



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Haryana CM launches 'Har Hith' scheme for generating jobs

On 2 August 2021, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar launched the first-of-its-kind 'Har Hith' scheme. As part of the scheme, people would be allocated stores of daily needs to generate employment.

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Haryana CM launches portal to ease allocation of govt accommodation to employees

On 2 August 2021, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar launched an online portal to facilitate the process of allotting government accommodation to the employees. The aim is to make the procedure more transparent and hassle-free.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal reintroduces negative RT-PCR report for tourists

The Himachal Pradesh government Wednesday reintroduced negative RT-PCR test report for tourists entering the state. The state will also allow entry to those tourists who have received either one or both Covid vaccine shots and are carrying the certificate.

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218 People Died During Monsoon Season In Rain Ravaged Himachal: Government

A total of 218 people have died and 12 are missing in Himachal Pradesh in the last three weeks this monsoon season, Jal Shakti Minister Mahender Singh Thakur informed the state Assembly on Wednesday.

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Cloudbursts in Himachal, Uttarakhand evidence of climate change: Experts

Increasing incidents of cloudbursts in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are a clear evidence of climate change, experts have pointed out. At least 26 cloudbursts occurred in the Himalayan region from January through July 29, 2021, according to analysis by Down to Earth based on media reports.

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Punjab

Schools reopen for students of all classes in Punjab

Schools for students of all classes in Punjab reopened on 2 August 2021. While the attendance was reported more from rural areas, the turnout at many private schools was not that high. Notably, parents' consent has been made mandatory for students willing to attend physical classes.

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Punjab CM approves 'Change of Land Use' for certain categories of industries

On 2 August 2021, Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Captain Amarinder Singh approved the Change of Land Use (CLU) for certain categories of industries to further boost industrial activity in the state.

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2.8 mln rural households in Punjab equipped with tap water connections

Over 2.8 million of the total 3.4 million rural households in Punjab have been equipped with tap water connections, of which more than 34 per cent were installed after the introduction of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) by the Centre in 2019.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt to sign MoU with e-commerce giants to boost MSME sector

The Gujarat government is planning to enter into an MoU with global electronic commerce (e-commerce) giants, Amazon and Flipkart, in order to support and augment the sales of micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs).

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PM interacts with beneficiaries of PMGKAY in Gujarat

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi interacted with beneficiaries of the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' (PMGKAY) in Gujarat, today. He stated that the scheme has been launched to provide necessary benefits to the country's citizens and that the Centre wants more people to enroll in the scheme.

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Maharashtra

Section 144 of CrPC imposed across Mumbai, Maharashtra

On 3 August 2021, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) announced that Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) would remain in place across Mumbai, Maharashtra, till 11 pm every day, in view of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Maharashtra govt announces Rs. 115 bln relief package for recent floods

On 3 August 2021, the Maharashtra government announced a relief package worth Rs. 115 billion in view of the recent devastating floods which hit nine districts of the state.

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Maharashtra govt relaxes COVID-19 restrictions

On 2 August 2021, the Maharashtra government relaxed coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions across the state, allowing shops to remain open for a longer duration.

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Goa

Goa govt imposes restrictions on travelers from Kerala

Those travelling from Kerala to Goa will have to mandatorily present a negative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test report, not older than 72 hours, before entering the state.

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Goa govt to reintroduce Bhumiputra Adhikarini Bill in next Assembly session

The Goa government has decided to reintroduce the Bhumiputra Adhikarini Bill in the next Assembly session, which is to be held in the next two months. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant, on 3 August 2021.

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Goa extends COVID lockdown till August 9

The Goa government has announced extension of the ongoing COVID-19 curfew till August 9 due to the rise in the positive cases in the country. Earlier, the government had said that the lockdown will end on August 2.

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Madhya Pradesh

1,225 villages in Madhya Pradesh affected by recent floods

Nearly 1,225 villages in Shivpuri, Datia, Gwalior, Guna, Bhind, Morena and Sheopur districts of Madhya Pradesh have been affected by recent floods. A total of 5,800 people have been shifted to safer places.

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Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approves setting up of ITI in Singrauli

The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved the setting up of a new state-run Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in the Chitrangi development block of Singrauli district.

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MPUVNL floats tender for 225 MW of grid-connected solar projects in Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (MPUVNL) has floated a tender for 225 MW of grid-connected solar projects in Madhya Pradesh, under Component A of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) programme.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu CM to launch 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme on 5 August

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin is slated to roll out the new 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' health scheme from Shoolagiri on 5 August 2021.

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Tamil Nadu to Reserve 7.5% Quota in Engineering, Agriculture Colleges for Govt School Students

From the upcoming academic year, 7.5 per cent of seats in colleges across streams in Tamil Nadu will be reserved for government school students. This will be applicable to engineering and agriculture colleges, a similar policy for medical colleges was introduced in the state last year.

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Andhra Pradesh

Seats in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Assemblies not to be increased till 2026: Centre

On 3 August 2021, the Centre informed that there will not be any increase in the number of seats to the respective Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, till 2026.

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Andhra Pradesh govt considers merger of planning & finance depts

The Andhra Pradesh government is considering the merger of the state department of planning with the department of finance. The integration process will be carried out in a phased manner, subject to Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy's nod to the proposal.

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AP govt raises objections over constitution of RLIP inspection panel

The Andhra Pradesh government has raised objections over the constitution of a committee to inspect the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project (RLIP), without discussing such an issue in the KRMB meeting despite repeated requests.

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Karnataka

Karnataka's Bengaluru to get 1,000 battery-swapping stations for EVs

Karnataka's Bengaluru is set to get more battery-swapping stations (BSS) for electric vehicles (EV), in a bid to give a boost to electric mobility.

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Karnataka govt tightens border curbs for travelers from Kerala

Regular travelers from Kerala to Karnataka, will have to present a negative RT-PCR test report, conducted once every seven days, before entering the state.

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Karnataka govt orders stricter enforcement of night curfew in Bengaluru

In view of the rising COVID-19 cases, the Karnataka government has directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to enforce night curfew in Bengaluru in a stricter manner.

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Telangana

671,000 MT foodgrains allocated to Telangana in 2021 under PMGKAY

Telangana was allocated 766,000 metric tonnes (MT) and 671,000 MT foodgrains during 2020 and 2021, respectively, free of cost under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

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Telangana govt boycotts first joint meeting of KRMB, GRMB

The Telangana government boycotted the first joint meeting of the coordination committee of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and Godavari River Management Board (GRMB), held on 3 August 2021.

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SC calls for amicable resolution of Krishna water-sharing dispute between Andhra Pradesh, Telangana

On 2 August 2021, the Supreme Court (SC) called for an amicable resolution of the Krishna river water-sharing dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

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Delhi

Delhi Cabinet gives go ahead to continuation of free Wi-Fi scheme

On 3 August 2021, the Delhi Cabinet approved a proposal to implement the free Wi-Fi scheme in the national capital, for providing quality internet services to the citizens. This has come after the scheme's successful implementation in the first year.

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Delhi govt launches 'Delhi@2047'

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) Arvind Kejriwal has launched an initiative, called 'Delhi@2047', with an aim to work towards policies and strategies for the city's development. The sectors for development include public infrastructure, transport network, solid waste management and fighting air pollution.

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Uttar Pradesh

UPERC approves Rs. 3.2/kWh tariff for 150 MW solar project in Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) has approved a tariff of Rs. 3.2/kilowatt hour (kWh) for a 150 MW grid-connected floating solar photovoltaic (PV) project.

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UP-RERA grants nine-month extension for registration of projects

Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UP-RERA) has decided to grant nine-month additional extension to the registration of the projects whose original registration or extended registration is ending on or before 31 December 2021 in the NCR region and six months in the non-NCR region.

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Rajasthan

10 joint teams formulated to review functioning of CCBs in Rajasthan

As many as 10 joint inspection teams have been set up in Rajasthan to review the functioning of 29 central cooperative banks (CCBs) in the state. This has come considering farmers' complaints related to the disbursement of loans.

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Rajasthan HC seeks report of convicts lodged in prisons

The Rajasthan High Court (HC) has directed the jail superintendents to inform the eligible convicts about their right to be considered for parole.

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Rajasthan govt to form 'Tourism Promotion Council'

A 'Tourism Promotion Council' is likely to be formed by the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism in Rajasthan (FHTR), with an aim to make Rajasthan a preferred tourist destination. The council will also formulate a cohesive strategy to resolve the issues concerning the sector, as per The Hindu.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt implements One Nation One Ration Card scheme

The West Bengal government has implemented the Centre's One Nation One Ration Card scheme. The Supreme Court had set 31 July 2021 as a deadline for all the states and UTs to implement the scheme, as per The Indian Express.

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West Bengal govt writes to Centre over omission of 95 mln farmers from PM KISAN scheme

The West Bengal government has written to the Centre over issues concerning the reported omission of 95 million farmers from the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN) scheme.

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West Bengal finance minister urges Centre not to privatize public insurance companies

On 2 August 2021, West Bengal finance minister Amit Mitra urged Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman not to go ahead with the privatization of public insurance companies.

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Bihar

Nitish Kumar Announces Relaxations, Schools, Malls, Shops To Reopen In Bihar

The Chief Minister announced the reopening of schools for the classes 1st to 8th standard from August 15, and classes 9th to 10th from August 7. The state had already reopened physical classes for 11th and 12th standards on July 12.

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Bihar govt clears four new NHAI road projects

The state government has given its nod to the alignment of four new four-lane road projects proposed by NHAI to strengthen the road communication network in Bihar.

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Odisha

Odisha govt withdraws restrictions imposed on visitors, travelers

Odisha government has announced the withdrawal of restrictions imposed on visitors and travelers from other parts of the country, in view of a downtrend in COVID-19 cases.

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Odisha govt to set up 14 additional RT-PCR labs for COVID-19 testing

In the wake of a possible third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Odisha government has decided to set up 14 additional RT-PCR laboratories. The move comes in an effort to facilitate and speed up COVID-19 testing in the state.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand minister inaugurates PICU, HDU in Ranchi

On 3 August 2021, Jharkhand Health Minister Banna Gupta inaugurated a 27-bedded pediatric intensive care unit and a 24-bedded high dependency unit in Ranchi.

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Water supply project worth Rs. 8.3 bln in Jharkhand to be financed by ADB

A water supply project worth Rs. 8.3 billion in Jharkhand is set to be financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project will cover Hussainabad, Jhumri Telaiya, Medininagar and Ranchi.

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North-East

Nagaland Governor gives nod to 6 Bills

Nagaland Governor RN Ravi has approved as many as six Bills, informed state Assembly commissioner and secretary Dr. PJ Antony.

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Assam's Cachar admin declares border area with Mizoram as no-drone zone

Assam's Cachar administration declared the Sonai revenue circle's border area with Mizoram a no-flying zone for drones. An order in this regard was issued highlighting that the move aims to ensure the safety of human life and property.

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