



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh govt sanctions INR200 crore for Jagananna Housing Scheme

AP government sanctioned INR200 crore for Jagananna Housing Scheme beneficiaries in Ongole. District MLA Balineni Srinivas Reddy had been demanding the release of the amount to procure private land and distribute it to the poor & eligible beneficiaries.

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### PM inaugurates new campus of NACIN in Andhra Pradesh

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the new campus of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) at Palasamudram in Andhra Pradesh. The new campus has been established by the Centre at a cost of INR540 crore.

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## Bihar

### Bihar govt to increase size of 'green budget' for financial year 2024-25

The Bihar government has decided to increase the size of its 'green budget' for the financial year 2024-25 as compared to the current fiscal. The move is likely to boost the state's efforts to combat climate change.

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### 3,720 govt health sub-centres across Bihar to be revamped

As many as 3,720 government health sub-centres across Bihar will be revamped by February 2024. As a part of this mission, the concerned officials will ensure that all health sub-centres have proper toilets with doors and lock systems, boundary walls, necessary medicines and deployment of healthcare workers.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Godawari Power and Ispat gets nod for capacity expansion in Chhattisgarh

GPIL has received approval from the government of Chhattisgarh to ramp up capacity of its sponge iron production by around one lakh tonne. The production at the company's site at Siltara Industrial Area in Raipur will be increased to 5.94 lakh tpa on a trial basis.

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### Chhattisgarh govt launches creche scheme to support working mothers

The Chhattisgarh government is set to establish 1500 crèche houses across the state in the current fiscal year to support working women and their children between the ages of six months and six years.

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## Goa

### 15 cos apply to handle iron ore at Goa dumps

Fifteen mining companies have approached state government seeking to handle low-grade iron ore lying at dumps across Goa. Chief minister Pramod Sawant on Sunday said that the allotments will adhere to the Dump Handling Policy.

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### Seafood Festival will take place as scheduled in Goa

After more than two decades, the department of Tourism has decided to organise Goa Seafood Festival at Miramar beach from February 9 to 11 despite submitting an affidavit in the High Court stating that the government will not hold seafood festival on beaches.

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## Gujarat

### New cold store facility to come up at Mehsana in Gujarat

A new cold store facility will be set up at Mehsana in Gujarat, by the Maersk. The facility will come up on over 260,000 square feet at a cost of INR110 crore. It will offer temperature-controlled storage solutions for perishable frozen processed food items.

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### Gujarat CM flags off Vann Setu Chetna Yatra from Umargam

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendrabhai Patel flagged off the Vann Setu Chetna Yatra from Umargam in Valsad. It will be covering the tribal belt of the state across 51 talukas in 13 districts. Its primary motive is to connect the tribal people to the government schemes for which they are eligible.

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### Gujarat govt signs pact worth INR60 crore with Ashnisha Industries Ltd

The Gujarat government has signed a pact worth INR600 crore with the Ashnisha Industries Limited to set up renewable energy projects. The MoU was signed during the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.

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### Gujarat CM inaugurates developmental initiatives of cooperative organisations

Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel recently inaugurated various developmental initiatives of cooperative organisations in Deodar. These include the newly-constructed ultra-modern atta plant with a daily capacity of 50 metric tonnes in Badarpura, Banas Whey Protein Ultra Filtration Plant in Palanpur, among others.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### 100 hectares more to be acquired for satellite township at Jathia Devi in HP

The Himachal Pradesh (HP) government has decided to acquire 100 hectares for setting up a satellite township at Jathia Devi, near the Shimla airport. This is in addition to the already acquired 35 hectares for the much-delayed township project.

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### Ethanol plant to be established in Una, Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to set up an ethanol plant at Jeetpur Behari in Una district. The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and state government would equally share the construction cost of the plant.

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### Chief Minister inaugurates INR150 crore projects in Bhoranj

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu during his one-day visit to Bhoranj Assembly constituency of Hamirpur district inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 12 projects worth INR150 crore for the area.

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt to use drone technology for spraying urea in fields

The Haryana government has decided to use drone technology for spraying urea in the fields. State agriculture department officers have been directed to ensure that this facility reaches every farmer. A target has been set to spray nano urea through drones on around 40,468.5 hectares of land across the state.

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### Haryana to get inter-state fire training centre

Haryana is set to get an inter-state fire training centre. The state fire department will have its own 90-metre hydraulic platform in Sector 8 of Manesar in Gurugram. The centre, spread across 10.1 hectares of land, will immensely benefit the youth of the state.

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### Airbus, Tata Group-owned Air India form JV to launch pilot training centre in Gurugram

Airbus has partnered with Tata group-owned Air India for setting up a pilots training facility in Gurugram, Haryana, under a 50:50 joint venture.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand Governor inaugurates centralised Akshaypatra kitchen in Hazaribag

Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan inaugurated the centralised Akshaypatra kitchen in Hazaribag. The kitchen will serve mid-day meals to 100,000 students from around 800 schools in the district.

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### NBCC India wins orders worth INR138.95 crore for construction projects

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has selected NBCC to construct the Phase-B for JNV Palamu-II in Jharkhand, with the nature of the contract being 'Project Management Consultancy' on a deposit work basis, the company informed the bourses.

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## Punjab

### Punjab government launches state's first human milk bank in Mohali

Punjab launched the state's 1st human milk bank at the Dr. BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences. The Comprehensive Lactation Management Centre is a vital health facility that offers lactation support and management for all mothers within the hospital.

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### Punjab CM seeks investments from envoys of 8 countries

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann met envoys of 8 countries and urged them to invest in the state in sectors such as agriculture, education & sports. He met the ambassadors and high commissioners of Australia, UK, Brazil, Spain, Malaysia & Netherlands, among others.

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## Kerala

### PM dedicates to nation 3 infrastructure projects worth INR4,000 crore at Kochi

PM Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation three major infrastructure projects worth INR4,000 crore at Kochi in Kerala. The projects include the NDD at CSL, ISRF of CSL and LPG Import Terminal of Indian Oil Corporation Limited at Puthuvypeen.

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### US-based data analytics firm Catalyst opens office in Kochi

Catalyst Clinical Research, the US-based MNC has started its office in Kochi with Kerala Industry Minister P Rajeev inaugurating the state-of-the-art facility at Infopark. The data analyst firm has plans to train 200 employees in two years.

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## Karnataka

### Centre sanctions INR340 crore for Mangalore-Mudigere-Tumkur section

The Centre has allocated a sum of INR340 crore for the expansion of the Mangalore-Mudigere-Tumkur section of the national highway (NH)-73 in Karnataka. The strategic investment is intended to transform the existing infrastructure into a two-lane road with paved shoulders.

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### Karnataka STU places order for 1,225 Ashok Leyland buses

Ashok Leyland, a commercial vehicle manufacturer and flagship of the Hinduja Group, announced on January 18 that the company had bagged a repeat order from Karnataka State Transport Undertakings (STUs) for 1,225 fully-built Viking buses to be delivered by April 2024.

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### Karnataka govt signs MoUs worth INR22,000 crore with 7 companies at WEF

Karnataka government signed MoUs worth INR22,000 crore with seven companies at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland. As part of this, the Web Werks has proposed to set up a INR20,000 crore data centre park in the state.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt signs MoUs worth INR23,380 crore with 11 companies

Odisha government signed MoUs worth INR23,380 crore with 11 companies for the execution of various projects. The MoUs were inked at the Enterprise Odisha Summit held at Jharsuguda. The projects will be set up in Jharsuguda, Sambalpur and Sundergarh.

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### Epsilon Carbon Announces INR 10,000 Crore Investment In Odisha

Epsilon Carbon Pvt. Ltd. has inked a transformative MoU with the Government of Odisha, to invest INR 10,000 crore over the next decade. This investment will give rise to an Integrated Carbon Complex (ICC) situated in Jharsuguda, Odisha.

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### JSPL commissions 6 MTPA hot strip mill at Angul steel plant

Jindal Steel and Power (JSP) Ltd announced the commissioning of a 6 MTPA hot strip mill at its steel manufacturing facility in Angul, Odisha. The mill has been commissioned in a record time of 29 months, the hot strip mill (HSM) produced the first set of coils.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh approves implementation of PM JANMAN in 23 districts

Madhya Pradesh Cabinet gave approval for the implementation of the PM JANMAN in 23 districts of the state. The scheme aims to provide pucca houses, piped water supply and roads, especially for the social & economic welfare of vulnerable tribal groups.

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### CCEA approves CIL's proposals for setting up pithead thermal power plants

The CCEA has approved proposals for equity investment by subsidiaries of the CIL to pithead thermal power plants. The SECL will set up a 1\*660 MW supercritical coal-based thermal power plant at the Amarkantak Thermal Power Station in Madhya Pradesh through a joint venture with the Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited.

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### Veera Rana appointed as new chief secretary of Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh government appointed senior IAS officer Veera Rana as the new chief secretary of the state. This has come over a month after she was designated as acting chief secretary following the retirement of incumbent Iqbal S Bains.

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## Maharashtra

### PM inaugurates, lays foundation for projects in Solapur, Maharashtra

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones of several development projects in Solapur, Maharashtra. He also kickstarted the distribution of first and second installments to 10,000 beneficiaries of Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi).

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### Maharashtra govt to launch Film Policy

The Maharashtra government has decided to launch a comprehensive Film Policy. It will support local film makers and provide them with many opportunities. The policy will include a single-window system for obtaining clearances for film shoots at various locations.

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### Maharashtra govt signs MoUs worth INR3.5 lakh crore at WEF

Maharashtra government signed MoUs worth INR3.5 lakh crore at the ongoing World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland. The information was shared by CM Eknath Shinde.

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## Tamil Nadu

### MMC in Tamil Nadu to construct 2 new UPHCs

The Madurai Municipal Corporation (MMC) in Tamil Nadu has decided to construct two new urban primary health centres (UPHCs) at Arapalayam and Alangulam. They will be built at a cost of INR1.2 crore each.

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### Godrej's new Tamil Nadu facility will be first multi-category unit

FMCG giant Godrej's upcoming Tamil Nadu greenfield factory will be its first multi-product facility, where the company will manufacture all its product categories.

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## Telangana

### Telangana receives investments worth INR40,230 crore at WEF

The Telangana government has signed investment deals worth INR40,230 crore at the three-day World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland. This is nearly double the amount the state could muster at Davos last year.

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### Construction university to come up in Telangana

The Telangana government is planning to establish a construction university in the state. Besides this, vocational skill centres and construction academies would be set up in every mandal. About 10,000 youths will be provided technical training in each mandal.

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### Telangana govt plans to set up 3 new greenfield airports

The Telangana government is looking to set up three new greenfield airports at Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad and Mahabubnagar. Plans are underway to revive another three brownfield airports in Warangal, Peddapally and Adilabad districts.

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### Telangana govt signs 4 MoUs worth over INR12,400 crore

The Telangana government signed as many as four MoUs worth over INR12,400 crore with the Adani portfolio of companies at the World Economic Forum in Davos today. The projects include a 100 MW data centre that will use green energy, two pump storage works, counter drone & missile facilities and six million tonne per annum (MTPA) cement plant.

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## North-East

### Tripura govt allocates INR5,600 crore for holistic development of 8 languages

The Tripura government has allocated a total of INR5,600 crore in the Budget for the holistic development of eight languages. These include Kokborok, Chakma, Halam, Mog, Kuki, Mizo, Garo, Bishnupriya Manipuri and Manipuri.

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### Union minister inaugurates skill development initiatives in Tripura under PMKVY

Union minister of state for electronics & information technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated skill development initiatives in Tripura under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). The aim is to skill more than 48,000 youths in the state over the next three years, emphasising on-the-job training and robust industry partnerships.

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### NABARD inaugurates 2 key projects in Arunachal Pradesh

The National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has inaugurated two key projects in Arunachal Pradesh. These include NABARD-supported Rural Haats at Dirang main market and Rama Camp.

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### Union home minister inaugurates Cyber Security Operations Centre in Assam

Union home minister Amit Shah inaugurated a Cyber Security Operations Centre at the Assam Rifles headquarters in Assam. The first-of-its-kind facility is expected to strengthen the cyber security posture of the force.

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### Ravi Kota appointed as next CS of Assam

Ravi Kota has been appointed as the next chief secretary (CS) of Assam. He is currently serving as the additional chief secretary in the home and political department. He will take charge with effect from the date of superannuation of the present CS Paban Kumar Borthakur on 31 March 2024.

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### President lays foundation for rural tourism accommodation in Meghalaya

President Droupadi Murmu laid foundation stones for rural tourism accommodation at Kongthong, Mawlyngkot and Kudengrim villages in Meghalaya. She further inaugurated the Shillong Peak Ropeway project and two newly-upgraded roads, namely Rongjeng Mangsang Adokgre Road and Mairang Ranigodown Azra Road.

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## Rajasthan

### Nitin Gadkari inaugurates INR102 crore 'Ram Setu' railway overbridge

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma expressed confidence that the newly inaugurated railway overbridge, named 'Ram Setu,' in Balotra would provide a substantial boost to the state's progress.

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### Rajasthan Police to host hackathon to curb cyber crimes

Director General of Police (DGP), Cyber Crime, Ravi Prakash Mehrada, said the Rajasthan Police Cyber Hackathon 1.0 is being organised. Mehrada added that an attractive drone show was organised at the Rajasthan Police Academy.

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## Union Territories

### J&K AC approves amendments to Private Industrial Estate Development Policy

The J&K Administrative Council has approved amendments to the Jammu and Kashmir Private Industrial Estate Development Policy 2021-30. Under the amended policy, stakeholders will avail benefits such as 100 per cent reimbursement.

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### J&K LG inaugurates, lays foundation for projects worth INR38 crore

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development projects worth INR38 crore in Baramulla.

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## Uttarakhand

### CM seeks allocation of coal block to set up pit-head thermal power plant

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami sought allocation of a coal block with a reserve of about 125 million tonnes (mt) to set up a 1,000 MW pit-head thermal power plant.

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### Uttarakhand's to soon give international wings to Jolly Grant and Pantnagar airports, CM Dhami unveils expansion plans

Jolly Grant in Dehradun and Pantnagar in Udham Singh Nagar are pivotal airports for the state, with Jolly Grant being the primary airport and the nearest gateway to the picturesque town of Mussoorie, while Pantnagar serves as the closest airport to the serene Nainital.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves Semiconductor Policy

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Semiconductor Policy. As part of it, industrial groups investing in setting up semiconductor manufacturing units in the state will receive a fund of INR80,000 crore from the Centre.

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### Hero Future Energies inks MoU with UP government

The Hero Future Energies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Uttar Pradesh government for developing renewable energy and clean technology projects in the state. The company will invest a sum of INR4000 crore in these projects.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt sanctions INR2,940 crore for expansion of all industrial development authorities

The Uttar Pradesh government has approved INR2,940 crore for expansion of all industrial development authorities in the state. These include the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), UPSIDA and UPEIDA.

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### Hotels and tourism industry creates 20,000 new jobs in Ayodhya

The hotels and tourism industry has created around 20,000 additional jobs in Ayodhya. These jobs have been created to help manage the surge in tourists after the consecration of the Ram Temple.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal govt allows private entities to open nursing schools in state-run medical colleges

The West Bengal government has allowed the private entities to open nursing schools in state-run medical colleges & hospitals and also in state-run super speciality hospitals.

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### WB Govt allots 7.2 Acres to Narayana Hrudayalaya for a hospital

The State Government has allotted an anticipated 7.2 Acres of land parcel to Devi Shetty's Narayana Hrudayalaya for setting up a greenfield hospital in New Town, West Bengal. The Bangalore-headquartered group was issued a letter for land allotment by Hidco.

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