



Regional Developments

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Haryana

SC stays Haryana govt's law on 75% reservation in private sector jobs for local candidates

The Supreme Court (SC) has set aside the Punjab & Haryana High Court's (HC) order, staying the Haryana government's law on 75 per cent reservation in private sector jobs for local candidates. The HC has been asked to decide on the issue within a month.

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Haryana becomes second state in India to promote solar energy

Haryana has become the second state in the country to promote solar energy with the operation of solar water pumps in the promotion of micro-irrigation under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM).

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Haryana CM launches 'Programme to Accelerate Development for MSME Advancement'

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Programme to Accelerate Development for MSME Advancement (PADMA)'. It aims to create self-sustainable and thriving industrial infrastructure at the cluster level for each block of the state.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt signs MoU with FRI

The Himachal Pradesh government has entered into an agreement with the Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun, for the transfer of technology for the utilisation of pine needles as a source of natural fibers.

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Himachal Pradesh govt to spend Rs. 10.1 bln under crop diversification promotion project

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to spend an amount of Rs. 10.1 billion under phase-II of the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project to promote cultivation of crops other than those traditionally grown by farmers.

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Himachal Pradesh to get 198 panchvati herbal parks and gardens

Himachal Pradesh is set to get as many as 198 panchvati herbal parks and gardens for creating recreational space for the elderly in the rural areas. The development is being taken up under the panchvati scheme notified by the state rural development department.

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Punjab

'mSeva' initiative of Punjab govt gets gold award for excellence by Union govt

The 'mSeva' initiative of Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company (PMIDC), Chandigarh, has been awarded the gold award for 'Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation' for the year 2020-21 by the Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, and Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances.

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Punjab seeks ₹29,000-crore cash credit limit for wheat procurement

As the food and civil supplies department gears up for wheat procurement from April 1, the Punjab government has sought a cash credit limit (CCL) of ₹29,000 crores from the Centre.

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Gujarat

Centre to add 3 Gujarat highway stretches to asset monetisation pipeline

The Centre is planning to add as many as three highway projects from Gujarat to its asset monetisation programme pipeline. These include the Vadodara-Baruch, Baruch-Surat and Surat-Dahisar highways. The roads, with a 377-km cumulative length, will help the central government in generating Rs. 180-200 billion as revenue, reported The Times of India.

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NHSRCL awards civil contracts for Gujarat corridor of MAHSR project

The National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has awarded 100 per cent civil contracts for works on the Gujarat corridor of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project.

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Gujarat govt grants Rs. 15 mln for setting up CoE on climate change

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendra Patel sanctioned Rs. 15 million for setting up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) on climate change at the Gujarat University. The state government has also signed MoUs with several agencies, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the European Union. It has inked pacts with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar for developing a climate change policy and a road map for net-zero emissions by 2070.

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Maharashtra

PM unveils two additional railway lines between Maharashtra's Thane & Diva

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated two additional railway lines connecting Thane and Diva in Maharashtra. The cost of the project, which features a 1.4-km-long rail flyover, three major bridges, 21 minor bridges, has been pegged at Rs. 6.2 billion. These lines will significantly remove the interference of long-distance train traffic with suburban train traffic in Mumbai.

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Maharashtra's Nashik gets country's first biosafety level-III containment mobile laboratory

The country's first biosafety level-III containment mobile laboratory was launched in Maharashtra's Nashik. The laboratory would help in investigating newly-emerging and re-emerging viral infections that are highly infectious and of lethal potential to human beings.

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NABARD projects credit outlay of Rs. 6.1 tln for Maharashtra's priority sectors in 2022-23

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has projected a credit outlay of Rs. 6.1 trillion for Maharashtra's priority sectors in 2022-23, as against Rs. 5.9 trillion in 2021-22. Out of the total, Rs. 1.4 trillion will be utilised for agriculture, Rs. 3.4 trillion for micro, small & medium enterprises (MSME) sector and Rs. 1.2 trillion for other sectors.

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Goa

Govt moves to draw new industrial growth policy

The Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board has issued a tender inviting proposals for selecting professional consulting agency, for designing 'Goa New Investment Promotion and Industrial Growth Policy' and 'Programme Management Unit' for its advisory services.

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Goa's KTC resumes inter-state buses to 4 cities

The Kadamba Transport Corporation (KTC) in Goa has resumed inter-state bus services to three locations in Maharashtra & one in Karnataka. These include Mumbai, Shirdi, Pune and Mysuru. The decision has come in view of the improvement in coronavirus (COVID-19) scenario.

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Madhya Pradesh

South Asia's largest bio-CNG plant unveiled in Madhya Pradesh's Indore

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi unveiled South Asia's largest bio-CNG plant in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, today. The facility has been developed based on the concept of waste-to-wealth innovation under a public-private partnership (PPP) model. The estimated cost of the project has been pegged at Rs. 1.5 billion.

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Centre okays Rs. 3.4 bln for upgrading 87-km area of NH-346 passing through Madhya Pradesh

The Union ministry of road and transport has approved Rs. 3.4 billion for upgrading 87-km area of the national highway (NH)-346 passing through Madhya Pradesh.

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Road minister lays foundation stones of 11 NH projects in Madhya Pradesh

The Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari laid foundation stones for 11 national highway (NHs) projects with total length of 534 kms worth Rs.57.22 billion in Madhya Pradesh (MP). These projects will provide easy transport facility to pilgrims and tourists.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt to develop industrial park at Sengathakulam

The Tamil Nadu government is planning to establish an industrial park at Sengathakulam in Tiruvallur district. For the purpose, the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Ltd (SIPCOT) has identified 233.2 hectares.

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Tamil Nadu govt developing competitive locations as EV hubs in state

The Tamil Nadu government is in the process of developing specific connected and integrated locations as electric vehicle (EV) hubs for both the domestic and export markets. Tamil Nadu has already emerged as the EV hub of the country which is evidenced by the investment commitment and interest of nearly Rs.200 billion with a potential of generating over 52,000 jobs across segments of the value chain.

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Telangana govt attracts Rs. 64 bln investments in life sciences sector in 2021

The Telangana government managed to attract investments of approximately Rs. 64 billion in the life sciences sector, in the last one year from about 215 companies. This has created additional employment for more than 34,000 people.

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Andhra Pradesh

Centre approves Rs. 2.3 bln for Andhra Pradesh under the 'Garbage Free Cities' vision

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) approved proposals worth Rs. 2.3 billion for Andhra Pradesh under the 'Garbage Free Cities' vision. This has been the largest one-time approval of funds for legacy dumpsite remediation so far.

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Andhra Pradesh govt curtails phase-II works of Mana Badi-Nadu Nedu programme

The Andhra Pradesh government has curtailed phase-II works of the Mana Badi-Nadu Nedu programme. Following this, works will be taken up in as many as 3,199 schools at a cost of Rs. 25.3 billion.

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Andhra Pradesh's APSRTC plans to retrofit 100 diesel buses into EVs

The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) is planning to retrofit 100 diesel buses into electric vehicles (EVs) in the first phase. The move would help shell out Rs. 6 million on each vehicle, as per The New Indian Express. The decision aims to reduce pollution and maintenance costs, amid rising prices of fuel.

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt approves Nandi hills ropeway project

The Karnataka government gave its nod for a ropeway project at the Nandi hills. The 2.9-km long ropeway will come up at a cost of Rs. 934 million. It will have as many as 18 towers and each round-trip will take about 28 minutes. The project will be implemented on a public private participation (PPP) model.

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MAHE, bioMerieux sign pact to establish CoE for AMR & AMS in Manipal, Karnataka

The Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and bioMerieux signed an agreement to establish a Center of Excellence (CoE) for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) at Kasturba Medical College in Manipal, Karnataka.

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Telangana

Telangana ministers lay foundation for state's tallest IT park

Telangana information technology (IT) & industries minister KT Rama Rao and state labour minister Malla Reddy have laid the foundation stone of the Gateway IT Park situated in Kandlakoya in Medchal-Malkajgiri district.

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Telangana among top 4 states in India in terms of projects registered with RERA

Telangana has secured its position among the top four states in India in terms of the number of projects registered with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA). As per the latest data, the state had 4,002 real estate projects registered with RERA and 2,017 registered agents as of February 2022.

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Telangana's GSDP at current prices pegged at Rs. 9.8 tln in 2020-21

The gross state domestic product (GSDP) of Telangana at current prices has been pegged at Rs. 9.8 trillion in 2020-21, according to provisional estimates of the Telangana State Development Planning Society. In 2020-21, Telangana was the sixth highest contributor to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) at both current prices and constant prices.

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Delhi

Delhi govt approves Film Policy

The Delhi government has approved the Delhi Film Policy to promote the national capital as a hub of shooting and other production activities. It will focus on the development of the tourism sector, growth of the economy and job creation, according to deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia.

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Over 4,800 sites in Delhi inspected by pollution flying squads

The flying squads, constituted by the Centre's air quality panel to keep a check on air pollution, have so far inspected more than 4,800 sites in Delhi. These authorities have issued closure notices to 407 sites, out of which 392 sites have been confirmed shut.

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Around 12,430 new smart classrooms inaugurated in Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated around 12,430 new smart classrooms in 240 government schools across the national capital. The classrooms have been equipped with designer desks, libraries and multipurpose halls for the conduct of events.

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Uttar Pradesh

ACC gains on commissioning new cement manufacturing unit in Uttar Pradesh

ACC rose 1.14% to Rs 2179.25 after the company announced the commissioning of 1.6 MTPA grinding unit (GU) at Tikaria in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

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Noida International Airport: New 'jewel in the crown' of Uttar Pradesh

As part of the relentless efforts made by the Government of India to integrate and streamline air, rail and road connectivity of people, goods and services, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of what would be the fourth largest international airport in the world. Situated at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh, the upcoming airport (Noida International Airport) would cater to all international flights and ease the burden put on the Indira Gandhi International Airport in recent years.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan govt plans to allocate Rs. 25 bln in agriculture Budget

The Rajasthan government has planned to allocate Rs. 25 billion in its first-ever agriculture Budget to waive crop loans of farmers who are not able to repay their bank loans. The state planning department is coordinating with banks and has submitted a status report on the situation of farmers indebted to them.

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Rajasthan govt to amend state Land Revenue Act

The Rajasthan government has given its nod for amending the provision of 90A of the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act. This will enable extension of the cut-off date for regularisation of houses constructed on agricultural land in urban areas to 31 December 2018. Moreover, the civic bodies will also be allowed to regularise colonies that did not follow the 60:40 ratios of development.

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Rajasthan CM presents state's Budget for 2022-23

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot presented the state's Budget for fiscal 2022-23, today, focussing on employment and healthcare. As part of it, he has announced the implementation of the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme, under which all state government employees appointed on or after 1 January 2004 will be entitled to a pension scheme like earlier.

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West Bengal

200 government schools with teaching medium as Rajbanshi language to be set up in West Bengal

Around 200 government schools will be set up in West Bengal where the teaching medium would be Rajbanshi language, as per a media report.

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West Bengal govt hands over cheques to 200 landowners of Deucha Panchami coal mine

The West Bengal government handed over compensation cheques to 200 tribal landowners of the Deucha Panchami coal mine in Birbhum. Notably, the coal block, which has an estimated reserve of 2.1 billion tonnes, was allocated to the state government by the Centre in 2018.

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West Bengal CM launches e-locker platform

West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee launched the state's own e-locker, called Banglar iCloud. Through the platform, residents can share and verify their documents & certificates. This has come on the lines of the Centre's 'DigiLocker'.

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Bihar

Bihar registers 2.5% rise in GSDP

Bihar registered a 2.5 per cent growth in its gross state domestic product (GSDP) in 2020-21. The state's GSDP at constant prices increased to Rs. 4.1 trillion in 2020-21, as against Rs. 4 trillion in 2019-20. The state economy is largely dominated by the tertiary sector with a 61.5 per cent contribution, followed by primary and secondary sectors with a share of 19 per cent and 19.5 per cent, respectively.

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EDII signs MoU with Bihar industries dept to promote entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad has signed an MoU with the Bihar industries department to promote entrepreneurship in the state.

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Bihar govt revives Bakhtiyarpur-Tajpur Mahasetu project

The Bihar government has resumed work on the Bakhtiyarpur-Tajpur Mahasetu project. It entails construction of a four-laned bridge over river Ganga to connect national highway (NH)-28 in Samastipur with NH-31 in Patna.

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Odisha

Odisha CM reviews progress of indoor athletic stadium

The Odisha government has decided to develop sports infrastructure worth over Rs. 3 billion in Bhubaneswar. These include an indoor athletics stadium, indoor aquatics stadium, tennis centre, staff accommodation and a high-performance centre (HPC) hockey building.

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Odisha govt directs producers, stockists of single-use plastic to exhaust stocks by 30 June

The Odisha government has directed all producers and stockists of single-use plastic to exhaust their stocks by 30 June 2022. This has come as manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single-use plastic would be prohibited from 1 July 2022.

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Odisha govt inks pact with INTACH

The Odisha government signed an agreement with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) for taking up works to preserve valuable records under the Board of Revenue. The organisation will use scientific and modern technology methods.

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North-East

Assam Cabinet approves phase-I of Integrated River Basin Management Project

The Assam Cabinet has approved phase-I of the World Bank-aided Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project. In the first phase, integrated water management and flood/river erosion-related works will be taken up at Burhidehing and Beki river basins at a cost of USD 83 million.

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Centre approves international flights to Bangladesh from Tripura

The Centre has given its nod for the commencement of international flight services from Agartala's Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) airport in Tripura. The Union ministry of civil aviation has approved direct flights to Dhaka and Chittagong, under the UDAN scheme.

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Centre sanctions Rs. 4.5 bln for developing Lalchara-Kanchanpur NH section in Tripura

The Centre sanctioned an amount to the tune of Rs. 4.5 billion for the development of the Lalchara-Kanchanpur national highway section in Tripura.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand govt announces Petrol Subsidy Scheme for ration cardholders

The Jharkhand government has announced a Petrol Subsidy Scheme for all ration cardholders for their two-wheelers. Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren has launched CM-SUPPORTS App to facilitate a smooth transfer of subsidy amounts directly to the beneficiaries through their bank accounts.

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Jharkhand govt launches pilot project for market linkage of forest produce

The Jharkhand government has launched a pilot project to nurture market linkage for forest produce in Simdega. The aim is to enhance the use of available resources in order to improve the economy in rural areas.

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NABARD projects credit potential of Rs. 344.5 bln for priority sectors in Jharkhand for 2022-23

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has projected a credit potential of Rs. 344.5 billion for priority sectors in Jharkhand, for the 2022-23 financial year. It is nearly 20.2 per cent more than Rs. 286.4 billion that was projected for the ongoing fiscal.

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New liquor policy to be introduced in Jharkhand from April

A new liquor policy will be introduced in the state of Jharkhand in April 2022. This will lead to a change in the way retail sales of liquor takes place currently in the state.

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Kerala

E-charging stations to be installed across Kerala's Wayanad

The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) is planning to set up e-charging stations across Wayanad district. Under phase-I of the project, five pole-mounted charging points each would be installed in Sulthan Bathery, Kalpetta and Mananthavady constituencies.

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14% of ration cardholders get smart cards in Kerala

More than 1.2 million smart ration cards have been distributed in Kerala so far, accounting for about 14 per cent of the 9.2 million ration cardholders in the state.

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