



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh CM launches road development works worth INR11.6 crore

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched road widening and beautification works worth INR11.6 crore. Besides this, he unveiled the INR5.5 crore YSR Park, INR2 crore police station, INR3.19 crore tahsildar office and other development works.

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### State govt sanctions INR20.57 crore for bridge construction in Ongole

The Andhra Pradesh government has sanctioned a sum of INR20.57 crore for the ongoing high-level bridge construction on the Buckingham Canal near Ongole. Notably, the bridge's construction had been stopped for an extended period.

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## Bihar

### Bihar Cabinet approves School Exclusive Teacher Rule

Bihar Cabinet approved the Bihar School Exclusive Teacher Rules. Following this, employee status will be granted to 400,000 contractual teachers working in panchayat, zilla parishad, panchayat samiti and municipal schools.

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### Centre approves Bihar govt's proposal under PM KUSUM

The Union ministry of new & renewable energy has approved the Bihar government's proposal under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme Component C.

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## Chhattisgarh

### CM transfers pending bonus worth INR3710 crore to paddy farmers

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Vishnu Deo Sai transferred the pending bonus worth INR3710 crore to more than 1.2 million farmers. These farmers had sold their paddy between 2014-15 and 2015-16 in cooperative societies under the minimum support price.

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### Prakash Industries inch closure to commence Bhaskarpara coal mine

The diversified company having interest in mining, steel and power, Prakash Industries emerged as the highest bidder for Bhaskarpara Coal Mine in Chhattisgarh. The mine has an extractable reserve of 24.06 million tonnes and its coal is highly suitable for use in Prakash Industry's integrated steel plant at Janjgir-Champa district in Chhattisgarh.

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## Goa

### Goa awaits Central nod to set up IIT campus at Rivona

The Goa Government is awaiting a nod from the Union Ministry of Education for the 10 lakh sq meters land at Rivona-Sanguem as the permanent site for IIT campus, the Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

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### Goa agri dept promotes cultivation of native chilli variants

The Goa agriculture department is actively promoting the cultivation of native chilli variants like Khola, Aldona and Harmal. The move aims to empower farmers by encouraging the growth of high-demand crops that fetch competitive prices.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat govt signs 11 MoUs worth INR67000 crore

The Gujarat government signed as many as 11 MoUs worth INR67000 crore investment potential at a pre-Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit. As part of this, a pact has been signed to further advance chemicals & petrochemicals industry.

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### Gujarat govt signs MoU worth INR2000 crore with Vadodara's Wordwizard Innovation & Mobility Ltd

The Gujarat government has signed an MoU valued at INR2000 crore with the Vadodara's Wordwizard Innovation and Mobility Limited. As part of it, the company will establish Vadodara as the centre for electric vehicles.

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### Gujarat govt sanctions INR48,730 crore for 284,000 infrastructure projects

The Gujarat government has sanctioned INR48730 crore for 284,000 infrastructure projects. The aim is to provide world-class infrastructure facilities in cities. Moreover, the Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana has been extended till 2026-27.

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### Gujarat govt signs MoU worth INR16000 crore with AM/NS India

The Gujarat government has signed an MoU worth INR16000 crore with the steel-manufacturer ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited (AM/NS India). The agreement includes an investment for the construction of a ship-building and repair facility at Surat.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates Sanjauli-Dhalli tunnel

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the newly-constructed Sanjauli-Dhalli tunnel in the state. It has been built at a cost of INR47.36 crore. The development aims to improve connectivity and boost tourism in the region.

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### 28 hydroelectric projects stalled in Himachal Pradesh

28 hydroelectric projects allotted by the Himachal Pradesh government have been stalled due to various factors. Out of these, nine are in Kullu, six in Shimla, five in Chamba, four in Mandi, two in Kangra and one each in Kinnaur and Lahaul Spiti. The stalled projects have a total capacity of 189.8 MW.

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### CM inaugurates state-of-the-art fruit processing plant at Parala

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated a state-of-the-art fruit processing plant at Parala in Theog sub-division of Shimla district. It has been built at a cost of INR100 crore.

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt sanctions 9 projects to boost Rural Augmentation Water Supply Programme

The Haryana government has sanctioned nine new projects to boost the Rural Augmentation Water Supply Programme in three districts. These include Sirsa, Kaithal and Hisar. The cost of these projects has been pegged at INR38.03 crore.

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### Haryana govt approves contracts and purchases of over INR260 crore

Haryana government approved contracts and purchases of over INR260 crore. After negotiations with various bidders, approximately INR5 crore have been saved by setting competitive rates.

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### Haryana CM announces one-time settlement scheme for pre-GST tax liabilities

Addressing a long-standing request from Haryana's trader and business community to settle pre-GST tax liabilities, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the One Time Settlement-2023 (OTS) Scheme.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt forms Jamshedpur Industrial Township Committee

The Jharkhand government has announced that Jamshedpur will be known as the Jamshedpur Industrial City. The state government has also formed the Jamshedpur Industrial Township Committee (JITC), comprising 27 members.

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### TCIL & Jharkhand Govt Ink MoU for New Plant

The partnership between The Tinsplate Company of India Limited (TCIL) and the Government of Jharkhand marks a significant step towards industrial advancement in the state. TCIL, a Tata Steel unit, has committed to investing INR1,787 crore for a new 300,000 Tons per Annum (TPA) manufacturing facility in Jamshedpur.

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## Punjab

### Ludhiana airport civil terminal nears completion

After a delay of over six years since its approval, the civil terminal at the upcoming Ludhiana international airport (Halwara) is expected to become operational in 2024. The official deadline of completion being 31 March 2024.

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### Punjab buys 540MW Goindwal thermal plant for INR1,080 crore

Chief minister Bhagwant Mann announced that the Punjab government has bought GVK Group's 540MW thermal plant at Goindwal Sahib in Tarn Taran district. The 540 MW thermal plant is spread over 1,100 acres of land in Goindwal Sahib in Tarn Taran.

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## Kerala

### Kerala gets first floating bridge in Muzhappilangad

Kerala tourism minister PA Mohamed Riyas has inaugurated the first floating bridge in Muzhappilangad at Papanasam Beach.

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### Kerala govt to come up with new policies for energy sector

The Kerala government is designing new policies in sync with the changing trends in the energy sector. The aim is to ensure the effective use of solar energy across the fields and also to find new sources of energy.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka CM launches registration for 'Yuva Nidhi'

CM Siddaramaiah launched the registration for the fifth and last poll guarantee 'Yuva Nidhi', today. Under the scheme, monetary assistance of INR3,000 will be offered to the graduates and INR1,500 to the diploma holders who passed in the 2022-23 academic year.

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### 1,400 new e-buses to be added to BMTC in Karnataka by April 2024

As many as 1,400 new electric buses (e-buses) will be added to the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) in Karnataka by April 2024.

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### Karnataka's BMTC launches services of Vayu Vajra buses

BMTC has launched the services of Vayu Vajra buses from Madavara Nice Road Junction (BIEC) to Kempegowda International Airport. The move aims to ensure the convenience of passengers travelling from Tumakuru Road side to the airport.

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### KSDL partners with 670 farmers for cultivation of sandalwood oil in Karnataka

In an effort to lower its oil import bill, the state-run Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), which is experiencing a shortage of sandalwood oil, has partnered with 670 farmers. They have been roped in for the commercial cultivation of the oil on 1,451.2 hectares of land, primarily in the arid regions of north Karnataka such as Dharwad, Haveri and Gadag.

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## Odisha

### Odisha CM lays foundation for Bhubaneswar Metro Rail Project

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone for the Bhubaneswar Metro Rail Project today. The state government has sanctioned a sum of INR6250 crore for the same. The project will provide an easy transport facility from the Biju Patnaik International Airport to Trisulia on the outskirts of Cuttack.

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### Odisha's VIMSAR to get cancer care centre

The Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR) in Odisha is set to get a cancer care centre by the end of 2024. The construction work of the centre, which will have two linear accelerator machines, is currently underway.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### RUMSL invites bids to develop 3 floating solar projects in Madhya Pradesh

The Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL) has invited two separate bids to develop three floating solar projects in two reservoirs of Madhya Pradesh. These projects will have a total capacity of 490 MW.

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### Chief Minister Mohan Yadav allocates portfolios, keeps home

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav assigned portfolios, keeping the home department with himself while giving the finance ministry to deputy CM Jagdish Devda and public health to the other deputy CM, Rajendra Shukla.

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## Maharashtra

### Truck terminus project to come up in Ambad, Maharashtra

The truck terminus project is set to come up in Ambad industrial areas of Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC). The terminus will provide parking spaces for trucks and containers to transport goods to industrial units in the city.

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### CMC invites bids for construction of underground drainage project

Maharashtra's Chandwad Municipal Council (CMC) has invited bids for the construction of an underground drainage project in the town. The contract is expected to cost nearly INR110 crore. The work is anticipated to be completed in 24 months.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Attukaalkollai village in Tamil Nadu to get PHC

The Attukaalkollai village in Tamil Nadu is set to get a primary health centre (PHC). Once the finance committee of the state government approves the proposal, preliminary steps will be taken to construct the PHC.

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### TN government plans to upgrade EV infrastructure in state

The Tamil Nadu government is holding discussions with the state electricity board to enable setting up of charging facilities along arterial roads and highways in order to boost the electric vehicle (EV) sector, Minister for Industries T R B Rajaa.

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## North-East

### Assam CM inaugurates 5 projects worth INR110 crore in Morigaon

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated as many as five projects worth INR110 crore in Morigaon. These include a railway overbridge for INR85.96 crore, the newly-constructed Inspection Bungalow worth INR9.5 crore and a 750-seating capacity auditorium of the sports association with a project cost of INR7.2 million, among others.

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### Foundation laid for capacity expansion at NEIAFMR in Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu laid the foundation stone for capacity expansion at the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR) in Pasighat.

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### Manipur CM announces new welfare schemes for promoting sports

Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N Biren Singh announced several new welfare schemes in the state for promoting sports, enhancing education and providing assistance to women. The Khungang Ama, Sanabung Ama scheme will be launched to promote sports.

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### Assam CM flags off 200 electric buses

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma flagged off as many as 200 electric buses (e-buses). These buses will serve 13 routes across Guwahati and have been acquired under the Guwahati Smart City Limited project.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt urged to recognise garment manufacturing sector in ODOP scheme

The Rajasthan government has been urged to recognise the garment manufacturing sector in the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme and extend benefits like Uttar Pradesh. The Uttar Pradesh government is refunding stall charges of exhibitors up to 75 per cent or INR50,000 whichever is higher for fairs and exhibitions happening in the state.

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### Sudhansh Pant appointed as new chief secretary of Rajasthan

Senior IAS officer Sudhansh Pant was appointed as the new chief secretary of Rajasthan. This has come after Usha Sharma retired from the post. He will also hold additional charge as the chairman of the Rajasthan Mines and Mineral Corporation Limited.

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## Union Territories

### Delhi govt to establish dedicated bamboo park in Galibpur

The Delhi forest and wildlife department has decided to establish a dedicated bamboo park in Galibpur village. Around 8,200 bamboo comprising 100 different species would be grown in the park. The pack will be spread over an area of around 20,000 square metres.

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### J&K admin comes up with comprehensive strategy to boost hydropower

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has come up with a comprehensive strategy to boost hydropower generation in the region. The plan outlines a series of measures to tap into the abundant water resources of river basins, leveraging the union territory's (UT) topography for clean and renewable energy production.

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### J&K realises total investment of INR5310 crore in 5 years

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has realised a total investment of INR5310 crore over the last five years. Official figures from 2019-20 till November 2023 indicate a positive trend in investments, with the highest INR2150 crore recorded in 2022-23.

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### Puducherry admin proposes to woo more industries

The Puducherry administration has proposed to woo more industries to the union territory (UT), said Chief Minister N Rangasamy. Measures are underway to develop an industrial estate at Sedarapet.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand CM lays foundation stones of 160 projects worth INR410 crore

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami held a two-km-long roadshow in Tehri. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 160 projects worth INR410 crore. Besides this, members of women's self-help groups (SHGs) and highlighted the role played by women in the statehood movement & development of the state.

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### Uttarakhand govt to introduce high-tech Radar Speed Sign Board

The Uttarakhand government is all set to introduce a high-tech Radar Speed Sign Board (RRSB). The aim is to keep a close watch on the vehicles' speed in cities like Dehradun, Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar and Nainital.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh CM inaugurates Intra District Chopper Service

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the state's first Intra District Chopper Service. The helicopter will fly from Bateshwar in Agra to Goverdhan in Mathura. A helipad has also been constructed in Bateshwar village as part of the development.

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### Uttar Pradesh CM launches Kisan Mitra AI app

CM Yogi Adityanath has launched the Kisan Mitra Artificial Intelligence (AI) app. The app will help farmers get answers to every question through a smartphone. The CM also inaugurated and laid foundation stones of different development projects worth INR140 crore.

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### Uttar Pradesh attracts investment proposals worth INR40 lakh crore

Uttar Pradesh attracted investment proposals worth INR40 lakh crore recently. This is expected to create employment opportunities for 10 million youths of the state. Efforts are underway to develop Lalitpur Bulk Drug Park, Uttar Pradesh Defense Corridor, Purvanchal Industrial Corridor and Lucknow AI City.

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### PM inaugurates Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in the temple town of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. The Phase 1 of the state-of-the-art airport has been developed at a cost of more than INR1450 crore.

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## West Bengal

### Bengal government appoints BP Gopalika as new chief secretary of state

The West Bengal government appointed BP Gopalika as the new chief secretary of the state, an official notification said. He replaced HK Dwivedi, whose extended term ended on December 31.

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### Ashwini Vaishnaw flags off Balurghat-Sealdah Express train

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the Balurghat-Sealdah Express train, which will connect the South Dinajpur district of West Bengal with state capital Kolkata through video conferencing.

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