringa Export Zones.' These include Theni, Madurai, Dindigul, Thoothukudi, Ariyalur, Tiruppur and Karur districts.

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## Andhra Pradesh

### AP to set up 33.24 GW pumped storage hydro power projects

The Andhra Pradesh energy department is planning to set up pumped hydro storage power projects across the state with a total capacity of 33.24 gigawatt. The government has identified 1.45 lakh acres in Kadapa, Kurnool, Anantapur districts for these proposed renewable energy parks.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt extends COVID-19 curfew till 21 August

The Andhra Pradesh government has announced an extension in the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced curfew in the state, till 21 August 2021. This has come after at least half of the districts have been reporting a good number of new cases on a daily basis.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt reduces interruptions in power supply

The Andhra Pradesh power utilities have taken special measures to reduce interruptions in power supply to 177,000 in 2020-21, so far, from 300,000 lakh in 2019-20.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt launches drive to evaluate post-COVID-19 complications

On 17 August 2021, the Karnataka government launched a drive to evaluate post-COVID-19 complications among those who have recovered from the infection. As part of this, more than 2.8 million such people will be checked for tuberculosis (TB).

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### Karnataka govt asked to allow entry of vehicles carrying patients, family members of deceased

The Kerala HC has directed to allow vehicles carrying patients and family members of the deceased to enter the state, irrespective of the nature of the vehicles used.

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### Karnataka govt to set up district-level committees to tackle COVID-19

The Karnataka government has decided to set up district-level COVID-19 Technical Expert Committees (TEC) in an attempt to tackle the potential third wave of pandemic.

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## Telangana

### Telangana govt constitutes state, district heritage authorities

On 17 August 2021, the Telangana government constituted the Telangana State Heritage Authority (TSHA) in an attempt to protect, preserve and conserve the heritage of the state.

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### Telangana govt sets up over 15,000 beds to tackle third wave of COVID-19

The Telangana government has set up more than 15,000 beds in a bid to tackle the possible third wave of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Of the total beds, around 3,000 have been assigned for children.

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### Telangana govt increases maximum insurable age of employees under life insurance scheme

On. The Telangana government has increased the maximum insurable age for employees under the state Life Insurance Scheme to 56 years, up from the earlier 53 years. With this, the minimum insurable age has simultaneously been decreased to 19 years from the existing 21 years.

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## Delhi

### Medical school to come up in Delhi' s JNU

On 17 August 2021, the Academic Council of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi, approved the establishment of a medical school with a hospital to create a research ecosystem in the biomedical field.

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### SDMC to purchase electrical sweeping machines for clearing road dust in Delhi

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has decided to purchase electrical mechanical sweeping machines for clearing road dust and improving sanitation services in the national capital.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### UP approves policy on operations of airstrips by flying clubs, training academies

The UP Cabinet approved a policy on the operations of airstrips by flying clubs and training academies in the state. Flying clubs and academies selected by the civil aviation department in 13 airstrips will be allowed to conduct trainings at hangars and buildings.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt plans to reopen schools for classes VI-VIII from 23 August

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to reopen schools for classes VI-VIII from 23 August 2021 and for classes I-V on 1 September 2021.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan CM approves draft of Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot approved the draft of the Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme. The programme aims to provide financial support to street vendors, youngsters employed in the service sector and those looking for self-employment in urban areas.

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### Rajasthan govt to upgrade 307 primary schools

The Rajasthan government has decided to upgrade 703 government primary schools in the state to upper primary level. The decision will make education accessible to students, especially girls, in their immediate neighbourhood.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt considers reducing syllabus for students of classes I-XII

The Jharkhand education department is considering to reduce the syllabus for students of classes I-XII for the second consecutive year in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Jharkhand Assembly's monsoon session to be held from 3-9 September

The monsoon session of the Jharkhand Assembly is scheduled to be held from 3-9 September 2021, tabling the state's first supplementary Budget for the year 2021-22.

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## West Bengal

### 1.2 mln people apply for West Bengal govt's Lakshmi Bhandar Scheme

So far, over 1.2 million people have applied for the West Bengal government's Lakshmi Bhandar Scheme. The initiative aims to provide basic income support to female heads.

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### West Bengal govt to give online clearances for 3 services required to start venture

The West Bengal government has introduced an online facility to provide necessary clearances for three services required to start a venture, including single-window sanction of building plans, issuing trade licenses and grant of mutation certificates.

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### West Bengal govt approves constitution of industrial promotion board

The West Bengal government gave a nod for the constitution of an industrial promotion board. The board would facilitate the establishment of more factories in the state.

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## Bihar

### Bihar govt to provide subsidy of up to 25% for taking up rooftop gardening

The Bihar government has come up with a scheme that provides subsidies up to 25 per cent for taking up rooftop gardening. As part of the registration process, the applicant will have to deposit a share of Rs. 25,000 for installing the system.

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### 43 new spinning-weaving training centres for women to come up in Bihar

The Bihar government is setting up as many as 43 new centres to impart training in spinning and weaving cotton-khadi & silk yarn to women & girls. The three-month-long training is aimed at making these women economically self-reliant.

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### Bihar govt invites tenders for putting up solar lights in 8,300 panchayats, 143 urban bodies

The Bihar government has invited tenders for putting up 10 solar lights each in over 8,300 panchayats and 143 urban bodies.

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## Odisha

### Odisha State Pollution Control Board secures top position in transparency index rating

The Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) has secured the first position with 67 percentage points in the transparency index rating report released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Delhi.

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### Schools reopen for class IX students in Odisha

On 16 August 2021, schools across Odisha reopened for class IX students after a gap of over four months. Physical classes were held with strict compliance to coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines and the standard operating procedure (SOP) issued by the state school & mass education (SME) department.

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## North-East

### Centre sanctions Rs. 13.5 bln financial package for NE states to tackle COVID-19 pandemic

The Centre has sanctioned a financial package of Rs. 13.5 billion for eight north-eastern (NE) states to tackle the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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### Assam govt issues new COVID-19 guidelines

On 17 August 2021, the Assam government issued new standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the containment of coronavirus (COVID-19). The guidelines came into effect from 5 am today and will remain in force until further orders.

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### Arunachal Pradesh's ICR admin relaxes COVID-19-induced curfew hours

The Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) administration in Arunachal Pradesh has relaxed the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced curfew hours, which will now be enforced from 6 pm to 5 am till 31 August 2021.

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