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e-Pashu Haat portal

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- It is launched under the National Mission on Bovine Productivity for connecting breeders and farmers of indigenous breeds.
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- This portal helps farmers to be aware about breed wise information on indigenous breeds.
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- Farmers/breeders can sale animals of indigenous breeds through this portal.
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- Through the portal, farmers can obtain information on location of quality indigenous germplasm in the form live animals, semen doses and embryos.
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- It plays a crucial role in development and conservation of indigenous breeds.
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Vidyalakshmi Portal

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- Vidya Lakshmi Portal was launched by the Government in 2015 to ensure that students can avail education loans easily through single window system of banks.
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- It has been developed under the guidance of Ministry of Finance, Human Resource Development and Indian Bank Association.
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- Through this portal, students can vew, applay and track the education loan applications to banks anytime, anywhere.
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- The portal also provides linkages to National Scholarship Portal.
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North East Venture Fund

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- The fund was set up by the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).
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- The capital commitment to the fund is Rs.100.00 crore.
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- The initial contribution of Rs. 75 crore is from DoNER and NEDFi. The balance (Rs.25 crore) has been committed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
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- It is the first dedicated venture capital fund for the North Eastern Region.
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- Its primary objective is to promote investments in enterprises on various sectors like food processing, healthcare, tourism etc.
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- It will provide resources for entrepreneurs from the region to expand throughout the country.
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- Investments from this fund will be monitored by NEDFi.
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State Investment Potential Index

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- National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Delhi based non-profit think tank on economics has launched this index in 2016.
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- It ranks 20 states and 1 UT (Delhi) based on six parameters.
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- They are land, labour, infrastructure, economic climate, governance and political stability and business perceptions.
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- Delhi has topped followed by Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Haryana and Maharashtra.
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- Gujarat had topped both the previous editions of the ranking.
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- Assam, Jharkhand and Bihar are ranked among the least favourable states for investment.
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Portuguese man-of-wars

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- Portuguese man-of-war is a jelly-like marine organism, commonly known as ‘bluebottle’ or ‘floating terror’.
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- It was recently spotted on the popular beach in North Goa.
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- While most jellyfish stings are harmless to humans and cause only a mild irritation, species like the bluebottle are venomous and can cause harm on contact.
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- Goa Tourism’s beach safety agency has issued an advisory for tourists as well as residents to refrain from venturing into the sea.
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Source: PIB, The Hindu

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