



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Haryana Assembly passes 6 Bills

The Haryana Assembly passed as many as six Bills. These include the Haryana Management of Civic Amenities and Infrastructure Deficient Areas outside Municipal Area (Special Provisions) Bill; Haryana Excise (Amendment) Bill; Haryana Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Development (Amendment and Validation) Bill; and Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority (Amendment) Bill. Besides this, the Haryana Agriculture Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill and Haryana Appropriation (No. 4) Bill were also passed by the state Assembly.

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Haryana minister inaugurates 2 lakes in Ambala Cantonment

Haryana home, health and urban local bodies minister Anil Vij inaugurated as many as two lakes in Ambala Cantonment. These include a 0.6-hectare lake at Sardar Patel Park and a 1.2-hectare Amba Lake at Gajraj Park.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt approves revised pay scales for 200,000 employees

The Himachal Pradesh government has approved revised pay scales for nearly 200,000 employees, with effect from 1 January 2016. The new pay would be granted to the employees in the salary for the month of January 2022.

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Himachal Pradesh govt sets up grievance redressal cells in Delhi and Chandigarh

The Himachal Pradesh government has set up grievance redressal cells at Himachal Sadan in Delhi and Himachal Bhawan in Chandigarh. The developments have come with an aim to facilitate people of Himachal Pradesh residing in these cities and adjoining areas.

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Paddy procurement low during Himachal Pradesh's first procurement drive

Around 27,628 metric tonnes (MT) of paddy was procured from Himachal Pradesh, as against the state government's estimated purchase of 56,000 MT.

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Punjab

Farmers go on indefinite 'rail roko' protest in Punjab

Farmers, under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, started their indefinite 'rail roko' protest in Amritsar's Devidaspura over various demands. These include farm loan waivers, compensation and jobs for the kin of farmers who died during the agitation against the now-repealed farm laws.

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Punjab govt gives approval to regularise services of 1,925 assistant professors

The Punjab government has given the approval to regularise services of 1,925 assistant professors in the government-aided colleges of the state. The decision was taken during a state Cabinet meeting, held under the chairmanship of CM Charanjit Singh Channi.

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Punjab govt increases motor vehicles tax on luxury buses

The Punjab government has increased the motor vehicles tax on luxury buses. This has come after targeting private transporters illegally extending their route permits, causing monetary loss to the state exchequer.

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Gujarat

Counting of votes held for Gujarat gram panchayat elections

Counting of votes for Gujarat gram panchayat elections was held today. As of 6 pm, Kanu Nayka was declared sarpanch in Bakrol village of Vadodara district, Jayesh Boghra was elected as sarpanch of Ramnagar village in Rajkot district, Sumitra Halpati from Pathri village & Bharat Patel from Vansi village in Navsari district, etc.

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Gujarat govt signs 8 MoUs worth Rs. 23.5 bln

The Gujarat government signed as many as eight MoUs worth Rs. 23.5 billion, during the pre-Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit. The agreements have been signed in the areas of agriculture, agro-processing and agri infrastructure. The largest quantum of investment was committed in the area of ethanol manufacturing, which saw three MoUs worth Rs. 13.4 billion to be executed in Dahej.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt plans consultations with stakeholders on seamless implementation of EV policy

The Maharashtra state government is planning a series of consultations with stakeholders on the seamless implementation of the recently announced electric vehicle policy.

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Maharashtra govt to provide jobs to kin of class A, B employees who die during service

The Maharashtra government has decided to provide jobs to eligible family members of employees from class A and B in case of their death during service. The decision has been taken in the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Maharashtra sugar commissioner asks farmers to be aware of financial status of mills

Maharashtra sugar commissioner Shekhar Gaikwad has asked farmers in the state to be aware of the financial status of mills before supplying sugarcane to them.

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Goa

International charter flights to Goa soon: CM

On 27 September 2021, the Goa chief minister (CM) Pramod Sawant said that international charter flights will be hitting the runways at the Dabolim international airport in Goa soon.

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Indian Railways Launches Direct Train From Jharkhand to Goa

People of Jharkhand since long have been demanding a direct train to Goa. Train Number 06398 Jasidih-Vasco Da Gama express was virtually flagged off by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh govt tables Damage to Public and Property Recovery Bill

The Madhya Pradesh government tabled the Madhya Pradesh Damage to Public and Property Recovery Bill in the state Assembly. The provisions of the Bill provide for recovery of losses from the people and organisations responsible for damaging public & private properties during protests.

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SC stays elections to local body seats reserved for OBCs in Madhya Pradesh

The Supreme Court ordered the Madhya Pradesh state election commission (SEC) to stay elections to seats reserved for the Other Backward Class (OBC) category in the upcoming local body polls in the state. The Apex Court has directed that the elections should proceed only after those seats are renotified as General category seats.

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Centre approves 23 projects in Madhya Pradesh under CRIF scheme

The Centre has approved 23 projects in Madhya Pradesh under the Central Road & Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) scheme for 2021-22. A sum of Rs. 18.1 billion has been set aside for these projects, which have a combined length of 600.1-km.

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Tamil Nadu

SR launches tower car in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The Southern Railway (SR) launched a tower car at platform six of the MGR Chennai Central railway station in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The EMU Car Shed in Avadi built the eco-friendly self-propelled Prakriti tower car by converting an old motor coach of an EMU.

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Tamil Nadu govt increases income ceiling of CMCHIS beneficiaries

The Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to increase the income ceiling of beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. Following this, the income limit has been increased to Rs. 120,000. Notably, under the scheme, which was launched in 2009, the beneficiaries were entitled to receive a free treatment of up to Rs. 100,000.

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh's potential to save energy pegged at 1,700 MU worth Rs. 10 bln per annum

Andhra Pradesh has the potential to save at least 1,700 million units (MU) of energy worth Rs. 10 billion per annum by implementing efficiency and conservation measures.

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Andhra Pradesh govt reduces VAT, special margin levied on liquor

The Andhra Pradesh government issued an order to reduce value-added tax (VAT), special margin and additional excise duty/countervailing duty levied on liquor. With this, the prices of various Indian-made foreign liquor brands will be reduced by 15-20 per cent.

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Andhra Pradesh govt increases farmers' access to banking services

The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced various schemes to empower farmers and perk them up in the society with wider access to banking services. Recently, the state government integrated the services of 9,160 banking correspondents (BCs) with 10,778 Rythu Barosa Kendras (RBKs) to extend banking services and financial inclusiveness in rural areas.

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt to issue free bus passes to construction workers under 'Sahayahasta'

The Karnataka government has decided to issue free bus passes to the construction workers across the state under the 'Sahayahasta' bus passes scheme. The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC) has already distributed the Sahayahasta bus passes among construction workers registered with the Building and Construction Workers Welfare Board.

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Karnataka govt reduces VAT on ATF to 18%

The Karnataka government has reduced value-added tax (VAT) levied on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) from 28 per cent to 18 per cent, with effect from 1 January 2022. A notification regarding the same was issued by the state finance department, on 22 December 2021.

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Telangana

Telangana govt launches India Blockchain accelerator programme for startups

The Telangana government has launched the India Blockchain accelerator programme to boost startups in the state. The move is expected to support and equip deep-tech blockchain startups with technical know-how and accreditation from the state government.

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Telangana govt hikes honorarium of anganwadi teachers, helpers by 30%

The Telangana government has increased the honorarium offered to all the anganwadi teachers and helpers by 30 per cent, with effect from 7 July 2021. Following this, anganwadi teachers will get honorarium of Rs. 13,650, as against Rs. 10,500.

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Telangana govt sanctions Rs. 1 bln for Karimnagar Smart City programme

The Telangana government has sanctioned Rs. 1 billion for the Karimnagar Smart City programme. The information was shared by Karimnagar Mayor Y Sunil Rao. As part of the initiative, smart roads will come up under package-I, II and III.

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Delhi

Gatherings during Christmas, New Year celebrations banned in Delhi

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has imposed a ban on all gatherings during Christmas and New Year celebrations in Delhi amid the scare of Omicron variant of COVID-19. All the restaurants and bars have been allowed to run at only 50 per cent of their seating capacity and not more than 200 people can be permitted in a marriage-related gathering.

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Delhi govt to launch e-health cards for all residents in February 2022

The Delhi government has decided to launch e-health cards for all residents in February 2022. The initiative will be taken up under the ambitious cloud-based Health Information Management System (HIMS). The authorities are expected to complete the process of selecting an agency for issuing and distributing the cards by January 2022.

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Uttar Pradesh

PM lays foundation, inaugurates 22 projects in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid foundation stones and inaugurated as many as 22 development projects in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The total cost of the projects has been pegged at Rs. 8.7 billion.

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Uttar Pradesh govt presents Rs. 84.7 bln supplementary Budget for 2021-22

On 16 December 2021, Uttar Pradesh finance minister Suresh Khanna tabled the Rs. 84.7 billion supplementary Budget for 2021-22, during winter session of the state Assembly. Under the Budget, Rs. 1 billion have been allocated to fulfill the state's power supply, while Rs. 1.8 billion have been earmarked for the Har Ghar Bijlee scheme.

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Rajasthan

Voting held for phase-III of zilla parishad, panchayat samiti elections in Rajasthan

Voting for phase-III of the Rajasthan zilla parishad and panchayat samiti elections was held across three districts, today. These include Baran, Sriganganagar and Karauli districts. Elections are being held for the 141 wards of seven panchayat samitis and their respective zilla parishad constituencies.

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Rajasthan govt signs Rs. 15.2 bln MoU with Sangam India Ltd

The Rajasthan government has signed an MoU worth Rs. 15.2 billion with the Sangam India Limited. As part of the pact, the company will set up multiple manufacturing units with a focus on spinning, weaving, garments, knitting and processing on over 40.4 hectares in Bhilwara. It is expected to generate nearly 10,000 employment opportunities.

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REIL invites bids to procure 40,000 aluminum channels in Rajasthan

The Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Limited (REIL), a joint venture between the Rajasthan and central governments, has invited bids to procure 40,000 aluminum channels for solar modules with 72 cells with 300 watts or more.

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West Bengal

West Bengal tops foundational literacy and numeracy index

West Bengal has topped the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' chart in the 'large states' category. The index, which indicates literacy among children below 10 years, includes five pillars comprising educational infrastructure, access to education, basic health, learning outcomes and governance.

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West Bengal govt extends COVID-19-induced curbs till 15 Jan 2022

The West Bengal government has extended the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced restrictions in the state till 15 January 2022. This has come in view of the Omicron variant's scare.

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West Bengal govt launches 'Project Jyoti' for welfare of visually-challenged students

The West Bengal government has launched 'Project Jyoti' in the state in collaboration with mjunction, a business-to-business (B2B) e-commerce company. The initiative aims to ensure the welfare of visually-challenged school students.

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Bihar

Bihar Land Mutation Amendment Bill passed

On 1 December 2021, the Bihar Land Mutation Amendment Bill was passed in the state Assembly. As per provisions of the Bill, with the mutations of the map along with plots, the cases relating to land disputes would be reduced considerably.

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Bihar govt launches state's first e-clinic

Bihar health minister Mangal Pandey has launched the state's first e-clinic to augment health services in the state. As per the plan, as many as 100 e-clinics will be launched initially and gradually the number will be increased over the next 18 months. With the help of the facility, people will no longer need to travel to major cities for medical treatment and can get consultation at the comfort of their homes.

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Odisha

Centre approves 6 ITIs, 10 SDCs in LWE-affected districts of Odisha

The Centre has approved the establishment of as many as six industrial training institutes (ITIs) and 10 skill development centres (SDCs) for six Left-wing extremism (LWE)-affected districts of Odisha. The decision aims to sharpen the skills of youths and make them employable.

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Odisha govt asks DCs to open paddy purchase centres as per requirement

The Odisha government has directed district collectors (DCs) to open paddy purchase centres in the state as per requirement and ensure that farmers carrying paddy to mandis are not harassed. Besides this, they have been asked to engage more women self-help groups for the smooth procurement of paddy under the minimum support price scheme.

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North-East

Assam, Meghalaya govts to resolve border dispute in 6 areas by 15 Jan 2022

The Assam and Meghalaya governments have decided to resolve their long-pending border dispute in six out of 12 locations by 15 January 2022. The decision was taken at a meeting between Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma and his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad K Sangma on 22 December 2021.

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Assam govt tables 3 Bills in state Assembly

The Assam government tabled the Assam Direct Recruitment Commissions for Analogous Posts in Class-III and Class-IV Bill in the state Assembly. The Bill proposes to constitute two direct recruitment commissions for appointments to Class III & IV posts in different establishments and offices by holding a common selection test.

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Nagaland Assembly passes resolution seeking repeal of AFSPA

The Nagaland Assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the Centre to repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from the north-east region, specifically in Nagaland. The demand focuses on strengthening the ongoing efforts to find a peaceful political settlement to the Naga political issue.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand govt to form Cabinet sub-committee to consider reservation for 3 communities

The Jharkhand government will form a Cabinet sub-committee in the next two months to consider increasing reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in the state. The announcement was made after All Jharkhand Students Union president and MLA Sudesh Mahto sought 73 per cent reservation for the aforementioned communities.

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Jharkhand minister tables state's 2nd supplementary Budget of Rs. 29.2 bln

Jharkhand finance minister Rameshwar Oraon tabled the state's second supplementary Budget of Rs. 29.2 billion for 2021-22. The highest allocation of Rs. 6.2 billion has been made in the pension head, another Rs. 5.8 billion have been allocated for the state energy department, Rs. 5.1 billion for the health department and Rs. 2.3 billion for the water resources department.

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Kerala

Kerala govt passes Bill to regulate working of self-financing colleges

On 11 November 2021, the Kerala government passed the Kerala Self-Financing College Teaching and Non-Teaching Employees (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Bill. The aim is to regulate the working of self-financing colleges in the state.

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Kerala govt plans to adopt new retailing model for its hand-woven garments

The Kerala government is planning to adopt a new retailing model for its hand-woven garment products with a focus on upcountry markets. The objective is to compete with other well-known handloom textile brands both in the country and overseas, said state industries minister P Rajeev. The state government intends to popularise and ensure greater visibility to the recently-launched Kerala Kaithari brand for hand-woven fabrics across the markets and through e-commerce platforms.

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