



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### HMPL plans 500 MW solar project in Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh government inked an agreement with the People Tech Enterprises Private Limited to set up a 485.6-hectare EV park in Kurnool. The work will be undertaken with an investment of INR1800 crore. The park aims to foster a complete EV ecosystem, providing state-of-the-art infrastructure for EV manufacturing and allied industries.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt to develop Data City near Vizag, create 2 mn jobs

Andhra Pradesh is set to establish a cutting-edge Data City, complete with data centres and artificial intelligence hubs, in the vicinity of Visakhapatnam, this initiative aims to mirror Hyderabad's successful Hitec City model.

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### Andhra Pradesh investment board approves projects worth INR44,776 crore

Andhra Pradesh investment board has approved projects worth INR44,776 crore this month, largely in the clean energy space, which will generate 19,580 jobs, the state government said. Of the projects approved, INR42,932 crore worth of projects are in the energy sector, mostly solar energy.

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### Garuda Aerospace to invest INR100 crore to develop Drone City in Andhra

Garuda Aerospace is set to invest INR100 crore to establish a 'Drone City' in Orvakal village, Andhra Pradesh. The initiative aims to bolster drone innovation, attract talent, and place India at the forefront of drone technology. The announcement was made in a strategic meeting with the Minister of Civil Aviation.

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## Bihar

### Bihar plans to auction Pirpainti Plant by March 2025

The Bihar government is planning to auction the proposed 2,400 megawatts (MW) coal-based power project at Pirpainti by March 2025. The coal for the plant was to be sourced from Eastern Coalfields.

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### Bihar govt to provide 1.2 mln jobs by 2025-end

The Bihar government has decided to provide over 1.2 million government jobs and create 3.4 million employment opportunities for the youth by the end of this year. The information was shared by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on 26 January 2025.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Chhattisgarh secures INR6,000 crore investments at Mumbai meet

The Chief Minister highlighted that since the launch of the state's new industrial policy, Chhattisgarh has attracted INR1 lakh crore worth of investments through meets held in Raipur, Delhi, and Mumbai. This momentum aligns with the state's vision to create jobs and bolster industrial growth.

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### Chhattisgarh to grab bigger piece of NMDC's INR70,000 crore capex pie

Chhattisgarh is set to attract the lion's share in the proposed INR70,000 crore capital expenditure (capex) plan outlined by the country's largest iron ore mining company National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC).

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## Gujarat

### GMDC inks long-term limestone supply deal with JK Cement for Gujarat's mine

State-owned GMDC said it has entered into a long-term pact with JK Cement Ltd for the supply of limestone from its upcoming mine in Gujarat. The agreement has been signed for supply of 250 million tonnes of limestone over a period of 40 years from its upcoming Lakhpat Punrajpur Mine in Lakhpat Taluka of Kutch district in Gujarat.

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### Apraava Energy commissions largest wind project in Gujarat

Apraava Energy announced the commissioning of its largest wind power project with a capacity of 250.7 MW at Sidhpur in Devbhoomi Dwaraka district, Gujarat. The project was awarded to Apraava Energy as part of the Tranche VIII wind tender sponsored by SECI.

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### Jubilant Ingrevia opens new Gujarat facility for nutraceuticals

Jubilant Ingrevia announced the commissioning of its new cGMP-compliant facility in Bharuch, Gujarat, designed to produce nutraceuticals and dietary-active ingredients for human consumption.

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### Artificial intelligence Centre of Excellence launched at Gujarat's GIFT City

CM Bhupendra Patel inaugurated an Artificial Intelligence CoE at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and said it will emerge as an important think tank in the state.

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## Jharkhand

### JSW group forays into copper mining with INR2,600 crore investment

Sajjan Jindal's JSW group announced its entry into the copper business, with the winning of a Mine Operator and Developer (MDO) contract for two mining blocks in Jharkhand. The group said it will invest INR2,600 crore in the business.

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### Steel Minister inaugurates air separation unit at SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant

The Union Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy has inaugurated an air separation unit project at state-owned SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant in Jharkhand. The project has been set up for SAIL with an investment of INR750 crore, INOX Air Products (INOXAP).

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### Jharkhand govt unveils new geo-tagging app to reinforce transparency within 'Abua Awas'

The Jharkhand government has unveiled a new geo-tagging app to reinforce transparency within the 'Abua Awas', a housing initiative. The app is aimed at empowering beneficiaries to geo-tag their homes, offering real-time construction progress updates.

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## Haryana

### Haryana industries to go green with INR564 crore clean energy push

The Haryana government has planned a INR564 crore initiative to help 1,000 industries switch to cleaner fuels over five years. Financial incentives up to INR20 lakh per unit will be provided to industries shifting to gas-based boilers and less polluting generators. Common boilers and tunnel-based technology for brick kilns will also be introduced.

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### Haryana to develop 10 new integrated industrial townships along highways

Haryana is set to move forward with its plan to establish 10 integrated industrial townships across the state. The government has already identified 10 strategic zones along major expressways and highways and initiated discussions to finalise the framework for development.

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### CM unveils new initiatives to enhance investment and economic growth

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced new measures to boost investment for the state's economic growth. He mentioned that policies will be streamlined based on feedback from pre-budget consultations.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Centre approves road repairs worth INR8.19 crore in Himachal Pradesh

The Centre has approved a funding of INR8.19 crore to repair and pave a 10-km section of the Banjar to Ghiyagi road on the Aut-Luhri NH-305 in Himachal Pradesh. The decision responds to local residents and tourism entrepreneurs who have long sought improvements to the road.

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### Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates Bir paragliding centre-cum-hotel in Kangra

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Sukhu inaugurated the Bir paragliding centre-cum-hotel in Kangra district. The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Board has constructed the facility under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

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### Himachal Pradesh CM launches Him Pariwar Portal

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the Him Pariwar Portal. It is an initiative to provide a centralised platform for accessing documents, government services and welfare schemes.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka government set to unveil new industrial policy

The government of Karnataka plans to unveil a new industrial policy at the Global Investors Meet to be held in Bengaluru as a part of its plan to attract more local and global businesses to the state, aiming to be a \$1 trillion economy by 2032.

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### Karnataka to set up flat-floor factories in Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Mysuru

In a significant push to boost industrial growth and job creation, Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and IT, BT Priyank Kharge announced plans to establish flat-floor factories with plug-and-play facilities in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

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### Vishwaraj Sugar to invest INR250 crore for new sugar factory in Belagavi

Vishwaraj Sugar Industries (VSIL) plans to establish a new sugar factory in Belagavi with a crushing capacity of 5,000 tonnes of cane per day (TCD) and a 150-kilo liter per day (klpd) distillery, with an investment of around INR250 crore.

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## Kerala

### K-Space proposes defence industrial park in capital

Kerala Space Park (K-Space) authorities have proposed to the state govt to set up an Integrated Defence Industrial Park (IDIP) on the outskirts of the city. K-Space CEO G Levin submitted the proposal a week ago, seeking 100 acres of land near the plot proposed for BrahMos Aerospace Ltd expansion at Nettukaltheri near Neyyar Dam.

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### Adani Vizhinjam Port set to become India's largest

Kerala Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal said the Vizhinjam International Seaport, operated by Adani Ports, will be the largest port in India in the next decade. Speaking at the Vizhinjam Conclave 2025 and GIS in Thiruvananthapuram, Balagopal said the port would play a transformative role in enhancing India's position in global shipping and logistics.

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### Kerala's KMRL to extend metro line from Aluva to Angamaly

Kerala's Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has sought consultancy services to create a DPR for extending the metro line from Aluva to Angamaly, including a connection to the airport. The DPR is expected to be completed by the end of July 2025.

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## Rajasthan

### Jakson Green, Blueleaf Energy to develop 1 GW solar projects in Rajasthan

Homegrown Jakson Green and Singapore-based Blueleaf Energy announced their collaboration to develop one GW solar projects in Rajasthan at an investment of INR3,400 crore. The partnership will focus on jointly developing and building gigawatt-scale green energy projects in India, Jakson Green, a leading new energy transition platform.

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### Tata Power Renewable Energy signs MoU with Rajasthan Discoms

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a subsidiary of The Tata Power Company Limited, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rajasthan's Discoms, including Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JVVNL).

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### IHCL to open a new hotel in Mandawa, Rajasthan

The IHCL has announced the construction of a new SeleQtions hotel in Mandawa, a town in Rajasthan known for its rich architectural history. The hotel will be located in a haveli, a traditional townhouse or mansion restored to maintain its historic character.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh CM invites Sysmex, Japan to invest in his state

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav returned to India after his four-day trip to Japan ahead of the state's investor summit. Taking to social media platform X, Yadav said the four-day Japan visit was "extremely pleasant and successful".

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### MP aims to become 'Skill Power State'

CM Mohan Yadav said skill development and employment are at the core of the Union Budget 2025, adding that Madhya Pradesh is ready to seize this opportunity and position itself as a 'Skill Power State'.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra to set up country's first AI university

Maharashtra is set to establish the first Artificial Intelligence (AI) university in the country and a task force has been formed for the planning and implementation of the project, state Information Technology Minister Ashish Shelar has said.

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### Taural India partners with Maharashtra to expand manufacturing facility in Supa

Taural India, a leading integrated aluminium foundry, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Maharashtra to expand its manufacturing operations in Supa, Ahilya Nagar.

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### UAE-India Business Council and Maharashtra forge strategic partnership to boost trade

The UAE-India Business Council-UAE Chapter (UIBC-UC) and the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) have announced a strategic partnership to improve bilateral trade and investment relations.

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### Maharashtra to get 27 roads under PM JANMAN

Maharashtra is set to get 27 roads measuring 50.1-km under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adiwasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN). A sum of INR50.35 million has been sanctioned for this purpose. The move will improve the socio-economic condition of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs).

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## Punjab

### JTL Industries sets up new plant in Derabassi, Punjab

JTL Industries announced its entry in a new value-added product category, i.e. lattice towers. The company has set up a new plant at Derabassi, Punjab with a production capacity of 1,500 tons per month.

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### Gupta, Sandhu appointed Punjab info commissioners

The Punjab government has appointed Pooja Gupta and Harpreet Sandhu as state information commissioners. Gupta is a social worker and resides in Chandigarh. Harpreet Sandhu is a Ludhiana-based advocate and a former additional advocate general of Punjab.

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## Telangana

### Telangana Partners with QuantumBasel to establish first Quantum Hub

The Telangana, India government has signed a LOI with QuantumBasel, Switzerland's leading quantum and AI innovation hub, to establish India's first Quantum Hub in Hyderabad. The partnership, announced by IT & Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu, aims to position Telangana as a global leader in quantum technologies and artificial intelligence.

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### Mindspace REIT buys commercial asset in Hyderabad for INR2,038 crore

Mindspace Business Parks real estate investment trust (REIT) has acquired a commercial asset in Hyderabad for INR2,038 crore. The price is 7.5 per cent discount to the average of two independent valuations.

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### Sonoco to launch global capability centre in Hyderabad

Sustainable packaging solutions provider Sonoco plans to establish its first global capability centre (GCC) in Hyderabad within Telangana, India. The centre, formally named the Sonoco Performance Hub (SPH), represents a strategic initiative for the 125-year-old Fortune 500 company, which boasts annual revenues of USD7 billion to USD 8billion.

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### Perseus Group launches DarkMatter tech center in Hyderabad

Constellation Perseus has announced the launch of its GCC in Hyderabad, India as DarkMatter India Technologies. This strategic expansion marks a significant milestone in the company's commitment to global innovation and talent development.

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## Odisha

### Adani Group commits INR2.3 lakh crore investment in Odisha

Adani Group committed to investing INR2.3 lakh crore over the next five years across power, cement, industrial parks, aluminium and city gas expansion in Odisha. According to a statement by the group, the investment commitment was made during Utkarsh Odisha 2025 - the state's investor meeting.

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### Govt inks MoUs for INR16.73 lakh crore investments

The Utkarsh Odisha-Make in Odisha Conclave 2025, the flagship investment summit of Odisha government, attracted investments worth INR16.73 lakh crore. Around 5,000 industry representatives from India and abroad participated in diverse plenary conferences and networking sessions.

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### Odisha gets INR7,762 crore investments in textiles sector

Textiles minister Pradeep Bal Samant highlighted Odisha's efforts to position itself as a for sustainable and value-driven industrial growth. "The textile and handloom industry seamlessly into the vision of Purvodaya Bharat of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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### Paradeep Phosphates signs MoU with Government of Odisha for an investment of INR 4,000 crore

Paradeep Phosphate Ltd.(PPL), a leading fertilizer manufacturer, aims to be self-sufficient in fertilizer production and to improve crop yields, farmer prosperity and soil health, has signed an MoU with Government of Odisha for an investment of INR4,000 crore.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Karur Vysya Bank adds four new branches in Tamil Nadu

Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) inaugurated 4 new branches in Tamil Nadu today. By inaugurating these branches, the total branch network of the Bank increased to 870. The new branches that were opened at Indra Nagar MCET College Campus Bhruntha Nagar & Govinda Chetty Street.

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### T.N. set to benefit from Union Budget announcements for leather sector

Tamil Nadu, which contributes a 38 per cent share to India's footwear and leather products output and accounts for 47 per cent of India's total leather export, is set to benefit from the Union Budget 2025-26 announcements for the sector.

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## North-East

### New urea plant to be set up in Assam

Nirmala Sitharaman, Union finance minister (FM), in the Budget 2025 has announced the establishment of a new urea plant in Namrup, Assam. The plant will have an annual capacity of 1.27 million metric tonnes.

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### Tripartite MoU inked between Manipur govt bodies and NDDB

Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Manipur government bodies and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). The move is aimed at enhancing milk production in the state.

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### STEM Education Hub and Soil Organic Carbon Detection Lab inaugurated in Shillong, Meghalaya

Meghalaya chief secretary DP Wahlang inaugurated the STEM Education Hub and Soil Organic Carbon Detection Lab in Shillong. The move is expected to greatly benefit students and farmers of the state.

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### Tripura govt seeks INR1.7 lakh crore from 16th FC

The Tripura government has placed a demand of INR1.7 lakh crore before the 16th Finance Commission (FC). The financial support has been sought to meet the state's growing developmental needs, infrastructure expansion and welfare initiatives.

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### Mobile medical units to be established in Arunachal Pradesh

Mobile medical units are set to be established in Arunachal Pradesh to enhance healthcare access in the remote regions. The units will offer a range of primary healthcare services, including free medical consultations, diagnostic testing, medicines and emergency care.

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### Meghalaya govt to establish new cooperative society to empower SHG members

The Meghalaya government has decided to establish a new cooperative society to empower over 500,000 self-help group (SHG) members across the state. It will provide enhanced financial services and access to capital through a cooperative model to women's SHGs.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Over 250 projects register with Uttar Pradesh RERA in 2024

Among the major cities, Lucknow recorded 61 project registrations with UP-RERA and expected to witness the construction of nearly 54,000 homes, while Gautam Buddha N saw 51 new projects and will see over 1.1 lakh new homes coming up.

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### UP approves municipal bonds for Prayagraj Varanasi and Agra

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the issuance of municipal bonds worth INR150 crore for Prayagraj, Varanasi, and Agra, offering an incentive of INR13 crore per INR100 crore raised. Each city will issue up to INR50 crore in bonds to fund infrastructure projects, improving urban living conditions.

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### Noida's Jewar airport on track for April launch

With more than 80 per cent of the terminal building's construction already complete, the Noida International Airport in Jewar, Greater Noida, is on schedule for its upcoming launch, on April 17. The flooring of the airport is complete with baggage handling system and escalators already installed.

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## Uttarakhand

### Club Mahindra Expands Its Footprint in Uttarakhand

Club Mahindra, the flagship brand of Mahindra Holidays & Resorts India Limited (MHRIL), has unveiled its latest property, Club Mahindra Patkote Jim Corbett, nestled in the misty hills of Kumaon, this serene sanctuary is a haven for nature enthusiasts.

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### PM Modi inaugurates 38th National Games in Uttarakhand

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with Uttarakhand Governor Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh (Retd.) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, attended the inauguration of the 38th National Games in Uttarakhand.

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### Meghdoot Packaging to install India's first DGM MegaFold folder gluer

Uttarakhand's Meghdoot Packaging, one of North India's largest corrugators, has taken a significant step toward enhancing its production capabilities by finalizing a deal to purchase India's first DGM MegaFold folder gluer machine.

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## Union Territories

### Centre to establish train connectivity to Ladakh

The Centre has decided to establish train connectivity to Ladakh after completing the Kashmir rail link in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). A project to build a railway line from Beri in Bilaspur to Manali and Leh has begun.

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### J&K LG launches 'Mission YUVA'

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha launched 'Mission YUVA'. The initiative aims to enhance entrepreneurship and job creation in the region. He announced goals to establish over 137,000 new businesses and create 425,000 jobs within the next five years.

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### J&K finance dept approves release of additional funds under Revenue Budget

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) finance department has approved the release of additional funds under the Revenue Budget for the financial year (FY) 2024-25. As per the latest order, departments with an expenditure of 70 per cent or above will receive 100 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) or Revised Estimates (RE), whichever is lower.

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### J&K admin introduces 'Digital Tree Aadhaar' initiative to protect Chinar trees

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has introduced the 'Digital Tree Aadhaar' initiative to protect the iconic Chinar trees. This project aims to safeguard these majestic trees from urbanisation and climate change by creating a detailed database for each tree.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal plans 60+ industrial parks for MSMEs

The West Bengal government is planning to increase the number of industrial parks dedicated to MSMEs in the state. Currently there are 58 industrial parks in the state dedicated to MSMEs. Another 12 industrial parks are being developed, 10 are in the application stage while another 40 are being developed under the SAIP scheme.

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### Matix Fertilisers commissions floating solar power plant at Panagarh

Matix Fertilisers and Chemicals announced that company has commissioned a 1 MW floating solar power plant at its Panagarh facility in West Bengal with an investment of INR4 crore. The funding for the project was through internal accruals, the company added.

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