

# NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

## MAHARASHTRA

### **Maharashtra Cabinet revises land allotment policy**

In April 2012, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, then an Opposition MLA, had brought to the notice of the state government a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India report that had pointed to the misuse of government land allotted at paltry rates to institutions controlled by leading politicians. The Fadnavis government revised the policy when the Maharashtra Cabinet approved the proposal. But while the modifications introduced are expected to increase revenues from such allotments, they also provide these institutions an opportunity to “regularise” a breach in the conditions of lease.

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## GUJARAT

### **Gujarat Panchayat polls: 12 candidates die, EC cancels polling**

The Gujarat State Election Commission (GSEC) postponed the election on 12 seats following the deaths of one of the contesting candidates on those seats before polling in 12 gram panchayats. Eight of the deceased were contesting for ward election and four of them were contesting for the post of sarpanch. Following the postponement, the GSEC will declare election of those seats afresh later on.

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## MANIPUR

### **Centre tells Manipur govt to utilise Central forces properly**

The Centre has asked the Manipur government for proper utilisation of 17,500 paramilitary personnel sent to the state to reopen a national highway which was blocked for nearly two months by a Naga group. In a communication, the Home Ministry conveyed to the Manipur government to “re-arrange and utilise” the 175 companies of paramilitary forces which were already made available to the state to ensure removal of the blockade.

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