



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh becomes top banana-producing state in India

Andhra Pradesh produced 5.6 million tonnes (mt) of bananas in 2022-23. The state accounted for 16.5 per cent of the country's total banana yield during the year. With this, it has become the top banana-producing state in India.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt starts releasing water downstream to Prakasam barrage in Vijayawada

The flow of water in the Krishna river has increased due to heavy rains in the upper reaches. Considering this, the authorities concerned have started releasing water downstream to the Prakasam barrage in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, to manage the flood flow.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt starts works on Vizag Metro Project

The Andhra Pradesh government is working on the Vizag Metro Project, considering the need for metro rail system to meet the growing transportation demands of people. The Urban Mass Transit Company (UMTC) has been selected as the consultant for the project and has prepared the designs & detailed project report (DPR).

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## Bihar

### Bihar govt to install T-HCBS in all prisons

The Bihar government has decided to install 'Towers of the Harmonious Call Blocking System (T-HCBS)' in all 15 prisons of the state. These include those in Patna, Buxar, Motohari, Muzaffarpur, Purnea, Bhagalpur, Gaya, etc.

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### Centre urged to allocate atleast 4 SEZs for Bihar

Bihar industries minister Samir Kumar Mahaseth has urged the Centre to allocate at least four special economic zones (SEZs) in the state. This will help in paving the way for fresh investment opportunities in the state.

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### Bihar govt to develop 'Punaura Dham Janki Mandir'

The Bihar government approved the development of the 'Punaura Dham Janki Mandir' in Sitamarhi district. The decision was taken at a state Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

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## Goa

### Goa to introduce Beach Shack Policy

The Goa government plans to introduce its Beach Shack Policy. The state's tourism department will be finalising the policy after consultation with the Shack Owners' Welfare Society (SOWS).

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### Makeover for Old Goa church complex with new public utilities

Under the Union tourism ministry's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme, INR20 crore will be spent to give the Old Goa church complex a makeover.

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### Goa govt set to spend INR177crore in areas hit by mining closure

The directorate of mines and geology has decided to identify projects that will benefit the people affected by the closure of mining operations in the state. In all, INR177 crore will be spent in the affected areas of the state.

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## Gujarat

### Ahead of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, Gujarat govt signs 14 MoUs so far

The Gujarat government has signed four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in preparation for the Vibrant Summit-2024, cementing investments totaling INR1,113 crore. The tenth Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, which will take place in January 2024, intends to establish Gujarat as a premier investment destination.

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### Gujarat tops in manufacturing solar photovoltaic modules

Gujarat has topped the country in terms of manufacturing solar photovoltaic (PV) modules. The state has 32 solar enlisted module manufacturers, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra with seven plants each.

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### Operations Commence at Greenfield Rajkot International Airport

Gujarat's greenfield Rajkot International Airport officially began its flight operations on 10 September in Hirasar. The airport is newly built and situated on the Rajkot-Ahmedabad highway, approximately 30 km away from Rajkot City and the previous Rajkot Airport.

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt to roll out scheme to improve roads in villages merged into urban areas

The Haryana government has decided to come up with a scheme to improve road infrastructure in villages that have been incorporated into urban areas.

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### Haryana govt increases wages of contractual staff recruited under HKRNL by 10-20 per cent

The Haryana government has increased wages of contractual staff recruited under the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited (HKRNL) by 10-20 per cent. The move has come ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections.

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### Haryana minister lays foundation for 13.2 MLD water works project

Haryana public health engineering minister Banwari Lal laid the foundation stone for a 13.2 million litres per day (MLD) water works project in Mahendragarh. The cost of the project has been pegged at INR 235.16 lakh.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### SC backs up validity of Himachal Pradesh Passengers & Goods (Amendment & Validation) Act

The Supreme Court (SC) has backed up the validity of the Himachal Pradesh Passengers and Goods (Amendment and Validation) Act. It imposes a tax on transport vehicles carrying passengers free of cost, including employers' vehicles transporting their employees and their children.

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### Centre urged to waive off farm loans of KCC holders in Himachal Pradesh

Fruit, Vegetable & Flower Growers Association (FV&FGA) has urged the Centre to waive off all farm loans of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders in Himachal Pradesh as their crops have been damaged in heavy rainfall.

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### HP govt bans cutting of hills for private development & construction activity

The Himachal Pradesh government banned cutting of hills for any kind of private development and construction activity in the entire state.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt includes transgenders in OBC category

The Jharkhand government has included transgenders in the category of Other Backward Caste (OBC) in a first-of-its-kind initiative. The aim is to allow them to avail the benefits of reservation in government jobs.

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### Jharkhand govt opposes amendment to Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act

The proposed modifications to a law governing coalfields that allow for indefinite leases to state-run miners and diversion of unused acquired land to private entities would hamper the interests of Jharkhand, the state government has said in a letter to the Centre.

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### J'khand CM inaugurates lays foundation for 114 projects worth INR159 crore

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday inaugurated and laid the foundation for 114 projects worth INR159 crore in Godda district.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt to levy service charge per card under Shakti scheme

The Karnataka Cabinet has announced that a service charge of INR14.1 per card would be levied on each beneficiary under the Shakti scheme. The programme allows female passengers to ride for free in regular buses operated by all road transport corporations.

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### 4 Karnataka depts to work together for reducing cases of atrocities against SCs, STs

As many as four departments in Karnataka have been asked to work together to reduce cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST) and to ensure proper handling of registered cases.

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### Karnataka's Bengaluru to get app for effective monitoring of vector-borne disease

The Karnataka health department and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have partnered to launch a mobile application for effective monitoring of vector-borne disease.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### MPJNM invites bids for multi-village water supply scheme in Raisen, Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit (MPJNM) has invited bids for the execution of a multi-village drinking water supply scheme on a turnkey job basis in Raisen, Madhya Pradesh.

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### Madhya Pradesh CM inaugurates Sagar Multi Specialty Hospital in Bhopal

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the newly-constructed 300-bedded Sagar Multi Specialty Hospital in Bhopal. The hospital has 80 intensive care unit (ICU) beds, 10 operation theatres, eight centres of excellence and a round-the-clock emergency & trauma centre.

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## Maharashtra

### Farmers in Maharashtra's Buldhana get access to AG365 drones

Farmers in the Buldhana area of Maharashtra have been given access to AG365 drones. The move has come as part of a collaboration between the state government and Marut Drones. The aim is to foster technology breakthroughs in agriculture.

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### Average wholesale price of tomato reduces to INR110 per crate

The average wholesale price of tomato has reduced from INR2,000 per crate to INR110 per crate at three wholesale markets in Nashik district of Maharashtra. These include Pimpalgaon, Nashik and Lasalgaon.

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### MahaRERA clears 323 project registration applications in last 3 months

The MahaRERA cleared 323 of the total 1,100 project registration applications in the last three months after due verification by the respective local bodies. A majority of the applications cleared were from Pune district (117), followed by Raigad (52), Thane (48) and Mumbai suburban (35).

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### NAREDCO Maharashtra to set up fund for real estate

NAREDCO Maharashtra plans to set-up a RealTech Fund (RTF) with an initial corpus of INR50 crore which will be further scaled up as per the response to the fund.

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## North-East

### Arunachal Pradesh Assembly passes Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill

The assembly has passed the state Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill. Certain Changes in the Bill have been made based on recommendations by the GST Council.

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### Assam CM rolls out infrastructure projects worth INR767 crore

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma rolled out various infrastructure projects worth INR767 crore in Cachar and Hailakandi districts.

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### Foundation stone laid for wellness park in Gangtok, Sikkim

A number of facilities including physiotherapy, doctors, medication, exercise points, gym, library, indoor games, breastfeeding, jogging, etc., will be available in the park.

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## Odisha

### Odisha's Ganjam to get green hydrogen and ammonia manufacturing unit

Odisha's Ganjam district is set to get a green hydrogen and ammonia manufacturing unit, which will be set up by renewable energy company Avaada Group.

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### Odisha CM flags off 190 new police vehicles

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik dedicated 190 new police vehicles. The objective is to enhance the operational capacities of the law and enforcement agency.

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## Punjab

### Punjab's PWRDA unveils portal to seek permission for groundwater extraction

The portal will allow users to request permissions under the Punjab Ground Water Extraction & Conservation Directions for the operation of drilling rigs, water tankers and wells.

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### Punjab CM hikes stipend of newly-appointed patwaris

CM Bhagwant Mann handed over appointment letters to 710 patwaris today. The stipend of these patwaris has also been increased from INR5,000 per month to INR18,000 per month.

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## Tamil Nadu

### TN govt allocates INR75.06 crore to enhance combined water supply scheme

The state government has allocated a sum of INR75.06 crore for enhancing the current combined water supply scheme for Pudukottai municipality and some other locations.

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### GN Mills flyover in Tamil Nadu thrown open for public

The 1.7-km GN Mills flyover in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore has been thrown open for the public. It has been constructed at a cost of INR30 crore.

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### TANCAM to come up with electric engine for fishermen in Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu Centre for Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM) has tied up with Dassault Systemes to come up with an electric engine that will not get exposed to water and has the potential to run on solar power or battery.

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### TN govt revises seigniorage fee, area assessment, dead rent, prospecting fee for minor minerals

The development is set to come into force on 5 September 2023. This is expected to help the state government in generating an additional revenue of about INR400 crore a year.

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## Telangana

### Centre clears 30 railway projects in Telangana

The Centre had cleared new railway lines to connect all the 33 districts of Telangana and augment the existing network at an estimated cost of INR83,543 crore for 5,239 km.

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### Another IT hub to come up in Nalgonda, Telangana

The Telangana government is constructing another information technology (IT) hub in Nalgonda district. This comes as part of the efforts to develop the IT sector in tier II towns.

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### Works on Cherlapally railway station in Telangana to be finished by 2023-end

The South Central Railway (SCR) authorities have informed that works on the Cherlapally railway station in Telangana will be finished by the end of 2023. The station is planned to become the new alternate coaching terminal for Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### 8 districts in Uttar Pradesh to become 100 per cent proficient in digital payments

A total of eight districts in Uttar Pradesh will become 100 per cent proficient in digital payments by December 2023. These include Fatehpur, Kannauj, Amroha, Varanasi, Shamli, Maharajganj, Deoria and Bahraich.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to introduce cruise services in religious cities

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to introduce cruise services in religious cities. In Ayodhya, the cruise will operate on an 18-km waterway along the Saryu river from Guptar Ghat to the main city.

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### RBI to intensify monitoring of 59 UCBs in Uttar Pradesh

To safeguard the interests of depositors, the Lucknow region office of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to intensify the monitoring of 59 urban cooperative banks (UCBs) operating in Uttar Pradesh.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt aims to make state's education system best in India

In order to achieve the goal, INR83,000 crore will be spent on education in this financial year. So far, 136,000 council schools have been rejuvenated by the state government with the availability of basic facilities.

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## Uttarakhand

### High Court asks state govt to prepare master plan, tourism development plan for Doon Valley

The Uttarakhand HC instructed the state government to draw up a tourism development plan for Doon valley in the next four weeks.

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### Uttarakhand govt to set up separate rafting rescue force

The Uttarakhand government has decided to set up a separate rafting rescue force. It will be exclusively meant for the safety of tourists who like to have an adventurous experience of crossing the strong currents of the Ganga river.

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## Union Territories

### Delhi Metro tops in metro connectivity length in the country

The Delhi Metro is the longest metro network in the country with a connectivity length of 390 km. The Namma Metro, also known as the Bengaluru Metro, is the second longest operational metro network, with a total length of 68.6 km.

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### State-of-the-art indoor saffron cultivation technology unveiled in J&K's Kishtwar

Jammu & Kashmir's (J&K) Kishtwar deputy commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav unveiled state-of-the-art indoor saffron cultivation technology. The innovative initiative marks a significant step towards revolutionising saffron cultivation practices in the region.

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### Security forces to set up operation post in areas along LoC in J&K

The security forces are setting up operation post to augment the anti-infiltration grid in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). These posts will be set up in areas along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB).

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal to get tea processing and logistics hub

The West Bengal (WB) government is looking to join hands with the Kolkata Port Trust to set up a tea processing hub near Kolkata and a logistics hub in Balagarh. The aim is to enhance the state's export capabilities.

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### Centre awards GI tag to 3 varieties of mangoes from West Bengal's Malda

The Centre has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to as many as three varieties of mangoes from West Bengal's Malda. These include Lakshmanbhog, Fajli and Himsagar. The decision has been taken considering their unique taste and quality.

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### KMRC seeks full funding for East-West Metro's Haldiram extension project

The Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) has taken a significant step towards advancing the long-awaited East-West Metro's Sector V-Haldiram extension project. KMRC has applied to the railway ministry, requesting full funding amounting to Rs 2,265 crore for this critical undertaking.

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