



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt allots INR165 crore for various water projects in Bapatla

The Andhra Pradesh government has allotted INR165 crore for the construction and renovation of various water projects in newly-formed Bapatla. Of the total, INR22.95 crore has been set aside for repair works in Bapatla, INR35 crore in Repalle, INR23 crore in Chirala and INR85 crore in Addanki municipality.

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Andhra Pradesh's GVMC approves several proposals

The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) council approved several proposals in Andhra Pradesh. These include a 100 million litre per day (MLD) desalination plant, bio-mining project at the Bheemunipatnam dumping yard and sewerage network at Madhurawada.

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Andhra Pradesh's VPA signs 16 MoUs with several companies

Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) has signed as many as 16 MoUs with several companies during the Global Maritime India Summit. As part of this, the VPA will take up programmes and projects worth INR2,718 crore.

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16.7-km 3rd line between Chirala & Bapatla stations in AP completed

The South Central Railway (SCR) announced that the 16.7-km third line between Chirala & Bapatla stations in Andhra Pradesh (AP) has been completed and commissioned for commercial services.

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Bihar

President launches Krishi Road Map of Bihar worth INR1.6 lakh crore

President Droupadi Murmu launched the fourth Krishi Road Map of Bihar worth INR1.62 lakh crore. It emphasises on increasing agricultural production in the state along with farmers' incomes in the next five years.

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Bihar to relinquish 832 MW power from NTPC

The Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited (BSPHCL) has sent a confirmation to surrender 832 MW power from the NTPC quota of 7001 MW thermal power to the state.

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Chhattisgarh

Anti-Corruption Bureau not exempted from RTI Act, says Chhattisgarh HC

The high court has ruled that the state government's notification issued in 2013, exempting the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) from operation of RTI Act, would not prevent the public information officer from supplying information related to allegations of corruption and human rights violation.

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40 coal blocks in Lemru reserve not to be mined, says Coal ministry

The Union coal ministry has said that Coal India Limited's (CIL) 40 coal blocks in and around the Lemru Elephant Corridor (LEC) will not be auctioned on the request of the Chhattisgarh government.

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Chhattisgarh record lowest retail inflation in all Indian states

Chhattisgarh recorded the lowest retail inflation in all Indian states in September, according to the latest data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The state saw the lowest inflation of 1.98 per cent.

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Gujarat

Gujarat increases monthly payment of fixed-pay employees by 30 per cent

The Gujarat government has increased the monthly payment of fixed-pay employees by 30 per cent, with effect from 1 October 2023. Following this, class-III-4400 grade pay fix-pay staffers will get INR49,600 monthly pay instead of INR38,090.

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Gujarat govt signs pact with IN-SPACe to set up space manufacturing cluster

The Gujarat government signed an agreement with the Indian National Space Promotion & Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to set up a space manufacturing cluster at Sanand in Ahmedabad.

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Gujarat's GHB issues tender for redevelopment of group housing facility

The Gujarat Housing Board (GHB) has issued a tender for the redevelopment of an integrated group housing facility in Ahmedabad's Gota. The redevelopment will cover around 2,004 Economically Weaker Section (EWS) families at Mahatma Gandhi Colony, 1,836 lower-income group (LIG) families and 87 shops.

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Haryana

Haryana govt increases monthly stipend of ASHA workers to INR6,100

The Haryana government has increased the monthly stipend of accredited social health activist (ASHA) workers by INR2,100 to INR6,100. The announcement was made by state Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar on 19 October 2023.

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AIREA allows traders, exporters to procure paddy from farmers in Haryana

The All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA) decided to end its five-day-long strike. It has allowed traders and exporters to procure paddy from the farmers. The move has come as a huge relief to farmers.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh CM lays foundation for state's first digital library

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone for the state's first digital library in Bilaspur. The facility will be established at a cost of INR3 crore.

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ICMR explores possibility of developing drone ecosystem for medical supplies

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is currently undertaking a feasibility assessment to develop the drone ecosystem in the Lahaul and Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh (HP).

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand Cabinet takes slew of decisions

The state government has approved the Abuaa Awas Yojana. Under the housing scheme, homeless beneficiaries in rural areas would get a house with three rooms plus a kitchen constructed on a 31 square metre area. Each beneficiary would be given INR200,000.

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Jharkhand CM discusses ways to strengthen healthcare system

CM Hemant Soren recently held a review meeting with the state health department to discuss ways to strengthen the healthcare system. The CM ordered the removal of all technical obstacles in the implementation of the Chief Minister's Gambhir Yojana.

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Kerala

Kerala govt hands over land for expansion of Calicut Airport to AAI

The Kerala government handed over five hectares of land acquired for the Calicut International Airport expansion to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The land was acquired from 76 landholders in two months as per a special package offered by the state.

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All transport buses in Kerala to get CCTV cameras by 31 Oct

The Kerala government has announced that all transport buses, including those of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), have to get CCTV camera installed inside them by 31 October 2023.

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Bridgestone India extends support to natural rubber farmers in Kerala

Bridgestone India is likely to adopt and support 0.1 million natural rubber farmers in Idukki and Kottayam districts in Kerala. In collaboration with the Netherlands-based NGO Solidaridad, Bridgestone India has launched 'Unnati- a sustainable natural rubber initiative', a project aimed to drive positivex change within the rubber industry.

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Karnataka

Karnataka Cabinet to amend compulsory service by candidates completed Medical Courses Act

The Karnataka Cabinet decided to amend the Karnataka Compulsory Service by Candidates Completed Medical Courses Act. Under the Act, all Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS); postgraduate; and super-speciality graduates will have to serve one year compulsorily in government healthcare institutions in rural areas as junior residents.

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Karnataka Cabinet approves policy for development of CGD network

On 19 October 2023, the Karnataka Cabinet approved the implementation of the State Policy for the Development of City Gas Distribution Network. The move aims to ensure a safe and uninterrupted supply of natural gas.

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21 more talukas in Karnataka to be declared drought-hit

On 19 October 2023, the Karnataka Cabinet approved a proposal to declare 21 more talukas in the state as drought-hit. This will take the total number of such talukas to 216. The state government has sought a total relief of INR5,326.87 crore from the Centre.

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Madhya Pradesh

MoU signed between MPTB and IATO in Madhya Pradesh

An MoU was signed between the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) and Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO). The move is aimed at strengthening, promoting and developing cooperation in research, promotion & tourism development in the state.

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Jabalpur airport gets CISF security cover

The Jabalpur airport became the 67th civil air terminal in the country to be guarded by the armed personnel of the CISF, the national civil aviation protection police organisation.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Cabinet sanctions INR25 crore for Thane cluster redevelopment

The Maharashtra Cabinet has sanctioned INR25 crore for the Thane cluster redevelopment project. The move aims to provide affordable housing in three areas of the city. These include Kisan Nagar, Tekdi Bangla and Hazoori.

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Maharashtra Wildlife Board allows MMRDA to build twin tunnels connecting Borivali to Thane

The Maharashtra Wildlife Board has allowed the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to build twin tunnels connecting Borivali to Thane.

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Odisha

Odisha Cabinet takes slew of decisions

In a bid to revive and intensify “forgotten” crops in the state, the state cabinet has decided to launch a scheme under the crop diversion programme with an outlay of INR481.94 crore.

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Bhubaneswar-Cuttack metro project to get approval in Odisha cabinet meeting

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is likely to approve the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack metro rail project in a cabinet meeting at Lok Seva Bhawan. The metro train will initially connect Bhubaneswar’s Biju Patnaik International Airport with Trisulia, a town close to Cuttack.

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North-East

Assam CM inaugurates Shraddhanjali Flyover on RG Baruah Road

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the Shraddhanjali Flyover on RG Baruah Road, which was formerly called Zoo Road. The 2.2-km flyover has been constructed at a cost of INR316 crore.

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Union minister flags off 2 new trains in NE region

Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off two new trains in the north-east (NE) region. These include a train that would connect Guwahati & Dullabcherra in Assam, while another one is diesel multiple unit (DEMU) that will connect Agartala & Sabroom in Tripura.

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Assam Cabinet approves investment of Rs. 758.75 crore to AIDC

The Assam Cabinet has approved an investment of INR758.75 crore to the Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC). The move is expected to amplify the AIDC's capabilities and reinforce its position as a premier industrial development entity.

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Assam govt makes appointments for non-sadar sub-districts/sub-divisions

The Assam government has made a series of appointments for non-sadar sub-districts/sub-divisions within the state. The move is aimed at streamlining administrative processes and enhancing public service.

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Punjab

Punjab to get bridge with revolving restaurant over Beas river

Punjab is set to get a unique bridge with a revolving restaurant over the Beas river near Amritsar. A capsule lift, equipped with the bridge, will transport visitors to a gallery that highlights the distinct Sikh culture.

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Punjab CM lays foundation stone of steel plant in Ludhiana

Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann laid the foundation stone of a steel plant in Ludhiana. The steel plant, owned by the Tata Group, is being set up at a cost of INR2600 crore. It is expected to create around 2,500 job opportunities. The plant will also contain a scrap-based electric arc furnace.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan becomes all-season tourism hub

Rajasthan is becoming an all-season tourism hub, according to media reports. Rajasthan would usually witness most of the tourist arrivals between October-March. The state witnessed 108 million domestic and foreign tourists in the first-nine months of 2023 as compared to 69.6 million in the previous year.

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Rajasthan Govt Launches 'iStart Talent Connect Portal'

In a bid to boost employment opportunities in the state, the Rajasthan government recently launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu to soon get 4 more seismic observatories

Tamil Nadu will soon get four more seismic observatories in Villupuram, Thanjavur, Tuticorin and Coimbatore. These are part of the 100 observatories being set up across the country by the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) to expand the network of observing tremors and earthquakes.

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Tamil Nadu's Kanniyakumari to get 5 new roads, 2 bridges

Tamil Nadu's Kanniyakumari administration has received an amount of INR18.07 crore for laying five new roads and constructing two bridges. The information was shared by state dairy development minister T Mano Thangaraj.

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CM urges PM to integrate caste census with national decadal census

CM MK Stalin has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to integrate caste Census with the upcoming national decadal Census. He said that the crucial caste-related data outcomes would impact thousands of deserving people in the country and it should not be delayed any further.

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Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates artificial football ground in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar

CM MK Stalin inaugurated a state-of-the-art artificial football ground in Thiru Vi Ka Nagar. The facility has been equipped with an onlookers gallery, a dedicated pavement and a children's play area.

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Telangana

Telangana govt urges KRMB to restrain Andhra Pradesh from executing 2 lift irrigation schemes

The Telangana government has urged the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to restrain Andhra Pradesh from going ahead with two new lift irrigation schemes. These include Velagalapaya Loya and Papinenipally Loya.

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Telangana HC stays implementation of Gruha Lakshmi Scheme

The Telangana High Court (HC) has stayed the implementation of Gruha Lakshmi Scheme. The Adivasi Sena challenged the notification issued by the state government proposing the establishment of houses on own sites under a beneficiary-led construction mode.

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BRS chief promises funds for development of infrastructure around Hyderabad

CM and Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) president K Chandrashekar Rao has promised to sanction special funds in the state Budget for the development of infrastructure in peripheral Assembly constituencies of Hyderabad, if the party is voted to power in state Assembly polls.

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Uttarakhand

THDCIL to install EV charging stations

THDC India will develop electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on the Char Dham yatra route in Uttarakhand to reduce carbon emissions on the route. Initially, charging stations will be installed at 14 guest houses owned by Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam (GMVN).

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Uttarakhand govt to release funds for development and renovation of temples

The Uttarakhand government has decided to release funds for the comprehensive development and renovation of temples in the state. As part of this, INR1 crore will be released for the beautification of Harju Temple, Nileshtar Temple & Chandika Devi Temple in Bageshwar and Dangleshwar Mahadev Temple near Satpuli in Chaubattakhal.

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Uttarakhand govt initiates implementation of Tibetan Rehabilitation Policy

The state government has taken a significant step towards the implementation of the Tibetan Rehabilitation Policy (TRP). The policy aims to address the needs of Tibetan refugees residing in India.

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Uttar Pradesh

PM inaugurates priority section of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Corridor

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 17-km priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor at Sahibabad RapidX Station in Ghaziabad.

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Uttar Pradesh govt to give ownership rights of leased land to 12.5 mln families

A total of 12.5 million families in Uttar Pradesh will be given ownership rights of leased land under the PM SVAMITVA scheme by the end of 2023.

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Uttar Pradesh govt to construct tourism facilitation centre in Ayodhya

The state govt has approved the construction of a tourism facilitation centre in Ayodhya. The facility will be set up on 1.7 hectares of land at a cost of INR130 crore. It will come up at a location which is well connected with the national highway (NH)-330 and NH-27.

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UP govt sets aside land for pharma, medical device manufacturing park

The Uttar Pradesh government has set aside nearly 951 hectares of land for establishing mega manufacturing parks for pharmaceutical and medical devices. These pharma, healthcare and biotech hubs will come up in Lalitpur, Pilibhit & Gautam Buddha Nagar.

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Uttar Pradesh govt launches Road Crash Investigation Scheme

The Uttar Pradesh government has launched the Uttar Pradesh Road Crash Investigation Scheme in order to identify the underlying causes of road accidents in the state. As part of it, systematic strategies will be formulated on scientific basis.

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UP's women labour force participation increases to 32.1 per cent in 2022-23

As per the latest findings from the Periodic Labor Force Survey (PLFS), UP's women labour force participation rate increased from 14.2 per cent in 2017-18 to 32.1 per cent in 2022-23.

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Payment to sugarcane farmers in UP to top INR36,000 crore in 2023-24 season

Sugarcane farm payouts are likely to top INR36,000 crore in UP as the state gears up for the crushing season October 2023-September 2024. Crushing operations in the state are expected to gain momentum in the coming weeks, starting from Western UP and gradually covering the entire state.

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Union Territories

Delhi LG approves acquisition of land for construction of 3 corridors of DMRC

LG VK Saxena approved the acquisition of land for the construction of three corridors of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). These include the Aerocity-Tughlaqabad, Janakpuri West-RK Ashram and Rahat Ganj-Roshanara Road-Pul Bangash corridors.

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141 hectares of land in J&K brought under medicinal plant cultivation

The J&K administration has brought 141 hectares of land under the cultivation of medicinal plants during the past five years. This year, the cultivation of medicinal plants, including Nag-Chatri, Kuth, Mannu and Handh, has gained momentum in the Doda area of Jammu.

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Delhi govt increases minimum wages of unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled workers

The Delhi government has increased the minimum wages of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers in the city, with effect from 1 October 2023. The move is aimed at giving relief to people from inflation.

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Delhi govt to introduce premium bus aggregator scheme

The Delhi government has decided to introduce a premium bus aggregator scheme to encourage the upper middle class to switch to public transport. Under the scheme, the aggregators who take licenses will have to ply air-conditioned buses with not less than nine seats, no standing passengers will be allowed and the payment will be made digitally.

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West Bengal

Centre to release pending MGNREGA funds to West Bengal after ensuring transparency

The Centre has decided to issue pending funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to West Bengal when the former is satisfied with the transparency in the implementation of the scheme in the state.

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West Bengal CM launches 'Yatri Sathi' app

West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee launched the 'Yatri Sathi' app. It aims to enable commuters to avail taxi services at economic rates. The app has been designed by the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

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