Haryana CM inaugurates ICRCC in Gurugram for COVID-19 management

On 17 May 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the Integrated Command and Response Control Centre (ICRCC) in Gurugram, for the effective management of COVID-19. The centre has been set up to make the necessary arrangements for the monitoring of COVID-19 situation and contain its spread.

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Haryana Govt. declares COVID-19-triggered Black Fungus as notified disease

The Haryana government has declared COVID-19-triggered Black Fungus, called Mucormycosis, as a notified disease in the state. The information was shared by state health minister Anil Vij, today. Following this, doctors in the state will have to report cases of Black Fungus to the chief medical officers (CMO) of their respective districts.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Govt. launches phase-III of COVID-19 vaccination drive

The Himachal Pradesh government launched phase-III of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination drive for those under the age group of 18-44 years. For this purpose, a total of 213 vaccination centres have been set up in the state.

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COVID-19 vaccination drive for 18-44 age group to begin in Himachal Pradesh from 17 May

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination drive for the people in the age group of 18-44 years will begin in Himachal Pradesh, from 17 May 2021. This has come after the state government received as many as 107,620 doses of Covishield from the Serum Institute of India (SII), informed state special health secretary Nipun Jindal.

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Farmers' association seek relief for cauliflower growers in Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Kisan Sabha (KS) and state Arhtiya Association have sought help from the Himachal Pradesh government for cauliflower growers in the state, in view of them receiving extremely low prices for their produce.

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Punjab

Punjab Govt. imposes coronavirus curbs till 31 May
In view of the COVID-19 crisis, the Punjab government has extended the imposition of coronavirus restrictions in the state, till 31 May 2021. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on 16 May 2021.

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Malerkotla to be Punjab's 23rd district; Capt. Amarinder's Eid gift
On Punjab Chief Minister announced the creation of a new district of Malerkotla, carving the state’s only Muslim-majority town from Sangrur district. Adjoining Amargarh and Ahmedgarh will also form part of Punjab’s 23rd district.

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Punjab CM unveils initiative under ‘Corona Mukt Pind Abhiyaan’
Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh unveiled a unique initiative, as part of the 'Corona Mukt Pind Abhiyaan', with an aim to tackle the COVID-19 crisis. State health and rural development departments will be in the forefront of the campaign and ensure large-scale mobilization of the community in villages.

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Gujarat

Gujarat Govt. rolls out campaign to check coronavirus spread in 77 areas
On 16 May 2021, the Gujarat government rolled out a campaign at 77 locations across the state, aiming to check the spread of coronavirus in urban areas. The emphasis will be on factors such as fire safety in COVID-19 hospitals, vaccination, sanitation and testing.

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Impact of cyclone Tauktae to intensify in next 24 hours
The cyclone Tauktae is likely to intensify over the next 24 hours and move north-northeastwards, which will cause heavy to very heavy rainfall in areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan, resulting in widespread flooding, inundation and landslide risk.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Govt. issues guidelines for catering Black Fungus cases

The Maharashtra government issued detailed guidelines regarding Mucormycosis, also known as Black Fungus, in view of its rising cases. The guidelines issued relate to its symptom, medical investigation, prevention and treatment protocol.

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Maharashtra Govt. to set up separate wards for Mucormycosis-affected patients

The Maharashtra government has decided to set up separate wards at hospitals for those affected with Mucormycosis, a rare fungal infection being found in COVID-19 patients. The information was shared by state health minister Rajesh Tope, on 15 May 2021.

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Maharashtra Govt. allows truckers to enter without RT-PCR test report

The Maharashtra government has ruled out the order that mandated truck drivers entering the state to produce a negative RT-PCR test report. This came soon after the All-India Motor Transport Congress made a demand to the state government in this regard.

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Goa

Goa Govt. to set up 20,000 litre medical oxygen tank at GMCH

The Goa government has drafted a plan to set up a medical oxygen tank at the Goa Medical College and Hospital, to cater to the shortage of the life-saving gas amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Goa Govt Announces Rs 4 Lakh Aid to Kin of Deceased in Cyclone Tauktae

Three days after gusty winds triggered by cyclone Tauktae resulted in the death of two persons in Goa, the state government on Wednesday announced Rs four lakh financial assistance to the families of each deceased.

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Cyclone Tauktae: Power supply to be restored in entire Goa by May 19

The electricity supply in Goa snapped due to the cyclonic storm Tauktae will be restored by Wednesday, the state electricity department said on Tuesday.

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**Madhya Pradesh**

**COVID-19-induced lockdown extended in Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh till 31 May**

The ongoing coronavirus-induced lockdown imposed in Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh has been extended till 31 May 2021. The information was shared by district collector (DC) Mayank Agrawal. All establishments, except medical industries, would remain closed during the said period.

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**Madhya Pradesh Govt. sanctions Rs. 1 bln for COVID-19 management**

The Madhya Pradesh government has announced an allocation of around Rs. 1 billion for the effective management of COVID-19 at the ground-level. The proposed sum includes an undisclosed amount of Rs. 20 million for each district collector.

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**MP gets 100 oxygen concentrators from WHO for treatment of COVID patients**

Madhya Pradesh has received 100 oxygen concentrators sent by the World Health Organization for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. Medical Education minister Vishvas Sarang said these oxygen concentrators will be distributed in various districts of the state.

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**Tamil Nadu**

**Tamil Nadu receives 151.4 MT of LMO from 3 states**

In the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, an Oxygen Express train from Tatanagar, Jharkhand arrived at Tondiarpet, Tamil Nadu, on 16 May 2021. The train brought 40 MT of liquid medical oxygen (LMO).

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**Tamil Nadu CM forms advisory committee of MLAs from all political parties**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) M K Stalin formed a 13-member advisory committee of MLAs from all political parties to discuss measures for handling the COVID-19 situation.

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**Madras HC discontinues judicial work in all courts across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry**

The Madras High Court has suspended judicial work in all subordinate courts across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, in view of the rising COVID-19 cases.

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**Cyclone Tauktae claims 8 lives in Karnataka, 4 in Gujarat, 14 in Maharashtra**
So far, as many as eight people have lost their lives in the cyclone Tauktae-hit coastal and surrounding Malnad districts of Karnataka. As per the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority, a total of 121 villages in seven districts of the state.

**Karnataka Govt. forms task force to contain spread of Mucormycosis**
The Karnataka government has formed a specialized task force to contain the spread of Mucormycosis or Black Fungus, which will be headed by HS Satish, head of the department for ear, nose & throat (ENT) at state-run Victoria Hospital.

**Covaxin manufacturing unit to be set up in Kolar, Karnataka**
A manufacturing plant of the COVID-19 vaccine, Covaxin, is likely to be set up in the Kolar district of Karnataka. The plant will be established by the Bharat Biotech in the Malur industrial area of the district.
Telangana

Telangana Govt. to set up regional centres, oxygen plants, medical colleges
The Telangana government has decided to set up as many as 12 new regional sub-centres, 48 oxygen plants and six medical colleges in the state. The move has come in an effort to curb the COVID-19 infection in the state.

Second dose of COVID-19 vaccine for those above 45 years of age postponed in Telangana
The second dose of coronavirus vaccine for those above 45 years of age has been postponed in Telangana, due to the inadequate stock of Covaxin and no supply of fresh stocks from the Centre.

Telangana faces shortage of Liposomal Amphotericin B
The Telangana State Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TSMSIDC) has claimed that the state is facing a shortage of Liposomal Amphotericin B, a drug used for treating Mucormycosis or Black Fungus.

Delhi

Delhi Govt. launches oxygen concentration banks for COVID-19 patients
The Delhi government has launched oxygen concentration banks for COVID-19 patients who need an urgent and timely supply of medical oxygen for effective treatment. As part of it, around 200 such banks will be set up in every district of the national capital.

NTPC Ltd to set up 11 oxygen generation plants in Delhi
The NTPC Limited has decided to set up as many as 11 oxygen generation plants in Delhi, in an effort to combat the COVID-19 crisis. Besides this, two other such plants with bottling facility would come up in the national capital to augment critical care for coronavirus patients.
Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Govt. launches drive-in COVID-19 vaccination centres
The Uttar Pradesh government has come up with first-of-its-kind drive-in coronavirus vaccination centres in Gautam Budh Nagar. Out of the two centres, one is located at the DLF Mall of India and the other one has been set up in the Greater Noida Stadium.

Uttar Pradesh Govt. amends global tender for COVID-19 vaccines
The UP government has amended the global tender for COVID-19 vaccines, which was issued by the state government on 7 May 2021, allowing companies like Pfizer and Moderna to place bids. Earlier, the state government placed a condition of storing vaccines between the temperature of two-eight degrees Celsius.

Rajasthan

Rajasthan Govt. to set up 105 oxygen generation plants in 59 cities
The Rajasthan government has issued work orders to set up as many as 105 oxygen generation plants in 59 cities of the state. These plants, slated to come up in the next two months, are likely to generate 97 metric tonnes (MT) of oxygen daily, besides supplying the life-saving gas to 5,786 hospital beds every day.

1,000 medical officers, 25,000 paramedical staff to be recruited in Rajasthan
In the wake of the surge in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, the Rajasthan government has decided to recruit as many as 1,000 medical officers and 25,000 paramedical staff, on an urgent contract basis.

Black Fungus Declared An Epidemic In Rajasthan
Mucormycosis (black fungus), which is primarily affecting people recovering from COVID, has been declared an epidemic in Rajasthan, officials said on Wednesday. Mucormycosis has been notified as an epidemic and a notifiable disease in the state under the Rajasthan Epidemic Act 2020.
West Bengal

West Bengal Govt. to set up Legislative Council
The West Bengal government has drafted a plan to set up a Legislative Council (LC) in the state. A decision in this regard was taken at a state Cabinet meeting, held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on 17 May 2021.

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West Bengal Govt. to impose 14-day lockdown from 16 May
The West Bengal government has decided to impose a 14-day complete lockdown across the state, from 16 to 30 May 2021, in the wake of the upsurge in the number of coronavirus cases.

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Cyclone Yaas to form around May 25, head towards West Bengal, Odisha coasts
Cyclone Yaas is likely to form over Bay of Bengal around May 25 and likely to move northwestwards and reach West Bengal and adjoining Odisha coasts on May 26 evening.

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Bihar

Bihar Govt. launches app for regular monitoring of home isolated COVID-19 patients
Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bihar government has launched 'HIT COVID App' to ensure regular monitoring and tracking of home isolated patients. As part of the initiative, healthcare workers will visit the patients at their homes every day.

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Monsoon expected to arrive in Bihar by 15 June
Monsoon is expected to arrive in Bihar by 15 June 2021, however, hot and humid conditions will prevail till then as the temperature has risen across the state, as per the Patna meteorological centre.

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Bihar: Priority vaccination, frontline worker status sought for street vendors
Over 90% of street vendors in Bihar, especially in rural areas, are left out of the Covid vaccination drive since they lack the resources or training to register online for receiving the vaccine, says the Bihar chapter of National Association of Street Vendors of India.

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Odisha

Odisha Govt. to launch survey to collect data regarding COVID-19 symptoms

The Odisha government is scheduled to launch a three-month-long house-to-house survey to collect data regarding COVID-19 symptoms and comorbid conditions amongst residents, on 24 May 2021. The survey will be conducted by ASHA and anganwadi workers, for which they will be paid an additional incentive of Rs. 1,000 per month.

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Odisha Govt. forms panel to suggest measures for tackling third wave of COVID-19 pandemic

The Odisha government has formed a panel to suggest measures for tackling the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic soon, which is expected to hit the country. It comprises President, Public Health Foundation of India K Srinath Reddy, Vice-chairman & Managing Director of Asian Heart Institute and Research Centre Ramakanta Panda and Chairman & Founder of Narayana Health Devi Prasad Shetty.

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North-East

Arunachal Pradesh's Itanagar admin imposes 14-day curfew across ICR

The Itanagar administration in Arunachal Pradesh has imposed a 14-day curfew across the Itanagar Capital Region, till 31 May 2021.

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Manipur Govt. extends curfew in 7 districts

The Manipur government has extended the imposition of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced curfew in seven districts, till 28 May 2021. These include Imphal West, Imphal East, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Kakching, Churachandpur and Ukhrul.

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Assam Govt. to suspend inter-district movement of persons, vehicles for 15 days

The Assam government has decided to suspend the inter-district movement of persons and vehicles for 15 days, starting 21 May 2021. The decision has been taken in view of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the state.

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