



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Solara Active Pharma's Andhra Pradesh facility clears USFDA inspection

Solara Active Pharma Sciences said that US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has successfully completed the inspection at its multipurpose API manufacturing facility at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The inspection established that the site is in an Acceptable State of Compliance with Zero Form 483 inspectional observations from US FDA.

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Andhra Pradesh govt sets up Bhavitha Kendrams

The Andhra Pradesh government has set up Bhavitha Kendrams across the state. The aim is to provide specially-abled children with medical facilities and education. These children are also being provided with a yearly allowance of INR 3,000 by the state government.

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Crop loans worth INR4,179 crore to given to farmers in AP's West Godavari

Crop loans worth INR4,179 crore would be given to farmers of West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh (AP) in the upcoming kharif season. The total area under paddy crop is 96,925 hectares, and 5,740 metric tonnes (MT) of yield is expected.

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AP govt releases INR27.5 crore to network hospitals under Aarogyasri scheme

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) government released an amount to the tune of INR27.5 crore to empanelled/network hospitals towards the payment of pending bills for the services rendered by them. The sum has been disbursed out of the total dues worth over INR1500 crore under the Aarogyasri scheme.

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Bihar

FM Nirmala Sitharaman asks ICAI to set up 'Big 4'- like Indian firm

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman exhorted the Bihar chapter of the ICAI to set up an Indian auditing firm that will grow to feature among the Big Four and seek global clients. Interacting with the ICAI in Patna, Sitharaman sought a commitment from them to start work on the same as part of their 100-day agenda for Viksit Bharat by 2047.

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55.45 pc voter turnout at close of polling in eight Lok Sabha seats

Bihar Lok Sabha polls in eight constituencies of Bihar passed off peacefully, with a provisional voter turnout of 55.45 per cent, nearly 3.02 per cent lower than the 2019 polls, officials said.

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Goa

Four mining companies gear up to start operations in Goa

Fomento and Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt Ltd – have approached the State-level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Goa, for obtaining environmental clearance (EC) to start mining activities at Advalpal-Tivim and Sirigao mineral blocks.

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Minimalist Hotels launches hotel in Panjim Goa

Minimalist Hotels launched its fifth lifestyle hotel in India and the first one in Goa. This latest addition to the Minimalist portfolio promises to redefine the idea of luxury hospitality with a unique blend of minimalist aesthetics and community living.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt awards 479 MW of solar projects under PM KUSUM

The Gujarat government has awarded 479 MW of solar projects to various developers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uthan Mahabhiyaan (PM KUSUM). They were tendered for feeder-level solarisation under Component C of the programme and are expected to be operational by the end of 2024.

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GUVNL to install prepaid smart electricity meters in Gujarat govt offices

Tata Group hopes that the commercial production of semiconductor chips at the Gujarat plants would start in 2026. The semiconductor manufacturing plant will also bring with it several job opportunities in Gujarat will be a landmark in India's Atmanirbhar efforts.

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Jharkhand

Raminfo, Shri Technology to skill Jharkhand youth

Raminfo Ltd, in collaboration with Shri Technology India Pvt Ltd, has been appointed as consortium partner to implement skill development training programmes for the Jharkhand Skill Development Mission.

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61.41 pc voter turnout recorded till 5 pm in Jharkhand

A voter turnout of 61.41 per cent was recorded till the end of polling in the four Lok Sabha constituencies in Jharkhand. Voting, commenced in Giridih, Dhanbad, Ranchi and Jamshedpur constituencies at 7am as part of the third phase of elections.

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Haryana

Indo-Italian JV Mangla Cortubi opens R&D Center Palwal, Haryana

Mangla Cortubi Pvt Ltd, a joint venture between Cornaglia Italy and Mangla Group India, inaugurated its cutting-edge R&D center and corporate office in Palwal, Haryana.

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Zelio Ebikes launches new e2W plant at Hisar, Haryana

The new plant on a 6-acre plot entails an investment ranging between INR50 and INR 100 crores. It will employ about 150 people. The facility was inaugurated by Neeraj Arya, Chairman, Zelio Ebikes.

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Himachal Pradesh

New amendments made to rooftop solar PV system regulations in HP

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has made new amendments to the rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) grid-interactive system regulations. These modifications are primarily intended to improve the efficiency and efficacy of solar energy deployment in the state and expedite the regulatory procedure for rooftop solar PV installations.

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Forest fire breaks out at Tuti Kandi area in Shimla

A forest fire broke out at Tuti Kandi area in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla. Fire officials reached the spot and engaged in dousing the fire. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan to organise investment summit to develop solar power

The Rajasthan government is likely to organise an investor summit in Jaipur later this year to develop solar power and help industries. Reportedly, the state government has taken various efforts to promote industries in the state for more than a decade.

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JSW Cement to invest INR3,000 crore to set up new cement unit in Rajasthan

JSW Cement, a part of the USD24.25-billion JSW Group, plans to invest INR3,000 crore in a new cement manufacturing facility in Rajasthan's Nagaur district. It will be funded by a mix of debt and equity. The facility will have clinkerization, grinding units, an 18 MW waste heat recovery-based power generation system.

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Kerala

Adani Solar to expand business base in Kerala, sees huge potential in state

Adani Solar said it will be expanding its business in Kerala as the southern state has huge potential in the solar energy market. As part of its expansion plans, Adani Group, signed an MoU with Almiya group, a reputed solar distributor, as its official partner in the state.

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13,000 teachers in Kerala receive AI training

A total of 13,000 teachers in Kerala have completed artificial intelligence (AI)-based training. By January 2025, the state government hopes that about 200,000 teachers in the state will get AI training in areas such as summarization, image generation, prompt engineering, presentation-animation creation and evaluation.

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Roads in Thiruvananthapuram to be developed under Smart City project

Roads in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram, where the Smart City project is being undertaken, are scheduled to become motorable by 15 June 2024. The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by state general education and labour minister V Sivankutty.

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Karnataka

UGC allows 18 universities in Karnataka to collaborate with foreign institutions

The University Grant Commission (UGC) has allowed as many as 18 universities and higher educational institutions (HEIs) in Karnataka to collaborate with foreign institutions. Following this, they will offer twinning, joint degree or dual degree programmes.

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Karnataka's BACL to develop commercial park near KIA

Karnataka's Bengaluru Airport City Limited (BACL) has unveiled its investment proposal for a two million square feet commercial park and a 75-room hotel in close proximity to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). The most remarkable and beautiful feature of the project is the Urban Forest, a verdant haven in the middle of the development.

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Karnataka's Mysuru to get 150 classrooms

An action plan has been prepared for the construction of 150 classrooms in Karnataka's Mysuru to cater to the needs of students studying in the government primary and high schools.

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Madhya Pradesh

Two new IT parks to be ready in Indore by 2025-end

The state government, which is trying to make Indore an information technology hub, is building two new IT parks in the city that are expected to be ready by the end of next year. If everything goes according to plan, both IT parks will be ready by December 2025.

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Gail to invest INR 50,000 crore in petrochemical unit in Madhya Pradesh

Gail (India) plans to invest up to INR50,000 crore to establish a 1.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) ethane cracking unit at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh. This investment marks one of the most significant capital expenditures by the state-run gas utility to date.

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GAIL's 10 MW green hydrogen plant in Madhya Pradesh inaugurated

State-owned GAIL (India) Ltd's maiden green hydrogen plant at Vijaipur in Madhya Pradesh has been commissioned, making a major step for the nation's largest natural gas transmission and distribution firm's foray into new and alternate energy.

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Maharashtra

KMC emerges top performer in Maharashtra's Health Service Index

The Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) has emerged as the top performer in Maharashtra's Health Service Index (HSI). It is followed by Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad City Municipal Corporation.

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H.G. Infra soars after emerging as L-1 bidder for two road projects

H.G. Infra Engineering's stock price surged 8.91 per cent to INR1,585 following the announcement that they emerged as the L-1 (lowest) bidder for two tenders floated by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRPC). The combined value of these projects is a significant INR 4,142.22 crore.

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Maharashtra orders shifting of chemical units, industry association opposes

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde stated that companies dealing with hazardous chemicals have been ordered to shift their units out of residential areas. This directive follows a chemical factory blast in Thane's Dombivli that killed at least nine people and injured more than 60 others.

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Punjab

Lulu Group to start logistics and food processing centre in Punjab

Lulu Group is set to launch a logistics and food processing centre located in Amritsar. In India, Lulu has its logistics and procurement centres in different states from where it annually exports INR10,000 crores worth of more than 45,000 megatonne of agriculture and other products.

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PAU to join hands with IRRI to develop dwarf rice varieties

Punjab Agricultural University is exploring to join hands with International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), which played a key role in the 'green revolution' in Punjab, to develop dwarf rice varieties for paddy straw management, high yield and water use efficiency.

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Odisha

Shyam Metalics & Energy expands rail infra at its steel plant in Odisha

Shyam Metalics & Energy announced the expansion of its rail infrastructure at its integrated steel plant located in Sambalpur district, Odisha. This initiative supports the company's long-term goal of continuous expansion and achieving sustainable growth.

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Odisha team bags 51 medals at India Skills

Participants from Odisha shone at India Skills-2024, by bagging 51 medals in the national championship organised by National Skill Development Council along with industry partners. The event was held across nine locations in the country.

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OSRTC's LAccMI project empowers over 2,000 Odisha women

The Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI) scheme was launched in 2023 Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) with Palladium India as Project Management Consultant. LAccMI in collaboration with Mission Shakti SHG has empowered over 2,000 women so far.

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Odisha records 73.5 per cent voter turnout in second phase of Lok Sabha

Odisha recorded a voter turnout of 73.50 per cent in the second round of polls to five Lok Sabha seats and 35 assembly segments, the Election Commission said. The highest polling of 79.78 per cent was registered in the Bargarh seat followed by Bolangir, Kandhamal, Sundergarh and Aska.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt lists schemes launched for farmers' welfare

The Tamil Nadu agriculture department listed a series of schemes launched by the state government for the welfare of farmers. The state government has made strides in food production and farmers' prospects have improved.

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NMC grants approval to establish new medical colleges in 6 districts of TN

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has granted approval to establish new medical colleges in six districts of Tamil Nadu. These include Tenkasi, Mayiladuthurai, Perambalur, Arakkonam, Ranipet and Tirupattur.

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Tamil Nadu govt to float tenders for Chennai's second airport

The state has decided to float the tenders for Chennai's second airport by the end of next year. According to the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), the airport will be set up in Parandur at an estimated cost of more than INR2,000 crore.

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Telangana

Telangana govt procures 3.7 MMT of paddy during rabi season

The Telangana government procured over 3.7 MMT of paddy during the rabi season from 25 March to 20 May 2024. Over 7,171 paddy procurement centres (PPCs) were set up across the state for the purpose. During the rabi season in 2023, the then BRS-led state government procured only 3.3 MMT of paddy from 6,889 procurement centres.

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Telangana govt to formulate 6 new policies for industrial development

The Telangana government has decided to formulate as many as six new policies for industrial development. These will include a policy for the MSME sector and another for exports. Besides this, a new life sciences policy, revised policy for electric vehicles, medical tourism policy and a green energy policy will also be unveiled.

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Telangana govt allocates INR190 crore for minority welfare projects

The Telangana government has allocated a budget of INR190 crore to undertake minority welfare projects in fiscal year 2024-25. A sum of INR1.37 crore has been set aside for a training and job plan for minority applicants. The Waqf Board has received INR 29.87 crore for the honorarium of imams and muezzins, with a further INR 8.62 crore to be issued.

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North-East

Meghalaya set to attract private investments amounting to INR8,000 crore in FY 2024-25

Meghalaya is set to attract private investments amounting to INR8,000 crore in the financial year (FY) 2024-25. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K Sangma. This can be attributed to a new industrial policy aimed at transforming the state into a USD10 billion economy.

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Nagaland govt launches web page of Wokha district library

Director of the Nagaland art & culture department Adela Moa launched the web page of the Wokha district library. The first-of-its-kind library presents a holistic way of managing library inventory by leveraging digital tools to build an online database of books.

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Tripura to source fuel from Bangladesh

Following the recent disruption in the railway network in Assam's Jatinga, Tripura is working on alternative arrangements to source supply of fuel and goods from Bangladesh. Tripura had faced a severe fuel crisis after the derailment of a goods train in Assam's Jatinga.

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Nagaland CM chairs state-level monsoon preparedness meeting

A state-level monsoon preparedness meeting was chaired by Nagaland Chief Minister (CM) Neiphiu Rio. The meeting underscored the importance of state departments being fully prepared for the unpredictable monsoon season in the state, where either excessive or deficient rainfall can have disastrous consequences.

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29 central sector projects in Assam cross completion date

Out of the 63 ongoing projects worth INR63140 crore in Assam, a total of 29 central sector projects have crossed the completion date. Another eight projects have overrun the original cost. These projects are worth INR150 crore and above.

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MSPCB to introduce dedicated e-waste bins in Meghalaya

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) has joined hands with the Hulladek Recycling Private Limited to introduce dedicated electronic waste (e-waste) bins across Meghalaya. The decision has been taken in a bid to tackle the mounting e-waste menace in the state.

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Uttar Pradesh

RECPDCL invites bids for 200 MW solar power project in Uttar Pradesh

The REC Power Development & Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL) has invited bids for commissioning of a 200 MW solar power project in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi. The selected bidders will be responsible for designing, engineering, supplying, constructing, erecting, testing and commissioning the ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) power project.

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Uttar Pradesh govt to align future workforce with AI

The Uttar Pradesh nodal technical university has tied up with technology major IBM for artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing training to align the future workforce with the modern Industry 4.0 concept.

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UP emerges as top state in adding transmission lines during FY 2023-24

UP emerged as the leading state in terms of the addition of transmission lines by state transmission utilities in the FY 2023-24. As per the statistics released by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the UPPTCL added nearly 1,460 circuit kilometres (ckm) of transmission lines of 220 kilovolts (kV) or above.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand govt introduces earthquake early warning app

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee in collaboration with the Uttarakhand government has introduced an earthquake early warning app named BhuDEV. It will deliver real-time warnings directly to users' smartphones during crisis times.

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SC halts major hotel development project in Uttarakhand

The Supreme Court (SC) has halted a major hotel development project in the Bhimtal-Mukteshwar region of Uttarakhand. The move comes after concerns were raised in a petition about extensive deforestation in the lush Jilling Estate area.

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State govt to resume verification drive of people coming from other states

The Uttarakhand government has decided to resume the verification drive of people coming from other states after the conclusion of Lok Sabha elections. The information was shared by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

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Union Territories

MoEFCC calls for formulation of tourism master plan for J&K

As part of the master plan, the union territory (UT) administration has been advised to prepare a tourism master plan in consultation with the UT environment and forests departments.

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J&K admin forms committee to implement Namu Drone Didi Scheme in UT

The J&K administration has constituted a committee for the effective implementation and monitoring of the Namu Drone Didi Scheme in the UT. The panel will select appropriate clusters for drone usage and members of the women self-help groups (SHGs) for drone pilot & drone assistant training.

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ECI launches mobile app to help PwDs cast their vote during LS polls

The Election Commission of India (ECI) launched a mobile application, called 'Saksham', in Chandigarh. The objective is to help persons with disabilities (PwD) cast their vote during the Lok Sabha (LS) elections in the UT.

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Cotton on 1,000 hectares under risk of damage in Puducherry's Karaikal

Cotton raised over 1,000 hectares in Puducherry is under risk of damage. This is due to the heavy rain spells that have been lashing the region in the past one week. The agriculture department has advised farmers for urgent steps like draining stagnant water in fields.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt to establish new data centre in Siliguri

The West Bengal government has decided to establish a new data centre in Siliguri. The facility will have eight graphics processing units (GPU) to accommodate the state's growing need for data management. Approximately 2,300 users will be able to run artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning applications simultaneously at the centre.

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Project Digital Saksham launched for digital transformation of MSMEs

Mastercard's Centre for Inclusive Growth have launched Project Digital Saksham, a program aimed at accelerating the digital transformation of MSMEs in the West Bengal region. The initiative targets key industries across Kolkata, Hooghly, South 24 Parganas, and Nadia districts.

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