



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Amara Raja Group wins 700MW solar BoS project in Andhra Pradesh

The project, located on a 2,200-acre site near Uyyalavada town, is the largest solar undertaking by ARIPL to date, which reached INR1,516 crore for the fourth quarter.

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### Andhra Pradesh invests in port-led growth

State's effort to strengthen its maritime logistics capability is on course as work gathers pace in the construction of four new ports and a notable increase in shipments from the existing six ports.

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## Goa

### Goa's Sun Estates plan INR1,000 crore investment

Sun Estates developers plans to invest INR1,000 crore in developing seven hotels in North Goa. These hotels will feature a minimum of 75 to 80 keys, with amenities such as restaurants, spas, and gyms, operated by branded hotel chains.

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### Green clearance for mining firms to be hastened

With the constitution of the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Goa, the procedure to issue environmental clearance (EC) to mining companies is expected to be accelerated.

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## Haryana

### Haryana's Gurugram to get 7 more TB units

An approval has been given to set up as many as seven additional tuberculosis (TB) units in Haryana's Gurugram. The move has come in an attempt to achieve the state's objective to eradicate the disease by 2025. These units will carry out various tasks planned under the National Tuberculosis Control Programme at the sub-district level.

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### Haryana launches one-time settlement schemes for HSIIDC plot allottees

Newly sworn-in Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini announced two new one-time settlement schemes under the 'Vivadon Ka Samadhan' initiative in a bid to boost business operations in the state.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat Toolroom completes another segment of on-going contract with RIL

Gujarat Toolroom has successfully executed another segment of the ongoing contract with Reliance Industries. The company has delivered construction supplies valued at INR65 crore to Reliance Industries, marking the second installment of the agreed-upon contract.

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### Micron to set up semiconductor assembly and test facility in Gujarat

Micron is setting up an OSAT plant in Gujarat's Sanand. The project will see an estimated investment of over INR22,000 crore, of which Micron will invest nearly INR7,000 crore. The rest will be a combination of incentives from the central and state governments.

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## Kerala

### 80,000 secondary school teachers in Kerala to get AI training

Around 80,000 secondary school teachers in Kerala are set to get hands-on training in artificial intelligence (AI). The three-day training will be conducted by the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE).

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### Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan signs 5 bills including LAA

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan signed five bills that were under his consideration. The bills signed are Land Assignment Amendment(LAA) Bill, Kerala Co-operative Societies (Amendment), the Paddy Wetland Amendment Bill.

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## Jharkhand

### IHCL'S Vivanta Jamshedpur opens its doors

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) announced the opening of a Vivanta hotel in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. Located in the heart of the city, the hotel is a seamless blend of contemporary elegance and local tribal heritage.

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### Government mulls 2 mega power plants Jharkhand

The coal ministry plans to establish large power plants near coalfields, aiming to decrease reliance on costly coal transportation. Jharkhand will have two plants at Chotanagpur in the North Karanpura Coalfield, and another in the Rajmahal Coalfield.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Multi-purpose green hydrogen pilot project inaugurated in Jhakri, HP

India's first multi-purpose green hydrogen pilot project was inaugurated at 1,500 MW NJHPS in Jhakri. It has the capability to cater to the high-velocity oxygen fuel (HVOF) coating facility of NJHPS to meet its combustion fuel requirements, in addition to generating electricity through its 25kW capacity fuel cell.

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### Leh-Manali National Highway now open for vehicular movement

The highway serves as a crucial alternate route connecting Ladakh with the rest of the country via Himachal Pradesh. According to reports, it closed in November due to winter and snow buildup.

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## Punjab

### Punjab expected to procure 132 lakh metric tons wheat: Chief Secretary

Punjab is expected to procure 132 lakh metric tons wheat, out of which 17.14 lakh metric tons have already been acquired, Chief Secretary Anurag Verma said.

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### Punjab Agricultural University granted patent for food testing kit

An Indian patent number 508659 titled 'Bacteriological food testing kit (BFTK) for rapid and efficient detection of presence/absence of recurrent indicator and emerging pathogens in food sample' has been granted to three scientists of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU).

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan's Jaisalmer to get Nokh solar photovoltaic park

Rajasthan's Jaisalmer is set to get the 925 MW Nokh solar photovoltaic (PV) park. The tender process for the project has been carried out by the NTPC Limited. The park will be developed at an estimated cost of INR410 crore by September 2024.

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### CESC acquires company engaged in under-construction 300 MW solar park

CESC Ltd said one of its step-down subsidiaries has completed the acquisition of a company that is in the process of implementing a 300-MW solar park in Rajasthan. The acquisition aims at bolstering the renewable energy portfolio of the power utility.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### MP Tourism Board signs MoU with IWAI

The Madhya Pradesh (MP) Tourism Board has signed an MoU with the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). Under this pact, as many as two floating jetties, known as pontoons, have been dispatched from West Bengal's Kolkata to Kukshi in Madhya Pradesh.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt to create homestays in Ujjain

The Madhya Pradesh tourism department is mulling to create homestays and other housing facilities in rural regions that are on the path to the temple city of Ujjain. This has come in response to an increase in visitor traffic and demand for accommodation.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra's PMC to set up model immunisation centre in Pune

The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has decided to establish the first model immunisation centre (MIC) in Maharashtra at the Kamala Nehru Hospital (KNH). This centre seeks to enhance vaccine accessibility and efficiency for city residents.

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### Maharashtra govt agrees to be guarantor for 21 cooperative sugar mills

The Maharashtra government has agreed to be the guarantor for 21 cooperative sugar mills and recommended their names for loans from the National Cooperative Development Corporation.

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### PPA signed for development of 85 MW hybrid power project in Maharashtra

A power purchase agreement (PPA) has been signed between the Juniper Green Energy Private Limited and Tata Power for the development of an 85 MW hybrid power project in Maharashtra. The project will utilise both wind and solar resources by combining 51 MW of wind energy and 34 MW of solar power.

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### 14 companies submit bids to construct 96.4-km of VAMMC in Maharashtra

A total of 14 companies have submitted bids to construct 96.4-km of the first phase of Virar-Alibaug Multi-Model Corridor (VAMMC) in Maharashtra. The 126-km corridor aims to connect Palghar Thane and Raigad. The project will be implemented by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC).

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## Karnataka

### Bharti Airtel touches 6.9 million 5G customers mark in Karnataka Bengaluru

Bharti Airtel announced that its 6.9 million customers were availing 5G service in Karnataka. The company said in a statement that it has deployed 5G service across all cities and districts in the state.

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### UFlex switches to renewable energy for packaging plant in Karnataka, India

Uflex has signed a long-term agreement to source renewable energy for its packaging films plant located in Dharwad, Karnataka. This move aligns with UFlex's ambitious goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2035 or even sooner.

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### Megha Engineering and Infrastructure bags 2000MW project

MEIL has bagged a 2,000-megawatt Sharavathi pumped storage power project in Karnataka entailing an investment of INR8,000 crore. The Sharavathi river is a vital source of hydroelectric power in Karnataka, a company statement said, adding that with a planned total power generation capacity of 2000 MW.

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## Odisha

### Sany Heavy Industry India sales, service office opened in Rayagada, Odisha

Sany Heavy Industry India Pvt Ltd, a leading global provider of construction machinery and equipment, has announced the opening of Raghunath Machinery head office in Rayagada, Odisha. The facility will provide access to sales, service, and spare parts to its customers in the southern and western Odisha regions, the company said.

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### Heatwave sweeps Odisha, Bhubaneswar records 44.6 degrees Celsius

The industrial town of Angul recorded a blistering 44.7 degrees Celsius, while Bhubaneswar, the state capital, sweltered at 44.6 degrees Celsius, marking the highest temperature this summer, weather officials said.

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### TPWODL appoints Parveen Kumar Verma as new CEO

TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), a collaborative venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, announced the appointment of Parveen Kumar Verma as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu's TANGEDCO absorbs 40.5 mu of solar energy

The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) absorbed around 40.5 million units (mu) of green & clean energy for the first time and injected it into the grid.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to deploy 25 small buses in Tiruvannamalai

The Tamil Nadu transport department has decided to run 25 small buses in Tiruvannamalai to ensure that pilgrims can easily access the Girivalam path and the local bus stand.

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### BFW Unveils New Manufacturing Plant in Tamil Nadu

BFW, a leading manufacturer of machine tools, has inaugurated a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu. The new plant, located in Coimbatore, marks a significant expansion for BFW and underscores the company's commitment to enhancing its production capabilities and meeting for growing demand for its products.

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## Telangana

### Telangana CM promises to set up pharma village in Narayankhed

Telangana Chief Minister (CM) A Revanth Reddy has promised to set up pharma village and pharma cluster on 809.3 hectares of land in Narayankhed. The project would create thousands of jobs for the youth. In addition, he announced the release of INR 2 crore under the special development fund.

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### Telangana CM allocates INR1 lakh crore to revitalise Musi riverfront

CM A Revanth Reddy has allocated INR1 lakh crore to revitalise the Musi riverfront in Hyderabad. He has also outlined plans to develop Himayath Sagar & Osman Sagar and transform Vikarabad into a prominent tourist destination.

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### Telangana to get Yadadri thermal power plant

The Union ministry of environment, forest & climate change (MoEF&CC) has given clearance for the construction of the Yadadri thermal power plant in Telangana's Nalgonda district. The 4,000 MW coal-based supercritical thermal power station will come up at Veerlapalem village in Damercherla mandal.

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## North-East

### 855-metre emergency tunnel built as part of Sikkim's Sivok-Rangpo Rail Project

The Sivok-Rangpo Rail Project, which aims to link Sikkim to the railway system for the first time, has seen a noteworthy development. An 855-metre tunnel for emergency evacuation has been built as part of the development.

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### Nagaland Tourism Department Single Window System to be introduced

The Nagaland government is planning to introduce the Nagaland Tourism Department Single Window System (NTSW). This will facilitate and monitor all tourism related activities through a single online mobile app based integrated end-to-end platform.

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## Union Territories

### J&K police establishes 10 new cyber cells in Jammu

The J&K police has established 10 new cyber cells in the Jammu region. The aim is to ensure effective and efficient handling of cyber crimes at a local level and assist people at their doorsteps.

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### 47-km of unpaved roads in Delhi revamped in 2 months

Around 47-km of unpaved roads in Delhi have been revamped in the last two months. Besides this, 420-km of roads are yet to be paved. The land & road-owning bodies of the national capital have been asked to expedite the work on the pending roads to curtail sources of local and dust pollution.

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### REC to lend INR1,870 crore for hydropower project in Jammu & Kashmir

Rural Electrification Company (REC) will provide a term loan of INR1,870 crore for the 624 MW Kiru Hydro Electric Project in Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir. The loan will be utilised for the development, construction and operation of the project on Chenab River.

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### Drilling campaign to be mounted for India's first geothermal project in Ladakh

A fresh drilling campaign will be mounted for India's first geothermal project in Ladakh by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) after suffering a setback two years ago. The project could open a source for emission-free electricity, space heating and irrigation in the cold & harsh terrains of the union territory (UT).

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Phase-I building of IIT-K Research and Technology Park in UP inaugurated

The phase-I building of the IIT Kanpur Research and Technology Park was recently inaugurated. Advisor to the Chief Minister Awanish Awasthi discussed several upcoming government initiatives, particularly in the pharmaceutical sector.

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### Ola cab services launched at airport in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

Ola has launched its services at the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The move will assist travellers and ensure a hassle-free journey in the temple town. A dedicated pick-up point has been added at the airport.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt sets up 293 wheat purchasing centres in Prayagraj

The Uttar Pradesh government has set up 293 wheat purchasing centres in Prayagraj and deputed nine agencies for procurement. This has come as a part of efforts to ensure smooth procurement of the commodity from farmers across the state this season.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt scales up industrial land bank

The government has taken significant strides to enhance industrial development by scaling up its industrial land bank to 25,000 acres. This move is poised to attract more investments, foster economic growth, and create employment opportunities across various sectors.

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## Uttarakhand

### MoU signed to establish water sports academy in Tehri, Uttarakhand

An MoU has been signed for the development of a high-performance water sports academy in Tehri, Uttarakhand. It will include training centers with modern equipment and infrastructure. The facility is being developed in collaboration with SJVN, THDC, ITBP, Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association and Olympic Association of Uttarakhand.

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### Uttarakhand govt to make Jolly Grant Airport international

The Uttarakhand government has invited request for proposal (RFP) from airlines to operate subsidised direct flights between Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport and Kathmandu. The move is being supported by the central government to promote inbound tourism from abroad.

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