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# Haryana

Haryana: Khelo India Youth Games to be held in June, says CM Khattar

Haryana Chief Minister ML Khattar announced that the Khelo India Youth Games-2021 will be held in the state from June 4 to June 13. The games, which are to be held in 25 sports disciplines including five indigenous sports disciplines, will be held in Shahbad, Ambala, Chandigarh, Panchkula, and Delhi.

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Haryana government allows more ground coverage on plots, relief for owners

The Haryana government has amended the Haryana Building Code. Following this, it has allowed more ground coverage for plots to curb building norm violations. The move has come as a major relief to the property owners and home developers.

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# **Himachal Pradesh**

Himachal Pradesh to get greenfield airport in Mandi

The Civil Aviation Ministry and the Himachal Pradesh government recently signed an MoU for the development of a Greenfield Airport in Nagchala, located in the district of Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. The new greenfield airport at Nagchala is being developed under the ministry's Greenfield Airport Policy.

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NHLML, RTDC sign MoU to take up ropeway projects in Himachal Pradesh

Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation (RTDC) HP Limited and National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) have entered into an agreement for the development of ropeways as an innovative transport solution in Himachal Pradesh.

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NABARD approves 21 road projects in Himachal Pradesh

NABARD has approved 21 road and bridge projects for Himachal Pradesh, including five road projects for Sirmaur district, State MPP and Power Minister Sukh Ram Chaudhary said.

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Himachal Pradesh govt amends State Industrial Policy

The Himachal Pradesh government has amended the industrial policy in the state to provide new incentives to the industries. "The government has made important changes in the State Industrial Policy, 2019," said a government spokesman.



# Punjab

Punjab govt to frame fair and transparent excise policy

Excise and Taxation Minister, Punjab, Harpal Singh Cheema said the state government will form a fair and transparent excise policy after considering the suggestions given by the stakeholders for the smooth functioning of the state.

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Punjab govt to replicate Delhi's health, school education model

After a whirlwind tour of the Delhi government-run health and school educational institutes as part of his two-day visit to the national capital, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said Delhi's health and school education models would soon be replicated here.

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Punjab Police launches web portal for reporting cyber crime

Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab VK Bhawra has launched a one interface multifunctional web portal "cybercrime.punjabpolice.gov.in" for the convenience of citizens to immediately report all kinds of cyber frauds and crimes.

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# Gujarat

Gujarat HC issues further directions to curb pollution in the Sabarmati

The Gujarat high court has issued crucial directions to the authorities to curb pollution levels in the Sabarmati and sought reports on their compliance by the next date of hearing of the suo motu PIL.

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India To Get Its Highest Space Observatory Near PM Modi's Hometown Vadnagar In Gujarat

India is going to get its highest Astro-tourism observatory as the Gujarat Government has given in-principle approval to the 'development of the Dharoi Dam region as a world-class sustainable tourist/pilgrimage destination'. According to the Chief Minister's Office of Gujarat, the estimated cost of developing the observatory would be INR 1,041 crores.



# Maharashtra

## Maharashtra CM launches National Common Mobility Card

In a significant development for commuters in the city, the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) introduced the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) which can be used for BEST bus services. Later, the same card can be used for travelling in metro services, suburban trains, buses, cabs, auto-rickshaws and other utilities.

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## Maharashtra to get 10,000 e-buses by 2025

Maharashtra Tourism and Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray said that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)-led state government is planning to have 10,000 electric buses by 2025.

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#### MoU signed to strengthen digital infrastructure in govt schools across Maharashtra

Maharashtra School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad has signed an MoU with Infosys for its 'Springboard' program which focuses on digital literacy and reskilling. Infosys will be providing learning management systems for monitoring and delivering educational courses for teachers and students.

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## Maharashtra govt approves Gene Bank Project

To conserve native and endangered animals, crops, marine, and biological species, Maharashtra has decided to set up a gene bank project.

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# Jammu & Kashmir

## PM inaugurates projects worth Rs. 200 bln in J&K

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched the 'Amrit Sarovar Mission' and inaugurated projects worth Rs. 200 billion in J&K. He also laid the foundation stone of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway and inaugurated the 500 KW solar power plant at Palli village.

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#### J&K LG approves hike in minimum wages of daily wagers

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has approved the hike in minimum wages of daily wagers, including casual labourers, in all government departments from existing INR 225 a day to INR 300 a day as an interim measure till the minimum wage rates are revised by the labour and employment department.





# Madhya Pradesh

Farmers rearing indigenous cows in Madhya Pradesh to get Rs. 900/month

The state government will give INR 900 per month to farmers rearing indigneous cows. The CM also announced the constitution of the Madhya Pradesh Natural Agriculture Development Board to promote natural farming.

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Madhya Pradesh Cabinet takes slew of decisions

The state cabinet headed by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan decided to implement an incentive scheme for crop diversification. Further, Cabinet has approved the implementation of three new schemes for the generation of self-employment for the youth of the Scheduled Caste society.

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Madhya Pradesh govt to establish potato tissue culture lab in Gwalior

The MP government has decided to establish a potato tissue culture lab in Gwalior soon. A tri-party agreement in this regard will be signed between the Agri Innovate, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the state horticulture department in the first week of May 2022.

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# Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt announces project to restore 33,290 hectares of degraded forest land

The State government has announced an ambitious project to restore 33,290 hectares of degraded forest land in Tamil Nadu over the next five years. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned INR 457 crore loan for implementing the 'Restoration of Degraded Forests Landscape Project'.

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TANGEDCO to unveil `TNEB 2.0' to meet surging power demand in Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) will roll out 'TNEB 2.0' to meet the surging power demand and modernize the distribution system by 2030.

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Tamil Nadu govt tables Bill for establishing AYUSH university

The Tamil Nadu government has introduced a Bill in the Assembly to establish a university for Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani, Yoga and Naturopathy and Homeopathy in the State.



# Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt to set up IGGAARL with German funding

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is setting up an Indo-German Global Academy on Agroecology Research and Learning (IGGAARL) with €20 million funded by Germany. The centre will offer technological support to those practising natural farming.

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AP bags national award for malaria elimination efforts

Andhra Pradesh health department has bagged the 'outstanding performance' award from the Union government for its malaria elimination efforts. In the last six years, between 2015 and 2021, the state has progressed from category II (pre-elimination phase) to category I (elimination phase). From 6,040 cases in 2018, the number of malaria cases in Andhra Pradesh were reduced to 1,139 in 2021.

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Andhra Pradesh housing corporation gets Hudco award

The Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation has got the best Performance Award from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (Hudco) for effectively implementing various housing schemes.

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# Karnataka

For no. 1 Silicon City tag, Karnataka govt to improve Bengaluru roads, transport infra

The Karnataka government wants to make Bengaluru the "Number 1 Silicon City in the world", Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. He pledged to provide better infrastructure and focus on decongestion of traffic, during the curtain-raiser for Bengaluru Tech Summit 2022.

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Karnataka introduces new online referral system for seamless referral of patients to tertiary care facilities under AB-ArK

To facilitate seamless referral of patients from a Government hospital to tertiary care facilities under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) scheme, the Health Department has introduced an online referral system. The online referral system will not only ensure timely treatment for patients but will also usher in transparency.



# Telangana

Telangana govt sanctions Rs. 44 mln for constructing 22 health sub-centres

The Telangana government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 44 million for the construction of 22 health sub-centres in the Narsampet Assembly constituency. All these sub-centres will get their permanent buildings soon.

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#### Telangana govt to focus on cultivation of cotton, red gram

The State government would focus on the cultivation of cotton and red gram as an alternate to paddy during the upcoming Vaanakalam crop season this year. For this, the Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs) have been directed to conduct field visits, identify suitable lands through soil testing and create awareness among farmers to shift to alternate crops which would be profitable for them.

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#### Telangana govt signs MoU with Google to boost digital economy

Google has signed an MoU with the Telangana government to bring the benefits of the digital economy to youth and women entrepreneurs. As part of the development, scholarships would be extended for Google Career Certificates to the state's youths and government schools would be modernized with digital teaching & learning tools.

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## Telangana leads in RE installations among all states, UTs

Telangana has been leading in the field of RE installations among all Indian states and UTs. The state has surpassed the 2022 RE capacity targets by achieving 248 per cent.

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# Delhi

#### Centre approves 1,500 EV for Delhi

The Centre has approved 1,500 electric buses (EV) for Delhi. These buses will start services in the national capital by 2022-end.

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# Delhi govt to develop over 2,000 classrooms of state-run schools as `hi-tech digital' facilities

The Delhi Government announced plans to develop over 2000 classrooms as 'hi-tech digital' facilities for students of classes 6 to 12 in government schools. The Public Works Department (PWD) floated tenders to establish such digital classrooms in existing school buildings.



## Uttar Pradesh

Centre approves Rs. 828.3 mln for Uttar Pradesh to promote natural farming under BPKP

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the Central government has approved INR 82.83 crore for Uttar Pradesh to promote natural farming and innovative agriculture practices in a big way in 35 districts of the state under the centrally funded Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati scheme.

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## Uttar Pradesh govt to adopt airshed approach

Uttar Pradesh will now adopt the airshed approach to ensure pollution-free air over a larger area of the state. The state has set a target of reducing PM 2.5 levels in the air to 45 micrograms per cubic metre in five years. The airshed approach will help achieve the target, government officials said.

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# Rajasthan

Rajasthan CM approves investment proposals worth Rs. 714.8 bln

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved investment proposals worth INR 71,486 crore in Rajasthan aimed at generating over 26,000 jobs. The investments pertain to sectors like automotive, agro-processing, textile, pharma, energy, glass & ceramics, engineering, and cement.

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#### Rajasthan govt to set up township for dairy farmers in Kota

A one-of-its-kind township for dairy farmers with 738 houses, fodder stores and a single cattle shade capable to accommodate at least 28 cattle is set to come up in Rajasthan's Kota. Spread over 105.09 hectares of land in Dharmpura and Bandha village amid natural greenery, the township is being built under the INR 300 crore-worth Devnarayan Integrated Housing Scheme (DIHS) by Kota Urban Infrastructure Trust (UIT).

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## IHCL signs a new SeleQtions Hotel deal in Udaipur city of Rajasthan

The Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), announced the signing of a new SeleQtions hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan. The hotel will have over 10,000 square feet of banquet space, meeting rooms, and sprawling lawns, making it ideal for elegant weddings and conferences. It is a Brownfield project that is scheduled to open in 2025.



# **West Bengal**

MSME facilitation desk to come up in West Bengal

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with the help of West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (WBSIDCL) will establish MSME facilitation desk in West Bengal. The corporation will help in providing a dedicated desk to the primary MSME financial institution.

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Flipkart signs MoU with West Bengal govt to support artisans, weavers, handicraft makers

Flipkart announced that it has signed a memorandum of understanding with the West Bengal government to train and support local artisans, weavers, and handicraft makers to leverage its e-commerce platform to scale up their businesses nationally. The agreement was signed with the state's micro, small and medium enterprises and textiles department.

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# Bihar

Bihar Police to use AI tools to bust illicit liquor rackets in dry state

The Bihar Police will soon put to use Artificial intelligence (AI) technology to nab people involved in the illegal liquor trade and other crimes, a senior police officer said. The AI mechanism will digitize and automate all operations, with the force no longer having to maintain data manually, he said.

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Bihar: Over 100k farmers acquainted with climate-resilient agri methods

Over 100,000 farmers have been acquainted with climate-resilient agricultural methods in Bihar since a pilot project was launched for the purpose in 2019 across 40 villages in eight districts. The project was extended to 190 villages across 38 districts in 2020.

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Bihar boasts of India's first greenfield grain-based ethanol plant

Bihar has the distinction of being the first state in the country to set up a greenfield grain-based ethanol production plant. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the state's first ethanol production plant in Purnia district.



# Odisha

Odisha govt to operationalize 15 major irrigation projects

In order to bring a transformation in the irrigation sector, the Odisha government is expected to operationalize 15 major irrigation projects in the state by the end of 2024. Of these 15 irrigation projects, four will be implemented in the current year, four in 2023 and seven in 2024.

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Odisha govt launches scheme aimed at checking accidents on NHs

In a bid to check accidents on National Highways and put a curb on the unruly drivers in the State, Odisha Road and Transporation Department has launched a special scheme-Driving Electronics Enforcement to Save Human Lives. Advanced cameras and signal towers have been set up at 21 places to keep a watch on the unruly drivers.

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## North-East

Union minister inaugurates 'Satellite Centre' of IIM Shillong in AP

IIM Shillong has come up with a satellite center in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu, inaugurated the 'Satellite Center", kick-starting a venture in capacity building of administrative officers of the state, especially in management skills and necessary policy interventions.

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Tripura emerges as best small state for using IT to monitor panchayats

Tripura has secured the first position among the small states of the Himalayan region for the best use of information technology (IT) in monitoring of panchayats.

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All capitals of NE states to be connected to Delhi with railway network

All the northeastern state capitals would be connected with the national capital by railway network by 2024, Minister of State for Railways, Raosaheb Patil Danve, said.

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Centre undertakes steps to develop NE region, tribal areas

Union Minister Arjun Munda said the Centre is making all efforts to develop the north-east region and tribal areas across the country so that people of these places do not feel that they are "left behind".



# Jharkhand

Jharkhand: Rs 1529 Cr loan of farmers waived in last fiscal

Jharkhand government has waived off loans to farmers to the tune of INR 1529.01 crore. The purpose of the Jharkhand agriculture loan waiver scheme is to give relief from the burden of debt to the farmers holding short-term agricultural loans of the state.

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Tribal kids in Jharkhand to get lessons in their own language

Tribal students in Jharkhand are going to get classroom lessons in their own language. As per the education department's plan, children studying in primary sections up to class 3 at 250 government schools in six tribal-dominated districts of Jharkhand will be taught in their own tribal language.

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## Kerala

Kerala minister inaugurates new 'Mittayi' satellite centres in 9 districts

The Kerala Government has expanded the network of 'Mittayi' satellite centres that provide free treatment to diabetic children to nine more districts in the state. With the inauguration of nine new centres, the tally of 'Mittayi' satellite centres in Kerala has reached 14.

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Hydrogen-powered car makes green entry in Kerala

In keeping with the buzz over environment-friendly cars, the state received the first hydrogenpowered car that was launched in the country a month ago. Kerala became one of the few states to allow registration for such a car.

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Kerala Minister lays foundation stone of hostel for migrant labourers under 'Apna Ghar' project

Kerala Minister for Labour, V Sivankutty has laid the foundation stone for a hostel for migrant labourers under the 'Apna Ghar' project of the state government. 'Apna Ghar' is a project launched by the state government for migrant workers. The scheme aims to provide clean and safe accommodation to migrant workers at affordable rates.





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