



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh govt launches Price Support Scheme

The Andhra Pradesh government has launched a Price Support Scheme to procure jowar at the minimum support price (MSP) of INR3,371 per quintal for the rabi 2024-25 season. The aim is to prevent distress sales by farmers as market prices are expected to fall.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt to double aid provided during fishing ban

The Andhra Pradesh government has launched the 'Matsyakara Cheyutha' scheme. The aim is to provide support to fishermen during the annual fishing ban period. Under the initiative, the financial assistance previously provided to eligible fishermen families has been doubled from INR10,000 to Rs.20,000 per annum.

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### Free skill development programmes launched for farming families in Amaravati

The APCRDA has launched free skill development programmes targeting women and youth from farming families in Amaravati. Training sessions in tailoring, assistant electrician work & surveying and basic computer skills are underway.

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### Eluru admin aims to cover 8,500 hectares under micro-irrigation scheme

Andhra Pradesh's Eluru administration has set an irrigation target to cover 8,500 hectares under the Andhra Pradesh Micro-Irrigation Scheme. Since the scheme's inception in 2003-04, it has been implemented across 115,329 hectares, benefiting 93,003 farmers.

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## Bihar

### Bihar govt approves INR159.9 billion as subsidy for power consumers

The Bihar government has approved INR159.9 billion as subsidy for power consumers during 2025-26. The sum has been sanctioned under the Mukhya Mantri Vidyut Upbhokta Sahayta Yojana. Besides this, the state government has given nod to carry out the pre-feasibility study to start commercial flight operations from six towns of the state.

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### PM lays foundation stones & inaugurates projects worth INR134.8 in Bihar

PM Narendra Modi laid foundation stones and inaugurated various projects worth over INR134.8 billion in Madhubani, Bihar. He laid the foundation stone of a liquid petroleum gas bottling plant with a rail unloading facility at Hathua in Gopalganj worth around INR3.4 billion.

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## Chhattisgarh

### State empowers district registrars, sub-registrars to execute land transfer deeds

The Chhattisgarh government has issued a directive empowering district registrars and sub-registrars with the authority to execute land transfer deeds based on registered sales. The move aims to ease the process of land ownership transfer.

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### IGKV signs MoU to increase utility and application of drones in agriculture

The Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) in Chhattisgarh has signed an MoU with the Catalyst Foundation to increase the utility and application of drones in agriculture. Students, youths and farmers associated with the university will receive training in drone operation, maintenance, repair & overhauling.

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### ITBP establishes fifth forward base at Nelangur in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has established its fifth and final forward base at Nelangur in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district. It has set up five new Company Operating Bases (COB) in the last three months in the deeply insurgency-affected Abujmahar region.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat govt to launch intensive drive to immunise children

The state will launch an intensive drive to immunise children against measles and rubella. The initiative aims to eradicate the diseases in the state by 2026. As part of the universal immunisation programme, the first dose of the measles & rubella vaccine is given to a child at 9-12 months and the second dose at 16-24 months to ensure protection.

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### CM grants in-principle approval for development works worth INR12 billion

CM Bhupendra Patel has granted in-principle approval for development works worth INR12 billion under the Swarnim Jayanti Mukhya Mantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana. These funds have been allocated for roads, drainage, street lights and sanitation, along with other facilities.

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### CM inaugurates expanded HCG Aastha Cancer Centre

CM Bhupendra Patel has inaugurated the expanded HCG Aastha Cancer Centre with 217 beds. It includes 23 surgical intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 10 medical ICU beds, 23 daycare beds, 16 pre- and post-operative beds and six bone marrow transplant (BMT) units.

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## Goa

### Goa govt proposes hike of 5.9 per cent in power tariff for FY 2025-26

The Goa electricity department has proposed a hike of 5.9 per cent in power tariff across all categories of consumers for the financial year (FY) 2025-26. The department proposed a hike in fixed charges from Rs.20 per KW per month to Rs.20.6 for low tension domestic consumers.

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### Goa to get its first Veterinary College

Goa is set to get its first Veterinary College which will commence operations in the upcoming academic year. The CM has directed the concerned officials to adhere to strict timelines and ensure seamless coordination with the Centre.

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### GFDC introduces scheme to boost cashew production in Goa

The Goa Forest Development Corporation has introduced a scheme, called 'Financial Assistance for Rejuvenation of Cashew Plantation'. As part of it, the corporation will take up the rejuvenation of nearly 1,780 hectares of cashew plantation in the next three years.

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## Haryana

### SLEC approves INR220.9 million action plan for modernisation of police forces

The Haryana SLEC has approved the INR220.9 million State Action Plan for Modernisation of Police Forces for FY 2025-26. The plan includes the procurement of advanced arms & equipment, image & video enhancement software, facial recognition & comparison software, polygraph system with accessories, next-generation sequencer etc.

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### Haryana govt to set up compressed biogas plants in 11 sugar mills

The Haryana government has decided to set up compressed biogas (CBG) plants in 11 sugar mills across the state. These plants will convert residue generated by sugar mills into biogas. The sugar mills selected for the installation of these plants are located in Panipat, Shahabad, Karnal, Rohtak, Sonapat, Jind, Palwal, Meham, Kaithal, Gohana and Assandh.

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### Haryana introduces OTS scheme to offer tax relief, waive penalties for traders

Under the scheme, a taxpayer with an outstanding tax liability of INR1 million would need to pay only INR360,000 after availing a waiver of INR100,000 and shall be required to pay only 40 per cent of the remaining amount.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh govt to spend INR20 billion on agriculture and horticulture

The State Government has decided to spend INR20 billion to strengthen the agriculture and horticulture sectors and boost rural economy. The Him Ganga Yojana has been launched on a pilot basis in Hamirpur and Kangra districts with an aim to increase milk production.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt bans PET bottles from 1 June

The state government has banned polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles from 1 June 2025. This decision has been taken keeping in view the widespread use of PET water bottles that have raised significant environmental concerns due to the high potential for littering.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt introduces natural farming cess under excise policy

The Himachal Pradesh government has introduced natural farming cess on liquor under its new excise policy. A cess of INR2 per bottle will be imposed on desi liquor, while foreign & Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) will carry a cess of INR5 per bottle.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt to distribute 100,000 title deeds to residents of tandas, hattis

The Karnataka government has decided to distribute around 100,000 title deeds to residents living in tandas and hattis on 20 May 2025. The plan is to distribute title deeds to 200,000 families by the end of this year.

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### Karnataka govt set to confiscate illegal residential layouts

The Karnataka government is all set to confiscate illegal residential layouts, following the Supreme Court (SC) directions. This will be applicable only to those layouts coming up now and in the future, said state revenue minister Krishna Byre Gowda. On 17 December 2024, the SC had stated that unauthorised constructions cannot be legitimised merely due to administrative delays, passage of time or monetary investment.

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### Karnataka govt to establish international cricket stadium in Mysuru

The Karnataka government has decided to establish the state's second international cricket stadium in Mysuru. The information was shared by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. He further listed out projects worth Rs.36.4 billion for the development of the Mysuru division.

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## Odisha

### Odisha Cabinet approves Rs.1 billion for Anandapur Barrage Project

The Odisha Cabinet has approved INR1 billion for the Anandapur Barrage Project. The aim is to irrigate 60,000 hectares in Keonjhar and Balasore districts. The state Cabinet has also amended the Odisha Children's and Women's Welfare Service Rules.

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### Rabi paddy procurement to begin in 20 districts of Odisha on 1 May

The procurement of paddy for rabi season in 20 districts of Odisha will begin on 1 May and conclude on 30 June 2025. The information was shared by state chief secretary Manoj Ahuja on 25 April 2025. The state government has made extensive preparations for the purchase of paddy from farmers in the current rabi season.

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### CM approves proposal for increasing allowances, incentives of police

CM Mohan Charan Majhi has approved the state home department's proposal for increasing the allowances and incentives of police personnel. Following this, the uniform allowance for inspectors has been doubled from Rs.4,300 per annum to Rs.8,600 per annum, while that for sub-inspectors and assistant sub-inspectors has been raised from Rs.4,200 per annum to Rs.8,400 per annum.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra govt to introduce 'no denial' policy for all hospitals

Maharashtra has decided to introduce a 'no denial' policy for all hospitals. The state government is also mulling introducing a health response tracker to monitor how patients are treated, a dedicated helpline for pregnant women and a rapid response team.

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### Maharashtra CM approves 2 helipads, 8 parking lots at Shirdi airport

CM Devendra Fadnavis approved the construction of two helipads and eight parking lots at Shirdi airport along with its expansion & modernisation. This has come in view of the upcoming Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Kumbh Mela.

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### Maharashtra govt to establish Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority

The State has decided to establish a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) in the state. The authority will integrate various modes of public transport, standardize tariffs and improve last-mile connectivity.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### MP govt not to give benefits to farmers engaged in stubble burning

The state has decided not to give benefits under the CM Kisan Kalyan Scheme to farmers who engage in stubble burning. Also, their crops will not be purchased at the MSP. The decision will come into effect from 1 May 2025. Notably, the eligible farmers of the state receive monetary assistance of INR6,000 every year under the scheme.

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### Electric buses likely to be introduced in 6 major cities of Madhya Pradesh

Electric buses are likely to be introduced in six major cities of Madhya Pradesh. These include Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain and Sagar. These buses are part of a central government initiative to launch over 6,500 e-buses in 88 cities across India. The bus fares will be cheaper compared to the current local buses.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt plans to set up Telecom Manufacturing Zone in Gwalior

The MP government is planning to set up a Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior. A proposal in this regard has been sent for the Centre's approval. Once cleared, the telecom hub will attract more than INR120 billion investment in the sector and is likely to create 5,000 job opportunities.

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## Tamil Nadu

### ELCOT to roll out distribution of free laptops/tablets to 1 college students

The Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) will roll out the distribution of free laptops or tablets to one million college students in Tamil Nadu. A sum of INR20 billion has been allocated for the same in the state Budget for the financial year (FY) 2025-26.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to set up industrial park for Taiwanese companies

The state has decided to set up a dedicated industrial park for Taiwanese companies that are a key contributor to foreign direct investment in the state. The park will be established in Chennai to attract investment worth Rs.100 billion and create jobs for 20,000 people.

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### State sanctions rehabilitation of Kuranthe ganpallam Odai Irrigation System

The state has given an administrative sanction for the rehabilitation of the Kuranthe ganpallam Odai Irrigation System in Erode. The system provides irrigation facilities for 3,642.1 hectares of agricultural land in Modakurichi and Kodumudi areas of the district.

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## Kerala

### Kerala govt to revamp IPR policy after 17 years

The Kerala government has decided to revamp its Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy after 17 years. The policy would feature a new Traditional Knowledge Authority, a Docketing System and the launch of Mission IPR to boost intellectual property (IP) administration. A draft of the IPR policy proposes wide-ranging reforms aimed at modernising the state's IP governance framework.

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### Kerala govt amends liquor rules to permit sale of legal alcohol in IT parks

The state has amended the liquor rules to permit the sale of legal alcohol in designated IT parks. It initiated a new sub-rule to introduce Foreign Liquor Information Technology Park Lounge Licence. The licence shall be granted in the name of developers of the IT park.

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### CSIR-NIIST establishes pilot plant for FKR in Kerala

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology has established a pilot plant for fortified rice kernels. The aim is to address the nutritional needs of vulnerable population groups like children, pregnant women and others.

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## Rajasthan

### IMD forecasts heatwave conditions over Rajasthan

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heatwave conditions over Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab during next four days. It has also predicted hot and humid weather is likely to prevail over Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

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### Vedanta Group plans potash mining venture

Vedanta is set to foray into potash mining and is targeting a block in Rajasthan that has a strong possibility of containing lithium reserves as well.

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### Rajasthan govt charts strategy to develop adventure tourism segment

Rajasthan has set its sights on developing adventure tourism in the state, according to a tourism department official. The official said that the plan, which is part of the state's tourism policy, is to provide a framework to entrepreneurs to set up adventure tourism projects.

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## Punjab

### Punjab govt to provide all services related to various depts through unified online portal

The Punjab government has decided to establish a project management unit (PMU) to provide all services related to various government departments through a unified online portal. The information was shared by state good governance and information technology minister Aman Arora on 25 April 2025. The main objective is to bring all the offline services onto a unified online portal, enabling citizens to apply anytime, from anywhere.

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### Punjab govt approves key decisions

The Punjab government has hiked the monthly honorarium for sarpanches to Rs.2,000. Besides this, the state government has decided to overhaul the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Under the revised policy, work will be allotted during lean periods when other employment opportunities are scarce.

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## Telangana

### Telangana to reintroduce crop insurance scheme in upcoming kharif season

The Telangana government is planning to reintroduce the comprehensive crop insurance scheme in the ensuing kharif season. The state, which opted out of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in 2020, has decided to rejoin the central scheme. Under the scheme, farmers would have to pay a two per cent premium for their kharif crops and 1.5 per cent on their rabi crops, with the rest being shared by the state and central governments.

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### 2,500 agro-processing enterprises to be established in Telangana

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics and the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty have signed an agreement to establish 2,500 agro-processing enterprises in Telangana by 2028. The project aims to enhance technical skills, strengthen quality control and improve access to both domestic and international markets.

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### NDSA submits final report on Telangana's Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme

The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), in its final report on Telangana's Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), has recommended the preparation of a rehabilitation design for the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages.

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## North-East

### DoNER approves INR1.3 billion project to promote Tripura's pineapples

The Union Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has approved a INR1.3 billion project to promote Tripura's famed queen variety of pineapples globally. This comes after the state government submitted a detailed proposal to the ministry to explore international markets for the fruit.

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### Assam sets aside INR2.5 billion for holistic development of Gauhati University

The Assam government has set aside INR2.5 billion for the holistic development of the Gauhati University. The information was shared by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on 25 April 2025. He further assured new graduates that the state government will create ample opportunities for them to pursue their dreams in the state.

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### Assam govt revises material cost for mid-day meals under PM POSHAN

The Assam has revised material cost for mid-day meals in schools under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme. The hike will be effective from 1 May 2025. According to the revised rates, the material cost per student per day will be INR6.7 for Balvatika & lower primary schools and INR10.1 for upper primary schools.

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### Sikkim CM gives 20 per cent quota to Agniveers in state police

CM Prem Singh Tamang has announced a 20 per cent quota for Agniveers in the state police. Besides this, a 10-year relaxation in the standard upper age limit has been introduced for ex-servicemen who have completed at least six months in the Armed forces.

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### Nagaland govt takes steps to strengthen Aadhaar infrastructure

The Nagaland government has initiated a renewed step to strengthen Aadhaar infrastructure and improve enrollment rates among children aged zero to five years across the state. Over 24 fingerprint scanners and 24 smartphones have been given to the state department of economics and statistics for the same.

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### Tripura govt to conduct intensive Aadhaar enrollment drive for children

The Tripura government is preparing to conduct an intensive Aadhaar enrollment drive for children within the next three months to boost the coverage rate. The state has an estimated 287,000 children in the age group of zero to five years.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh records most enrollments under APY

Uttar Pradesh has the most enrollments under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), with over 12 million people registered. The top five districts in the state in terms of new enrollments are Prayagraj, Lucknow, Bareilly, Fatehpur and Kanpur Nagar.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt sets target of tripling its exports by 2030

The Uttar Pradesh government has set a target of tripling its exports by 2030. This comes as the ongoing tariff war between the United States and China has provided an opportunity for the state. Uttar Pradesh, with its improving law & order situation, world-class infrastructure and abundant skilled workforce, is positioning itself as a preferred investment destination.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to establish Outsource Service Corporation

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to establish the Uttar Pradesh Outsource Service Corporation (UPCOS). The aim is to streamline labour entitlements and fair remuneration of outsourced workers in the administration.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand CM lays foundation stone for rafting base station in Rishikesh

CM Pushkar Singh Dhama laid the foundation stone for the Iconic City Rishikesh Rafting Base Station under phase-I of the Rishikesh Ganga Corridor Project. In the first phase, the rafting base station will be constructed from Shivpuri to Muni Ki Reti. A financial assistance of INR1 billion has been approved by the Centre for the same.

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### GST collection in Uttarakhand records increase of 11 per cent

The GST collection has recorded an increase of 11 per cent within a year. The revenue collected in 2023-24 was INR84 billion, which rose to INR93.6 billion. As per the state tax department, the GST collected in March 2025 stood at INR17.4 billion.

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### CM inaugurates automated driving test tracks

CM Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated an automated driving test track in Kashipur, Haridwar and Rishikesh on 23 April 2025. This facility would bring transparency to the driving license process and contribute to improved road safety.

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## Union Territories

### Delhi govt to revamp DFS by spending INR5 billion

The state has decided to revamp the Delhi Fire Services (DFS). The aim is to transform it into the most advanced firefighting service in the country. The government has allocated INR5 billion to the service of which Rs.110 crore will be used to buy new equipment.

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### Delhi govt to introduce 'Adopt a Flyover' policy

The Delhi government has decided to introduce a policy called 'Adopt a Flyover', said PWD minister Parvesh Sahib Singh. The policy is expected to encourage public sector undertakings, private companies, non-profit organisations (NPO) and other institutions to take up the onus of beautifying flyovers & utilising the spaces beneath them.

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### Centre and Delhi govt to tap Ganga water for cleaning Yamuna

The Centre and Delhi government have finalised a plan to augment its water flow by diverting Ganga river water from the Upper Ganga Canal (UGC) into the Yamuna. The move aims to clean the Yamuna river in the national capital. The plan is at an advanced stage and finer details are being worked out.

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### Delhi govt finalises 70 locations to set up Ayushman Arogya Mandirs

The Delhi government has finalised as many as 70 locations in the city for setting up the first-of-its-kind Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. The public works department (PWD) is responsible for setting up the medical centres and has been directed to finish the work by 31 May 2025.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal Cabinet to construct 100 MW solar power plant at Goaltore

The West Bengal Cabinet approved the construction of a 100 MW solar power plant at Goaltore in Paschim Medinipore district. The information was shared by irrigation minister Manas Bhunia. The estimated cost of the project is INR6.8 billion.

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### West Bengal govt to build 5 major ferry terminals

The West Bengal government has decided to build five new major ferry terminals. These will come up at Chinsurah, Howrah, Nazirgunge, Panihati and Shipping Ghat. The aim is to strengthen the state's inland water transport (IWT) network, modernise the river transport infrastructure and meet the growing demand for ferry services.

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