



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

ECI bars state govt from disbursing INR14,160 crore under 6 DBT schemes

The ECI has barred the Andhra Pradesh government from disbursing an amount of INR14,160 crore under six specific DBT schemes. The state government has been contemplating disbursement of assistance to the beneficiaries by transferring funds to banks.

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Bhogapuram Airport in Andhra Pradesh on 'taxiway' , preparing to take off

Bhogapuram Airport in Andhra Pradesh on 'taxiway', preparing to take off. Considered as one of the future growth engines of Visakhapatnam, the 2200 acre airport will replace the existing aerodrome in the city.

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ECI appoints Harish Kumar Gupta as new Andhra Pradesh DGP

The ECI has appointed Harish Kumar Gupta as the new DGP of Andhra Pradesh. Gupta, a 1992 batch officer of the Indian Police Service, is currently serving as the Principal Secretary (Home). He was directed to assume charge immediately, and Chief Secretary Jawahar Reddy was asked to issue the necessary orders.

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Marut Drones and IFFCO collaborate for spraying over 5 lakh acre farm land

IFFCO partners with Marut Dronetech Private Limited to deploy drone technology on over 5 lakh acres in Andhra Pradesh, boosting agricultural productivity and fostering rural entrepreneurship.

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Bihar

Only two Bihar districts treating Ganga sewage, huge gap in controlling pollution: NGT

Seeking a fresh report from Bihar's 38 districts pertaining to the river's pollution, the NGT observed that 'not even a single effective step' had been taken by the state authorities to demarcate the floodplain zone of river Ganga and its tributaries.

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Indo-Nepal border closed due to upcoming loksabha elections in Bihar

The Nepal-India border in Siraha district will be closed for a total of eight days in two phases, due to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the neighbouring Indian state of Bihar. The elections are scheduled on May 7 in Supaul and May 20 in Madhubani district of Bihar.

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Goa

50 per cent drop in cashew output this year in Goa

There is 50 per cent reduction in cashew production in Goa this year, said Goa Forest Development Corporation (GFDC) chairperson Deviya Rane. Currently, annual raw cashew production stands at 25,800 tonnes with approximately 20 processing units in operation.

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Goa seeks GI tag for Urrak to elevate cashew distillates to premium status

Government has initiated the process to secure a GI tag for urrak, a beverage crafted from cashew apple juice. This move follows the earlier success of attaining GI certification for Cashew Feni.

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Gujarat

IREDA incorporates subsidiary in GIFT City, Gujarat

IREDA has incorporated a subsidiary at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) located in GIFT City, Gujarat. IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited was officially incorporated on May 7, after receiving the no objection letter from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in February 2024, to set up the finance company in IFSC GIFT City.

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FPSB India, IFSCA sign pact to promote GIFT IFSC as 'global finance hub'

Financial Planning Standards Board India announced that it has signed a pact with the IFSCA, GIFT City, Gandhinagar. FPSB India and IFSCA aim to enhance the financial market ecosystem and nurture skilled professionals for GIFT City's expanding financial workforce.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand's JSERC introduces new draft regulations

Aimed at ensuring adequate resources for electricity generation and transmission, the Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC) has introduced new draft regulations.

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IndiGo introduces direct flight, enhancing accessibility in Jharkhand

IndiGo has unveiled a new route connecting Deoghar and Bengaluru directly, offering flights three times weekly starting June 1, 2024. This addition aims to bolster connectivity from southern India to the renowned religious centers in Jharkhand.

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Haryana

Greens stumped by Haryana statement in SC on Aravali range

Haryana govt's statement in Supreme Court that there is no specific definition of areas that fall under Aravali range has baffled former forest officials and environment activists, considering that official documents, notifications, court orders and NGT directions since 1992 have specified what constitutes Aravali in the National Capital Region (NCR).

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IMD warns of severe heatwave; temperature may touch 44 degrees celsius

The India Meteorological Department has warned of a severe heatwave in the coming days in Haryana, where the maximum temperature will likely touch 44-46 degrees Celsius. This heatwave will likely be at its peak between May 16 and 18.

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Himachal Pradesh

Pact signed to purchase power from solar power project in HP's Badehar

The Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) and M/s Sunrise Solar Power Project have signed a pact that allows for the purchase of power from a new 5.0 MW solar power project being developed in Himachal Pradesh's (HP) Badehar.

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Bharti Airtel announces 5G user milestones in Himachal Pradesh

Bharti Airtel has 0.6 million customers enjoying 5G service in the state. The company has successfully deployed 5G service across all cities and districts in Himachal Pradesh.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan govt to implement new integrated health management system

The Rajasthan government has decided to implement a new integrated health management system with digitalisation. The aim is to provide easy access to healthcare services. The system would comprise state-of-the-art technologies, which would bring positive changes to the medical sector in the state.

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Inox Air Products to set up 190-tonne green hydrogen project in Rajasthan

INOX Air Products will establish a 190-tonne green hydrogen project in Chittorgarh, supplying clean energy to Asahi India Glass Limited. The project, powered by solar energy, aims to reduce carbon emissions and aligns with India's green economy goals.

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Kerala

Genrobotics launches first industrial park in a private college campus in Kerala

Genrobotic will be launching an industrial park at ICET at Muvattupuzha in Ernakulam. This will be the first industrial park in a private college in Kerala as part of 'the industry on campus' initiative of the state government.

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Work on Kinfra petrochemical park likely to be over by year-end

Work on the nearly INR1,900 crore petrochemicals park, being built under the supervision of Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (Kinfra) on the Ambalamugal campus of Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore, is progressing towards completion and is expected to be ready for commissioning by the second half of this year.

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Birla Fertility acquires Kerala-based AMRC IVF to foray into South India

Birla Fertility announced the acquisition of an 86 per cent stake in AMRC IVF for an undisclosed amount. According to industry sources, the deal is valued at below INR100 crore, and the transaction will be financed through internal accruals.

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Karnataka

KSRTC to add 40 new Airavat Club Class buses in Karnataka

In an effort to improve the comfort of long-distance drivers, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has decided to add new Airavat Club Class and Airavat sleeper buses to its fleet. After nearly five years, the KSRTC has finally released a tender to replace the outdated Airavat buses with 40 new ones.

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Karnataka govt seeks NMC's approval to set up 2 medical colleges

The Karnataka government has sought approval from the National Medical Commission (NMC) for setting up two private and government medical colleges in the state during the upcoming academic year.

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Karnataka's BMRCL to introduce 16 interchange stations

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is planning to introduce 16 interchange stations in the upcoming phase-II and III projects of Namma Metro. The move aims to ensure easy access to any metro line.

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Madhya Pradesh

IHCL announces fifth hotel in Indore

IHCL announced the signing of a new hotel in Indore. The brownfield project will be branded as Vivanta. Speaking on the occasion, Suma Venkatesh, Executive Vice President - Real Estate & Development, IHCL said, "This signing is in line with IHCL's vision to expand its footprint in leading commercial cities."

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TVS SCS wins new business deal for Eicher's bus facility in Baggad

TVS Supply Chain Solutions has secured a new business contract from VE Commercial Vehicles (VECV) to manage in-plant warehousing and logistics at the Eicher bus factory in Baggad, Madhya Pradesh.

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Maharashtra

Patel Engineering JV emerges as L-1 for INR343 crore project

Patel Engineering along with its JV has been declared as lowest bidder from office of the executive engineer, government of Maharashtra for the irrigation project worth INR343 crore. Irrigation project includes the works involving Construction of water lifting arrangement work for first stage from submergence of Jigaon project including Civil, Mechanical, Electrical component & allied works.

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Oberoi Realty to jointly develop 12,790 sq meters land in Mumbai

Oberoi Realty has entered into a development agreement for development and redevelopment of land admeasuring approximately 12,790 sq meters, situated at Adarsh Nagar, Worli, Mumbai.

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Japan International Cooperation Agency eyes Vadhavan Port for funding

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has held initial talks with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) for funding the planned mega port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra's Palghar district.

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Radhakishan Damani's DMart buys land in Mumbai's Chandivali

Avenue Supermarts that owns and operates the DMart supermarket chain has purchased a 1.2-acre plot in Mumbai's Chandivali suburb for over INR117 crore, as the company continues to acquire properties as part of its growth strategy.

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Punjab

Power demand in Punjab and Haryana rose in first 10 days of May

Power demand in Punjab and Haryana rose around 30 per cent in the first 10 days of May as compared to the same period last year. The demand touched 10,402 MW on May 10 in Punjab. Last year the maximum daily demand in Punjab was 8,558 MW.

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UK's DG Innovate, EVage Motors partner for EV motor production in Punjab

DG Innovate has entered the domestic electric vehicle market in collaboration with Indian electric commercial vehicle startup EVage Motors. The joint venture, with 60 per cent ownership by DG Innovate and 40 per cent by EVage, aims to manufacture electric motors for both domestic and international markets.

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Odisha

American Brew acquires 3rd brewery in Odisha

One of the leading brewing company has announced its recent acquisition of Denzong Brewery located in Odisha, India. ABCL intends to invest upwards of INR80 crore for the acquisition and renovation of the brewery. The brewery has a capacity to produce 2 Lakh cases of beer per month.

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SRAM & MRAM Group sends first instalment of INR 30,000 crore

Giving a major boost to the industrial growth of Odisha, UK-based SRAM & MRAM Group will invest INR2 lakh crore in Odisha to set up a semiconductor unit. The company has already given its first instalment of INR30,000 crore to the state.

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TPSODL inks MoU with ITI Boudh

TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited has signed a MoU with Government ITI (Industrial Training Institute), Boudh. This aims to connect academic and industry learning for ITI students, improving their abilities and making them industry-ready.

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Indonesia aims to revive trade ties with Odisha

To revive the trade relationship with Odisha, delegates from Indonesia visited the state and also paid a visit to Biju Patnaik's birthplace in Cuttack. Among the delegation was Nogopriya Pratomo, director of the Indonesia Trade Promotion Centre.

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Tamil Nadu

Tata Motors to set up INR9,000 crore plant in Tamil Nadu

Tata Motors has signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government to set up a manufacturing plant at an investment of INR9,000 crore and create 5,000 jobs (direct and indirect) over the next five years.

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Tamil Nadu Govt has inaugurated 28,824 apartments in last 3 years

The Tamil Nadu government has inaugurated 28,824 residential apartments built at a cost of INR3,197.94 crore in the last three years. Through the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, the state government soon after assuming office has sanctioned allotment orders to 37,720 beneficiaries.

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Rockwell Automation to expand in India with more factories, tech workers

Rockwell Automation is mulling expanding its technology workforce and opening more factories to boost manufacturing in India, a senior executive said, days after unveiling plans to construct a plant in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

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IIT Madras raises record INR513 crore funds

The IIT Madras has raised a record INR513 crore in funding from its alumni, industry and individual donors during the financial year 2023-24. The institute also attracted a total new pledges of INR 717 crore from alumni and corporate partners during the financial year 2023-24.

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Telangana

AVEVA launches one of its largest customer experience units in Hyderabad

Industrial software solutions provider AVEVA has set up one of its largest customer experience centres (CECs) in Hyderabad. One of six such tech hubs globally, the facility also houses advanced R&D labs and over 1,200 technologists.

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Microsoft acquires land in Hyderabad, could launch new India cloud region

Microsoft purchased the property, located in Ranga Reddy district, from Sai Balaji Developers. The property is located approximately 40km from the main city of Hyderabad. The specific location has not been disclosed, nor have other details of the purchase.

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North-East

IR to begin Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist train from New Jalpaiguri

Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) announced that the Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist Train, covering the tourist destinations of North India, will commence its journey from New Jalpaiguri (NJP) railway station on 18 May 2024.

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Electricity consumers in Meghalaya with load of 100 KW or more can avail Green Energy Open Access

According to the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, electricity consumers with a minimum contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 KW can avail the Green Energy Open Access.

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Tripura forest dept to plant 1.5 mln saplings of different varieties

The Tripura forest department has decided to plant 1.5 million saplings of different varieties in phases. The aim is to further increase the state's forest cover, said state tribal welfare minister Animesh Debbarma.

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Arunachal Pradesh govt to promote honey bee farming in border areas

The Arunachal Pradesh sericulture department has joined hands with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to promote honey bee farming in border areas. The aim is to encourage the border people to take up beekeeping as an additional source of their livelihood.

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Tripura govt contemplates to introduce liver transplant process

The Tripura government is contemplating to introduce liver transplant process in the state. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha. The CM, who also holds the health portfolio, further said that the state will commence kidney transplant procedures by June 2024.

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Meghalaya govt fixes fares for tourist vehicles traveling between Shillong and Umroi Airport

The Meghalaya transport department has fixed the fare rates for tourist vehicles traveling between Shillong and Umroi Airport. For four to five-seater vehicles using petrol/diesel, the rate has been fixed at INR 21 per km, with a total fare of INR 1,345 for the round trip between the airport and Police Bazar.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt plans to promote agri startups, introduce AI in farming

The Uttar Pradesh government has partnered with the agriculture industry to bolster agri startups and introduce artificial intelligence (AI) in farming to boost rural economy and 'smart farming' practices. The Yogi Adityanath government is also planning to host a global farmers' summit 'Krishi Bharat' in November 2024.

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GreenCell Mobility gets INR307 crore credit from SMBC for UP e-bus project

Mumbai-headquartered GreenCell Mobility secured INR 307 crore financing from Japanese financial institution Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) for 350 electric buses in Uttar Pradesh. Under the terms of the agreement, SMBC has extended a long-term project finance facility to GreenCell Mobility for its 350 electric buses project in Uttar Pradesh.

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Dilip Buildcon completes Gorakhpur Link Expressway road project in UP

Dilip Buildcon announced that the project Construction of Gorakhpur Link Expressway (Package II) from Fulwaria (Dist. Ambedkar Nagar) to Salarapur (Dist. Azamgarh) (Km 47+500 to km 90+535) on EPC Basis, has been provisionally completed.

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UP government to invest INR45,000 crore to expedite cargo movement

The state government has been planning to allocate around INR45,000 crore for investments in highways and tertiary roads in the current financial year 2024-25 (FY25), aiming to enhance passenger and cargo movement within the state.

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Uttarakhand

CM inaugurates Dobra-Chanthi suspension bridge in Tehri-Garhwal

CM Trivendra Singh Rawat has inaugurated the 725-metre long Dobra-Chanthi suspension bridge in Tehri-Garhwal district. According to the statement by the Chief Minister's office, this project is the longest motorable single lane suspension bridge in India.

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Government to spend INR2 crore per km of roads along China border

The government is likely to spend over INR 2 crore on each kilometre of road to be constructed along the China border in Uttarakhand under the Vibrant Village Programme (VVP), according to the project's details.

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Union Territories

Grew Energy plans to develop 3.2 GW module manufacturing facility in J&K

Grew Energy will set up 3.2 GW capacity manufacturing facility in Jammu & Kashmir with an investment of INR 4,500 crore. Upon completion, the facility will have annual capacity of producing 3.2 GW high-efficiency modules and 2.8 GW ingots, wafers and cells.

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Daman & Diu to get airport by 2024-end

The construction of the Daman Airport in Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu is in full swing. The airport is set to be ready for operations by the end of 2024. Many central government schemes are being implemented in the union territory (UT) with great speed.

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J&K admin sets target to establish 50 PLCs

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has set a target to set up 50 Panchayat Learning Centers (PLCs) by the end of 2024. Facilities including digital learning infrastructure, study rooms and book banks will be established in these centres.

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SIDBI launches initiative to revolutionise artisan sector in J&K

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) tourism and handicrafts departments, launched an initiative to revolutionise the artisan sector in the union territory (UT).

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West Bengal

Diabetes clinics for children to come up in 10 more hospitals of West Bengal

As many as 10 more hospitals in West Bengal are set to get clinics for children with diabetes. These include Burdwan Medical College, Asansol District Hospital, Tamluk Medical College, Midnapore Medical College, Rampurhat Medical College, Murshidabad Medical College, etc.

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Polaris secures INR2,246 crore smart meter rollout contracts in West Bengal

Polaris said that it has been awarded a INR2,246 crore contract to install 2.2 million smart meters in West Bengal. The project aims to reduce Discom losses and empower consumers by introducing smart prepaid meters, the company said.

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