



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh minister lays foundation for Rs.220 bln ReNew complex

Andhra Pradesh information technology (IT) minister Nara Lokesh laid the foundation stone for the Rs.220 billion ReNew Renewable Energy Complex in Anantapur. This has marked a milestone in India's transition toward clean and sustainable power.

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23,000 households in Andhra Pradesh generate own electricity

Over 23,000 households in Andhra Pradesh are generating their own electricity under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. The Centre's flagship scheme aims to promote clean and affordable energy. It is being implemented across the state by the three power distribution companies.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to set up National Academy Construction in Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to set up a National Academy of Construction (NAC) in Amaravati to meet the skill demands of the upcoming capital city. The information was shared by Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath.

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AP's Krishna SP asks police to use drones to keep vigil on vulnerable places

Krishna superintendent of police (SP) R Gangadhar Rao has directed the police officers to use drones to keep a vigil on vulnerable places as part of a measure to check crimes in the district. The SP conducted a review on pending cases, cybercrimes, crime against women, drone beats, status of complaints received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) and other aspects in the district on 16 May 2025.

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Bihar

Bihar govt to strengthen 6,938 rural roads by spending Rs.87.1 bln

CM Nitish Kumar launched the strengthening and management of 6,938 rural roads in the state under the Rural Road Strengthening and Management Programme. The cost of the development has been pegged at Rs.87.1 billion.

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Bihar CM inaugurates & lays foundation stones for 107 projects

CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated as well as laid the foundation stones for 107 development projects worth over Rs.640 million in Begusarai. The inaugurated ones include five projects worth Rs.123.7 million, while foundation stones were laid for 102 worth Rs.518.2 million.

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Chhattisgarh

17 villages in Chhattisgarh's Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki get power

As many as 17 villages in Chhattisgarh's Naxal-affected Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki district have been electrified for the first time. The project, costing Rs.30 million, has been taken up under the Mukhyamantri Majratola Vidyutikaran Yojana.

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Chhattisgarh to amend Industrial Development Policy 2024-30

The Chhattisgarh government has decided to amend the Industrial Development Policy 2024-30. The aim is to promote industries and encourage investment in the state. The proposed amendment will increase new employment opportunities in the state as well as promote the sectors ranging from modern farming to the toy industry.

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Union minister reviews implementation of central govt schemes in Chhattisgarh

Union rural development minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed the implementation of central government schemes in Chhattisgarh. He also participated in the 'Mor Awas Mor Adhikar' programme held in Ambikapur.

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Gujarat

Centre approves establishment of Gujarat's first CoC for sickle cell anaemia

The Centre has approved the establishment of Gujarat's first Centre of Competence (CoC) for sickle cell anaemia. The CoC will be established in Surat at an estimated cost of Rs.60 million and will focus on holistic patient care, education and research.

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Gujarat govt surpasses 2024-25 target of installing rooftop solar panels

The Gujarat government has surpassed its 2024-25 target of installing rooftop solar panels under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. So far, more than 336,000 solar rooftop panels have been set up as against the target of 305,000. According to the Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL), these installations have collectively generated more than 1,232 MW of renewable energy.

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Centre selects land for shipbuilding, repair centres in Gujarat

Centre has selected lands for shipbuilding and repair centres in Gujarat. Companies based in the Netherlands, France and the Middle East are showing interest in the projects in India.

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Goa

Goa govt notifies revamped Mhaji Bus Scheme

The new scheme has a provision of financial and infrastructural support to private bus operators in the state. As per the updated scheme, bus operators will receive a fuel subsidy of Rs.3 per km, a 50 per cent reimbursement on annual vehicle insurance premium and assistance of Rs.1 million for replacing buses older than 15 years.

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Goa govt to launch comprehensive survey of PwDs

Goa is set to launch its first-ever comprehensive survey of persons with disabilities (PwDs). The survey aims to establish an updated and detailed database covering all 21 categories of disabilities as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act.

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Goa govt extends DJ-GIFT scheme for academic year 2025-26

The Goa government has extended its Diamond Jubilee Government Investment for Technical Education (DJ-GIFT) scheme for the academic year 2025-26. The scheme offers a substantial fee subsidy for students pursuing professional education in private engineering colleges across the state.

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Haryana

Haryana to utilise state-owned agricultural land for promoting natural farming

The Haryana government has decided to utilise agricultural land owned by the state agriculture and farmers' welfare department for promoting natural farming. This aligns with the state government's broader vision of encouraging eco-friendly, low-cost and chemical-free farming practices.

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Over 7.4 MMT of wheat procured in Haryana

Over 7.4 million metric tonnes of wheat was procured in Haryana during the ongoing rabi marketing season 2025-26, as of 14 May 2025. Of the total, 7.2 MMT has been purchased for the Centre and 205,000 metric tonnes for the public distribution system.

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Haryana govt reserves posts for DSCs, OSCs in Group D recruitment

The Haryana government announced the recruitment process for 7,596 Group-D posts through the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC). This includes 605 posts reserved for Deprived Scheduled Castes (DSC) and 604 posts for Other Scheduled Castes (OSC).

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt starts procuring organic wheat from Bilaspur

The Himachal government started the procurement of organic wheat from Bilaspur. The move comes after the hike in minimum support prices (MSP) for naturally cultivated crops by the state government. Approximately 7.8 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat is likely to be procured this season in the district.

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Himachal Pradesh govt hikes pension given to ex-servicemen and their widows

The Himachal Pradesh government has made a one-time increase of 40 per cent in the pension given to ex-servicemen and their widows through the state Sainik Welfare department. They will now receive a monthly pension of Rs.5,000 instead of Rs.3,000.

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Himachal Pradesh govt notifies Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve

The Himachal Pradesh government notified the Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve by issuing a notification under Section 36A(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act. Its geographical spread makes Tsarap Chu extremely important from the point of view of biodiversity and ecology.

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt increases honorarium of ASHA workers by Rs.1,000

The Karnataka government has issued a Government Order (GO) regarding the release of funds for increasing the honorarium paid to accredited social health activist (ASHA) workers by Rs.1,000. The GO has enabled the release of additional funds for the payment of the additional amount to the remaining 15,004 ASHA workers.

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Karnataka notifies rules for transferring officers and other staff of health dept

The Karnataka government has notified the Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Medical Officers and Other Staff) Rules. It proposes a new framework for transferring medical officers and other staff of the state health department.

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Karnataka's Bengaluru police launches 'BCPChat' app

Karnataka's Bengaluru police have launched a dedicated messaging platform, called 'BCPChat', for the department's internal communication. The app has been designed to support secure, efficient and structured communication within the department.

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Odisha

Odisha govt to give Rs.12,000 for girl child birth under MAMATA-PMMVY

The Odisha Cabinet has approved the proposal to merge 'Mamata' scheme with the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and rechristen it as MAMATA-PMMVY. Under the newly co-branded scheme, financial assistance for mothers giving birth to a girl child will be increased from Rs.10,000 to Rs.12,000.

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Odisha govt to provide NCMC, WhatsApp ticket booking facilities

The state has decided to provide NCMC and WhatsApp ticket booking facilities to Ama Bus passengers to facilitate seamless travel for them. Special focus has been laid on infrastructure development, digital initiatives and the ongoing plan regarding expansion of Ama Bus service to eight new towns in the state.

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Koraput admin to start paddy procurement for rabi season from 25 May

The committee has decided to operate 73 marketing yards across the district to facilitate the process. Specific dates and timings for different blocks will be sorted out by the collector after considering local situations.

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Maharashtra

Traders in Maharashtra's Vashi to stop importing apples from Turkey

The traders at the wholesale Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) in Vashi have decided to stop importing apples from Turkey. The development comes in wake of Turkey's open support for Pakistan amid recent tensions between India and its neighbour.

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Maharashtra govt implements One District, One Registration policy

The state has implemented the One District, One Registration policy to streamline property transactions. The new provision allows property registrations to be conducted at any registration office within the same district, irrespective of the property's location.

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Mumbai police bans assembly of 5 or more persons

Mumbai police has banned the assembly of five or more persons, any procession and the use of loudspeakers, musical bands, amplifying instruments or bursting of crackers in any procession. These restrictions will remain in effect from 17 May to 31 May 2025.

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Madhya Pradesh

Railway Board approves new rail line project between Karhi and Sagma in Madhya Pradesh

The Railway Board has approved a new rail line project between Karhi and Sagma in Madhya Pradesh. The cost of the project has been pegged at Rs.1.6 billion. The proposed chord rail line under the West Central Railway (WCR) zone will be 5.3-km-long.

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State Cabinet approves Rs.470 mln scheme to address elephant menace

The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has approved a scheme worth Rs.470 million to address the growing threat of wild elephants entering villages from the forest corridors of Chhattisgarh. This scheme aims to protect at least three districts that lie along the state border and are most vulnerable to such incidents.

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Madhya Pradesh CS reviews emergency management system

Madhya Pradesh chief secretary (CS) Anurag Jain reviewed the emergency management system across the state on 11 May 2025. The war-like situation between India and Pakistan has exposed the fragility of the emergency management system of the state.

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Tamil Nadu

Minister inaugurates new gymnasium at tennis complex in Chennai

Tamil Nadu deputy chief minister Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated a new gymnasium at the tennis complex in Chennai's Nungambakkam. The gymnasium has been set up at a cost of Rs.5 million.

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CGIAR launches new Climate Action Plan for Tamil Nadu's drought and flood-prone districts

The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research Centres (CGIAR) launched a new Climate Action Plan for Tamil Nadu. The plan will help communities better manage climate risks, especially in districts that frequently experience droughts or floods.

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New integrated bus terminal in Tamil Nadu's Panjapur to open soon

The new integrated bus terminal at Panjapur in Tamil Nadu is expected to become operational soon. Round-the-clock vigil is being maintained by police teams on the premises which is located off the busy Tiruchi-Madurai national highway.

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Kerala

Kerala govt sanctions Rs.30 mln special package for paddy procurement

The Kerala government has sanctioned Rs.30 million special package for the procurement of paddy from 'Paadasekharams' in the Kuttanad region that was hit by the intrusion of saline water. Mill owners had declined to lift the harvested paddy citing poor quality, forcing the state government to come up with a solution.

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Kerala PWD minister inaugurates road projects

Kerala public works department (PWD) minister PA Mohamed Riyas inaugurated over 50 roads constructed by the state PWD in different districts. Besides this, 12 smart roads developed under the Smart City Mission were also unveiled in Thiruvananthapuram.

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Kerala fire dept to get advanced tools for future disaster response

The Kerala fire & rescue services department has decided to equip its units with advanced tools for future disaster response. Apart of it, the department will procure state-of-the-art drones and life detectors designed to locate people trapped under debris. The department has invited tenders to buy two life detectors, each priced at Rs.8.9 million.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan govt pledges to elevate economy to USD 350 bln scale by 2030

The Rajasthan government has pledged to elevate the state's economy to a USD 350 billion scale by 2030. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma said that the swift execution of investment agreements from the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit will be crucial for achieving this economic target.

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Rajasthan govt begins recruitment process in different departments

The Rajasthan government has commenced the recruitment process for nearly 188,000 posts in different government departments. The state police department has announced an increase in the number of constables to be recruited from 9,617 to 10,000.

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Rajasthan government to organise Esports Championship

The Rajasthan Youth Board (Youth Affairs & Sports Department, Government of Rajasthan), in collaboration with AA Gaming, announced the Rajasthan State Esports Championship (RSEC).

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Punjab

13 MMT of wheat procured in Punjab

A total of 13 million metric tonnes (MMT) of wheat has been procured in Punjab till the closure of the procurement season on 15 May 2025. The information was shared by state food and civil supplies minister Lal Chand Kataruchak on 16 May 2025. With this, the entire wheat stock that arrived in the grain markets has been procured.

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Punjab govt launches DSR technique for kharif season

The Punjab government has launched the direct seeding of rice (DSR) technique for the upcoming kharif season. The initiative, which is expected to save 15-20 per cent of the state's groundwater, aims to ease the financial burden on farmers. DSR is a cultivation method where paddy seeds are planted directly into the soil, eliminating the need for nursery growth and transplanting, which require fully watered conditions.

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Telangana

Telangana govt procures 5 MMT of paddy

As of 15 May 2025, paddy procurement in Telangana crossed five million metric tonnes (MMT). Paddy procured during the corresponding period was 2.5 MMT.

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Telangana's Rajanna Sircilla admin set to implement sand tax system

Rajanna Sircilla administration is set to implement a sand tax system to curb illegal sand transportation. The sand transporters have been ordered to register their vehicle ownership documents with the concerned section and submit a demand draft of Rs.10,000.

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Telangana's power demand grows by 9.8%

The power demand in the state reached a record high of 17,162 MW this year, an increase of 9.8 per cent over the last year. Furthermore, the energy demand is estimated to go up to 18,138 MW in 2025-26 and subsequently to 31,808 MW by 2034-35.

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Telangana govt plans to launch new scheme for regularisation of houses

The Telangana government is planning to launch a new scheme for the regularisation of the houses constructed on government lands. The concerned officials, who are currently studying the Government Order (GO) 59 issued by the previous government for the regularisation of such houses, will soon come out with a new fee structure for this purpose.

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North-East

Meghalaya CM allocates Rs.300 mln for Living Root Experience Centre

CM Conrad K Sangma has announced an allocation of Rs.300 million for the development of the Living Root Experience Centre at Wahlyngkhat in Pynursla. The project will also include the upgradation of the trekking route leading to the iconic Living Root Bridges, ensuring a better experience for tourists and hikers.

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Tripura govt to introduce transfer policy for its officers and employees

The Tripura government has decided to introduce a comprehensive transfer policy for its officers and employees. A draft of the policy has been prepared, which will be presented in the state Cabinet soon. This policy is aimed at improving administrative efficiency and employee welfare.

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Assam govt announces prices of subsidised sugar, salt & masur dal

The Assam government announced the prices of subsidised sugar, salt and masur dal. Post government subsidy, the final cost to consumers will be masur dal at Rs.69 per kg, sugar at Rs.38 per kg and salt Rs.10 per kg. The three commodities would be distributed under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) from October 2025.

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Manipur govt extends services of 10,500 VDF personnel till 31 March 2026

The Manipur government has extended the services of 10,500 Village Defence Force (VDF) personnel by one year, i.e., till 31 March 2026. The decision underscores the vital role VDF members play in assisting the state police in maintaining public safety and law & order.

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Meghalaya govt introduces green deposit to protect eco-sensitive locations

The Meghalaya government has introduced the concept of a green deposit to ensure that eco-sensitive tourist locations are not flooded by litter and overcrowding. Under the initiative, tourists visiting eco-sensitive sites will be required to pay a deposit at the entry point if they are carrying plastic bottles.

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Meghalaya govt to explore coffee & cocoa plantations

The Meghalaya government will explore coffee and cocoa plantations as a means to provide an alternative livelihood to people. The purpose is to protect catchment areas and water sources across the state.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt to launch health policy

The State government will soon launch a new health policy to enhance hospital infrastructure across the state. Under the new policy, 200-bedded super-specialty hospitals will be established in 17 municipal corporations and 57 district headquarters.

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Uttar Pradesh govt to establish civil defence system in all 75 districts

The state has decided to strengthen the state's internal security apparatus. This comes following the recent tensions between India and Pakistan. The civil defence system, currently operational in 15 districts, will now be established across all the 75 districts in the state.

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UP plans to make Dudhwa National Park as global eco-tourism hotspot

The state is planning to make the Dudhwa National Park a global eco-tourism hotspot, as per Hindustan Times. On 15 May 2025, the Uttar Pradesh Eco-tourism Development Board conducted an extensive discussion on the same with tour and travel operators.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand CM unveils 18 development projects worth Rs.1.1 bln

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 18 development projects worth Rs.1.1 billion. These projects are aimed at boosting infrastructure, tourism, water supply and connectivity in the Champawat. As part of it, 13 projects worth Rs.478.6 million have been inaugurated, while foundation stones have been laid for five new projects valued at Rs.657.8 million.

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Uttarakhand govt takes key decisions

The Uttarakhand government has decided to create new cow shelters for more than 16,000 stray and homeless cattle with no owners. Currently, 15 cow shelters are operating in the state. In addition, the state government has approved the child policy and feasibility of ropeway routes at 50 hill sites newly identified by the state tourism department.

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Uttarakhand secures funds worth Rs.19.1 bln from EIB

The Uttarakhand has secured a substantial financial support amounting to Rs.19.1 billion from the European Investment Bank (EIB) for urban infrastructure development. The project records will be signed in June 2025 and the tender process will commence thereafter.

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Union Territories

Puducherry admin to provide 10% reservation for govt school students

The Puducherry administration is planning to provide 10 per cent reservation for government school students in non-medical courses in the union territory. The move is aimed at encouraging more students to join government schools.

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CAQM invokes GRAP Stage-I in Delhi-NCR

the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) invoked the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) Stage-I in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR). The decision was taken by the sub-committee on GRAP considering the national capital's deteriorating air quality.

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Delhi transport dept forms expert committee to review draft EV policy

The Delhi transport department has formed a nine-member expert committee to review the draft electric vehicle (EV) policy and revise provisions. These include phasing out compressed natural gas (CNG) auto-rickshaws and fossil fuel-based two-wheelers. The committee is expected to submit a revised draft by 20 June 2025.

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Delhi govt to launch campaign to promote tourism

The Delhi government is planning to launch a 'Branding Delhi' campaign with an aim to transform the city into a global tourism hub. The campaign will showcase film festivals, tourism circuits, vibrant art and investment programmes to promote the city's rich cultural identity.

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West Bengal

SC asks West Bengal govt to pay 25% DA to employees

The Supreme Court directed the West Bengal government to pay 25 per cent DA to its employees. The court gave the state government three months to make the payment. The decision came from a bench comprising Justices Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta.

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West Bengal identifies land for entertainment, technology and creativity hub

The West Bengal government has identified around 10 hectares of land in New Town, Kolkata to set up an entertainment, technology and creativity hub. The aim is to make the township a one-stop destination for cultural activities.

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