



# Regional Developments

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## Haryana

### Haryana Assembly Speaker lays foundation for development works in Panchkula

Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta laid the foundation stone for development works worth Rs. 30 million at Sector 19 in Panchkula. These include as many as two tubewells, to be installed by the Haryana Urban Development Authority, at Rs. 6.6 million.

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### Haryana to get 11 rakes of DAP by 31 October

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar has urged Union chemicals and fertilisers minister Mansukh Mandaviya to provide six additional rakes of diammonium phosphate (DAP), apart from five rakes already allocated to the state.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh govt urges Centre to extend paddy procurement process till 30 December

The Himachal Pradesh government has urged the Centre to extend the paddy procurement process by a month, i.e. till 30 December 2021.

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### 17 Central Paramilitary Police teams deployed for bypolls in Himachal Pradesh

A total of 17 companies of the Central Paramilitary Police have been deployed to conduct safe and free Assembly and Lok Sabha (LS) bypolls in Himachal Pradesh. These include six teams of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), three each of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) & Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and five of the Border Security Force (BSF).

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### Diwali 2021: Himachal Pradesh Schools To Close From November 1 to 6

Himachal Pradesh government has announced Diwali break for all schools affiliated to Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBOSE). Schools will remain closed from November 1 to November 6, stated an ANI report.

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## Punjab

### **Punjab govt to adopt Israel's latest technology to improve horticulture sector**

The Punjab government has decided to adopt the latest technology from Israel in an effort to further improve the state's horticulture sector.

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### **Punjab govt cancels 806 bus permits extended illegally**

On 25 October 2021, the Punjab government cancelled 806 bus permits extended illegally, with an aim to put an end to the transport mafia. The move has impacted a large fleet of buses operated by 340 private companies, including those run by the Badals on 'monopoly' routes, apart from Rajdhani, Orbit and Taj Travels.

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### **Punjab govt asks revenue dept to conduct special assessment of damage caused to crops**

On 25 October 2021, the Punjab government directed the state revenue department to conduct a special assessment of crops to ascertain the damage caused to them due to the recent unseasonal rains in the state.

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## Gujarat

### **Gujarat govt plans to set up elevated railway lines passing through Gir Wildlife Sanctuary**

The Gujarat forest department is planning to set up elevated railway lines passing through the Gir Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed project is likely to come on the lines of Pench Tiger Reserve running between Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, where an elevated stretch helps protect animals around the national highway (NH)-44.

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### **Gujarat CM launches Go-Green scheme to provide subsidised EVs to workers**

Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched the Go-Green scheme, today, to provide electric two-wheelers at subsidised rates to construction and industrial workers of the state. He urged workers to take benefit of the initiative, which is aimed at reducing fuel bills and saving the environment by curbing vehicular pollution.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra govt to propose 15% rise in seats in MCs

The Maharashtra government is proposing to increase the number of seats in municipal corporations (MCs) by 15 per cent. This would be done by amending the respective Acts in proportion to the projected rise in the population.

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### Maharashtra's PMC likely to supply water to 3 merged villages

Maharashtra's Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has sought the standing committee's approval to supply water to three merged villages in the state. These include Shivane, Uttamnagar and Kondhawe-Dhawade, as per Hindustan Times.

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### 5,500 teachers in Maharashtra to be trained in advanced science teaching skills

The Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy (MSFDA), Mumbai has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune to train as many as 5,500 teachers in advanced science teaching skills.

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## Goa

### Goa govt launches initiative for free breast cancer screening for 1 lakh women

Under the initiative 'Swasth Mahila, Swasth Goa', launched by international cricketing icon and humanitarian Yuvraj Singh's YouWeCan Foundation in partnership with SBI foundation, state government, free breast cancer screening will be done for 1 lakh women in Goa

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### Norway explores ties with Goa on sustainable solutions

Norway, which has made tremendous strides in green energy, ship building and urban waste management, is keen to increase its strategic partnership with Goa, said Norwegian consul general Arne Jan Flolo, who was on his first official visit to the state.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### 5 new garlic processing units to come up in Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam

As many as five new garlic processing units are likely to be set up in Madhya Pradesh's Ratlam by December 2021-end.

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### Madhya Pradesh CM releases Rs. 15.4 bln to farmers under MMKKY

On 23 October 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Shivraj Singh Chouhan released a sum of Rs. 15.4 billion to farmers in 44 out of 52 districts, under the Mukhya Mantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana (MMKKY).

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### Madhya Pradesh govt extends 5-day week arrangement in offices till March 2022-end

The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to extend the arrangement of five-day week in its offices across the state till 31 March 2022. The development comes in view of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu CM urges banks to extend credit to self-employed personnel, MSMEs

On 25 October 2021, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin urged the banks to extend credit to self-employed personnel and micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs). Besides this, he also asked them to provide education loan to students.

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### Tamil Nadu govt eases COVID-19-induced restrictions

The Tamil Nadu government has announced some relaxations in the coronavirus (COVID-19)-induced restrictions. As part of it, 100 per cent occupancy has been allowed in cinema halls, with strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh CM holds review meeting on CLAP

On 22 October 2021, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy held a review meeting on Clean Andhra Pradesh (CLAP). During the meet, he directed the officials concerned to give priority to cleanliness in villages, towns and cities.

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### Andhra Pradesh CM launches Jagananna Thodu scheme

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched the Jagananna Thodu scheme. As part of it, an amount to the tune of Rs. 163.6 billion has been credited into the bank accounts of beneficiaries.

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### 35% of seats in all private state universities to be reserved by Andhra Pradesh Government quota

Andhra Pradesh Government has decided to pay for the education of meritorious students hailing from poor and middle-class families under a flagship programme 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena'.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt opposes petition over detention of immigrants

The Karnataka government has opposed a petition filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ashwini Upadhyay in the Supreme Court (SC).

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### Schools in Karnataka reopen for students of classes I-V

After nearly 1.5 years, schools in Karnataka reopened for students of classes I-V, today. Offline classes will be conducted adhering to all the coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines. Each student must carry a parental consent letter to attend physical classes.

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## Telangana

### All citizens in Telangana to be given health ID cards under PMASBY

All citizens in Telangana would be provided digital health ID cards under the Pradhan Mantri Aatmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PMASBY). The information was shared by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader NV Subhash on 25 October 2021.

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### Telangana govt to set up medical colleges in all districts

The Telangana government is planning to set up a medical college in each district of the state. The information was shared by Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) MLA and former state health minister C Laxma Reddy on 25 October 2021.

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### Telangana govt urges seed companies to stock adequate quantities of seeds for alternative crops

On 24 October 2021, Telangana chief secretary Somesh Kumar urged seed companies in the state to procure and stock adequate quantities of seeds for alternative crops.

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## Delhi

### Delhi govt to launch campaign for curbing pollution during Diwali

The Delhi government would launch 'Patake Nahi Diye Jalao' campaign on 27 October 2021. The aim is to curb the annual spike in pollution levels post-Diwali, said environment minister Gopal Rai, on 25 October 2021.

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### Delhi SDMs empowered to take charge of anti-pollution campaign

Sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs) in Delhi have been empowered to take charge of the anti-pollution campaign in the national capital. They have also been given the power to take action in case of violations.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh CM launches projects worth Rs. 3.7 bln in Bhadohi

On 24 October 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath launched projects worth Rs. 3.7 billion in Bhadohi district. These include dedicating some of the completed projects, apart from laying the foundation stones of others.

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### Centre sends high-level multi-disciplinary team to Uttar Pradesh

The Centre has sent a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur, in view of reports claiming detection of a Zika virus case. The team comprises an entomologist, public health specialists & gynaecologist drawn from the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, National Center for Disease Control and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan CM inaugurates projects worth Rs. 2.3 bln

On 24 October 2021, Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot inaugurated projects worth Rs. 2.3 billion. These include 349 intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 178 neonatal ICU beds and 10 paediatric ICU beds.

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### Eligible population in Rajasthan's Pratapgarh receives first dose of COVID-19 vaccine

Pratapgarh has become Rajasthan's first district to vaccinate the entire eligible population with the first dose of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine. The information was shared by state health minister Dr. Raghu Sharma, on 23 October 2021.

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### Phase-II of local body polls held in Rajasthan's Alwar, Dholpur

Phase-II of polling for zilla parishad and panchayat samiti members in Alwar and Dholpur districts of Rajasthan was held today. According to state election commissioner (SEC) PS Mehra, as many as 973,000 voters would be able to exercise their franchise in both the districts in the second phase of polls.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal govt instructs bars, eateries to follow COVID-19 norms

The West Bengal government has instructed bars and eateries in Kolkata to strictly adhere to coronavirus (COVID-19) safety guidelines. These directives include allowing 50 per cent occupancy of guests in an establishment and proper social distancing, among others.

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### West Bengal CM urges Centre to conduct study on COVID-19 vaccines

On 24 October 2021, West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee urged the Centre to conduct a study on the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines being administered to people in the country.

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## Bihar

### IR announces few festive special trains to Bihar

The Indian Railways (IR) has announced a few festive special trains from different parts of the country to Bihar. This has come amid the declining coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and people booking train tickets ahead of Diwali & Chhath festivities.

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### Rs. 200,000 each to be given to kin of Uttarakhand rain victims from Bihar

The Bihar government has decided to provide financial aid of Rs. 200,000 each to families of people from the state who died in rain-related incidents in Uttarakhand.

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### Bihar government all set to phase out single-use plastic, thermocol products

The state govt decided to put a blanket ban on single-use plastic and thermocol products from December 25, while the department of forests, environment and climate change has asked manufacturers and traders to clear their stocks

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## Odisha

### Schools reopen for class VIII students in Odisha

Schools reopened for students of class VIII in Odisha on 25 October 2021, while adhering to coronavirus (COVID-19) protocols. Students can attend offline classes with the consent of their parents.

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### Odisha enters endemic stage of coronavirus: Bijay Mohapatra

Odisha has entered the endemic stage of coronavirus (COVID-19), said director health services (DHS) Bijay Mohapatra. The declaration came after noting that the state has been recording around 500 new COVID-19 cases daily.

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## North-East

### 13,000 nationals from coup-hit Myanmar take shelter in Mizoram

The total number of Myanmar nationals taking shelter in Mizoram increased to 13,000, as of 25 October 2021.

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### Over Rs. 1.1 bln sanctioned to beneficiaries under StartUp Manipur scheme

The Manipur government has sanctioned a sum of over Rs. 1.1 billion to different beneficiaries of the StartUp Manipur Scheme. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) N Biren Singh on 25 October 2021.

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### Protest rally organized by DDCC, NPCC against bad roads in Nagaland's Marwaripatti, Dhobinala areas

On 25 October 2021, the Dimapur District Congress Committee (DDCC) and Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) minority cell organized a protest rally against bad roads in Marwaripatti area and Dhobinala junction of the state.

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## Jharkhand

### Possessing ration card not mandatory for availing widow pension in Jharkhand: Hemant Soren

Possessing a ration card will not be mandatory for availing widow pension in Jharkhand. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren on 25 October 2021.

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### Jharkhand to spend ₹144 crore to augment irrigation facilities

The Jharkhand government will spend about ₹144 crore for augmenting irrigation facilities like enhancing the availability of water harvesting and restoration work of waterbodies, an official said.

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## Kerala

### Colleges across Kerala resume physical classes

On 25 October 2021, colleges across Kerala resumed physical classes amid strict coronavirus (Covid-19) protocols. The state government has instructed students above 18 years of age to take at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, however, majority of them have been fully-vaccinated.

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### Kerala govt to give laptops to 45,313 SC, ST students

The Kerala government has decided to provide laptops to 45,313 children belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories in the state for online learning. The distribution will be carried out under the 'Vidyakiranam' project.

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