



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

AP govt to sign MoU with Google

An MoU would be signed between the AP government and Google in these respects. The partnership would encompass AI applications in agriculture, healthcare, sustainability, skill development, startup ecosystems, AI workforce cultivation, MSME support through digital credit and AI-driven governance.

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Andhra Pradesh to launch India's first ever 'Skill Census' soon, says Nara Lokesh

The state government has decided to launch India's first skill Census soon. The move is aimed at identifying and enhancing the skills of the youth to improve their employment prospects. The information was shared by state education minister Nara Lokesh.

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Andhra Pradesh govt collaborates with BEE to implement Mission LiFE

The state government has collaborated with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency to implement the Mission LiFE initiative. The mission aims to enhance the economy, ensure energy security and uplift the quality of life for people, positioning the state as a trailblazer in India.

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Goa

IWAI to take up waterway development works in Goa

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has decided to take up development works rigorously planned and proposed by the Goa government for dredging, navigation and berthing facilities. This has come as part of the Centre's Nationalisation of Rivers scheme.

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Centre will provide INR30,000 crore for Viksit Goa mission: Sawant

CM Pramod Sawant said that the Union govt will provide INR30,000 crore to the state in the next five years to take up infrastructure work, including the widening of national highways. Sawant said that once the rains subside, it will take one month to fill the potholes of Goa.

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Centre plans to designate 108 Goa villages as ecologically sensitive

The Indian government has proposed designating 108 villages in Goa as ecologically sensitive areas. This move aims to enhance environmental protection and preserve the unique ecosystems of these regions. The proposal highlights the government's commitment to safeguarding Goa's natural resources and biodiversity.

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Gujarat

Gujarat CM lays foundation stones for 2,240 projects worth INR410 crore

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendra Patel laid foundation stones for 2,240 projects worth INR410 crore in Sabarkantha district on World Tribal Day. He also inaugurated 2,053 projects worth INR600 crore. Besides this, individual benefits worth INR46.82 crore were distributed to beneficiaries under schemes of various departments.

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Gujarat leads in ZED-certified industrial units

Gujarat has topped the country in industrial units with the highest number of ZED (zero defect-zero effect) certifications – 41,556 – from the Union ministry for its small, micro and medium enterprises (MSMEs), according to a statement from the state govt.

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CG Power ropes in Jacobs to build its Sanand chip plant

CG Power will work with leading global facilities management firm Jacobs for its upcoming semiconductor assembly plant in Gujarat's Sanand. Four in five of the world's computers are built in facilities designed by Jacobs' team.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra State Skill University signs MoU with Maharashtra govt to implement AMRIT

The Maharashtra State Skill University has signed an MoU with the Maharashtra government to implement the Academy of Maharashtra Research Upliftment and Training (AMRIT), 50 selected entrepreneurs will receive financial assistance of INR300,000 each.

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Maharashtra govt approves Wainganga-Nalganga river linking project

The Maharashtra government has approved the Wainganga-Nalganga river linking project worth INR87,340 crore. The project will irrigate around 375,000 hectares of land, benefitting drought-prone areas. A total of 426.5km of connecting canals will be constructed.

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NMC approves 2 more new medical colleges in Maharashtra

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has approved two more new medical colleges in Maharashtra. These include a government-run college in Nashik and a private institute in Aurangabad. Both colleges have been permitted to admit 50 students each to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 2024-25.

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Punjab

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann approves INR25 crore for Chabbewal

Grant of INR2 crore would be given for the needy residents for the construction of the roofs of their houses, about INR 17.15 crore had been sanctioned for the construction of new and widening of the roads. INR3.69 crore would be spent on various development works.

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Punjab Government plans to set up 66 solar power plants

The Punjab government is planning to set up 66 solar power plants, each with a four MW capacity. The information was shared by state new and renewable energy. The aim is to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels, cut the annual power. This endeavour will attract investments around INR1,056 crore in the state, paving the way for the creation of jobs.

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Punjab govt to upgrade 132 schools as Schools of Happiness

The Punjab government is planning to upgrade at least 132 schools across the state as Schools of Happiness. Out of these, 10 will be in urban areas and 122 in rural areas. An amount of INR 1 crore each will be spent on urban primary schools and INR1.38 crore each on schools in rural areas.

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Haryana

Action plan worth INR1190 crore approved to advance agricultural productivity

Haryana's state-level sanctioning committee of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Krishonnati Yojana approved the annual action plan for the financial year 2024-25. The plan allocates INR1190 crore to advance agricultural productivity, support sustainable farming practices and enhance farmer livelihoods through strategic investments in infrastructure.

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Haryana govt to hike commission for arthiyas on paddy crops by 20 per cent

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced a 20 per cent increase in commission for arthiyas on paddy crops, raising it from INR45.8 to INR55 per quintal. Additionally, the state will compensate arthiyas approximately INR12 crore for losses due to wheat shortages.

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Smart Centre set up under CSR for electrician training in Faridabad, Haryana

ABB India announced the establishment of a smart center for electrician training in Faridabad, Haryana. This initiative was launched in partnership with the ESSCI in the presence of Sujeet Gusain, Location Industrial Relation Manager, Faridabad, ABB India, Saroj Apato, Vice-President, ESSCI, Rajeev Singh, AGM.

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Himachal Pradesh

INR50 crore for Una Bulk drug park: Sukhu

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the state govt had released an amount of INR50 crore for the infrastructure development of the bulk drug park to be built in Haroli Of Una District.

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Himachal Pradesh's Chamba to get green hydrogen-based mobility station

The construction of 13.79km ropeway in Shimla aimed at reducing congestion in Shimla will begin on March 1, 2025 with 15 station and 3 route lines the cost project costs over INR1,734.40 crore. Initial capacity will be 2000 person per hour.

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Himachal Pradesh govt unveils HIM-UNNATI scheme

The Himachal Pradesh government has unveiled the HIM-UNNATI scheme worth INR150 crore. This scheme will bolster the efforts of 192,000 farmers already practising chemical-free farming on over 32,149 hectares of land.

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Karnataka

KSTDC plans to capture airport travel market with tech

Due to limited public transport options and sky-high cab fares, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) is planning to capture the market with its new app which is expected to be launched in the next couple of months. However, getting drivers on board for its new tech innovation plans appears to be a hurdle.

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Bengaluru Metro's Pink Line in Karnataka to open in 2025

Bengaluru Metro's Pink Line in Karnataka is scheduled to open in 2025 and will become operational in two phases, according to the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). The metro line would connect Kalena Agrahara on Bannerghatta Road to Nagawara

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Karnataka's BMRCL signs MoA with NLM to support women entrepreneurs

Karnataka's Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with the National Livelihood Mission (NLM) to pilot a new initiative to support rural and urban women entrepreneurs.

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Kerala

M&M in talks with Kerala govt to set up electric vehicle manufacturing unit

Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M), India's fourth-largest automaker, is in discussions with the Kerala government to set up an electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing unit in the southern state, which is known for its higher EV penetration. It could boost the state's industrial sector ahead of its Global Investment Meet (GIM)

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Kerala govt approves INR5.5 crore for storage godown at Azhikal Port

The Kerala government has approved an amount of INR5.5 crore for building a storage godown at the Azhikal Port. The move aims to ease the process of storing goods at the port. Additionally, dredging operations will start after the monsoon to deepen the port from 2.5-metres to over four-metres.

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TeamLease EdTech & Kerala govt signed MoU to improve employment

This partnership of the learning and employability solution services company with the Kerala government will help address the skill gaps and fulfil the skill requirements to overcome the employability.

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Rajasthan

GAIL signs MoU for a stake in Rajasthan Govt's power plants

GAIL and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited have agreed to explore forming a joint venture to manage gas-based power plants and develop 1,000 MW of solar and wind projects.

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Kai Group to invest INR17 crore to expand manufacturing facility in Rajasthan

Kai Group, a Japan-based personal care product and kitchen equipment maker, said it will invest INR17 crore to expand production capacity of its manufacturing facility at Neemrana in Rajasthan.

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Rajasthan govt to boost handicraft exports

The Rajasthan government is working on a plan to boost handicraft exports from the state. Global geopolitical situation coupled with domestic constraints in achieving competitiveness has held back growth in the sector. To address the issue, container subsidies will be given to exporters on the lines of Uttar Pradesh.

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Madhya Pradesh

MPSeDC signs MoU with IESA to boost electronics and semiconductor sector

The MoU aims to stimulate the establishment of Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem ventures in Madhya Pradesh. The initiative seeks to develop a vibrant ecosystem encompassing electronic business services, printed circuit board (PCB) design and manufacturing, electronic components manufacturing.

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MP bags investment proposals of INR3,200 crore from Google

CM Mohan Yadav said that the state has received investment proposals worth INR3,200 crore, including from international companies Nvidia and Google, which are likely to generate over 7,000 employment opportunities

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Omkareshwar gets central & north India's largest floating solar project

Central and north India's largest floating solar project, generating 90 MW of energy, was commissioned at Omkareshwar in Madhya Pradesh. The information was shared by state renewable energy minister Rakesh Shukla. The cost of the Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project has been pegged at INR640 crore.

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Odisha

Odisha minister inaugurates 14 new degree colleges in 8 districts

Odisha higher education minister Suryabanshi Suraj inaugurated 14 new government degree colleges in eight districts of the state. These include Tiring in Mayurbhanj district; Thuamul Rampur in Kalahandi; among others.

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Tata Power gets Lol to acquire special-purpose-vehicle in Odisha

Tata Power has received a letter of intent from PFC Consulting to acquire Paradeep Transmission Ltd in Odisha. The project will be developed on a build, own, operate, and transfer basis, offering transmission services for 35 years.

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Odisha Targets 10,000 MW Renewable Capacity addition in the State by 2030

Advancing the energy transition with plans to add 25,000-30,000 MW of renewable energy, including 12,000 MW from Green Hydrogen/Ammonia hubs. This creates key investment opportunities in electrical and electronics manufacturing, grid management, and transmission and distribution infrastructure.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt plans to build India's biggest international cricket stadium

The Tamil Nadu government is planning to build India's biggest international cricket stadium in Coimbatore. For this, it has floated tenders to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) to construct the proposed stadium. The facility will have the largest seating capacity in the country, along with five-star facilities.

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Tamil Nadu Tech City Project to come up in Chennai

The state government is planning to establish the TN Tech City Project on over 60 hectares of land in north Chennai. It will be implemented by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO). The project aims to attract both international & domestic investments in sectors such as information technology (IT).

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Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme launched in Tamil Nadu

CM MK Stalin has launched the Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme. Under this, INR 1,000 per month will be given to boys who pursue higher education after completing their studies in government-run schools.

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Telangana

Telangana records 7 per cent growth in GST revenues

Telangana has recorded a dull growth of seven per cent in GST revenues for July 2024, compared to a 10 per cent growth recorded for the country. The state's revenue from GST stood at INR 3570 crore, which is INR 230 crore higher than the tax collected.

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Telangana IT exports clock 11 per cent growth in FY24

Telangana's total exports in the Information Technology sector reached INR2,68,233 crore during the last financial year, reflecting an 11.2 per cent increase from the previous year. This growth rate significantly outpaces the national average growth of 3.3 per cent.

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Corning and Telangana government signs MoU

The Telangana government signed an MoU with Corning Incorporated to collaborate on skilling and innovation initiatives aimed at strengthening the State's workforce and advancing technological innovation in key industries here.

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North-East

Tata's INR27,000-crore Assam chip facility to be operational in 2025

Assam CM and Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran performed ceremony for the Tata Electronics' INR270-billion semiconductor assembly and test facility at Jagiroad, Morigaon. The facility is expected to be operational next year. It is expected to create 27,000 job opportunities, including 15,000 direct jobs and additional 12,000 indirect jobs.

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Sikkim CM presents surplus Budget of INR14,490 crore for FY 2024-25

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang presented a surplus Budget of INR14,490 crore for the financial year (FY) 2024-25. The Budget highlights contributions from own tax revenue of INR2,160 crore and non-tax revenue of INR920 crore. The total gross expenditure includes allocations of INR2520 crore under centrally sponsored schemes.

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Manipur govt to construct concrete roads worth INR3,500 crore in Imphal

The Manipur government is planning to construct concrete roads worth INR3,500 crore for the first time in Imphal and greater Imphal area soon. The move has been taken considering the frequent impact on roads as the state receives rainfall for seven months annually.

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Meghalaya CM inaugurates AI-based firm's new facility at Shillong IT Park

Meghalaya Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K Sangma inaugurated artificial intelligence (AI)-based company iMerit's new facility at the Shillong Information Technology (IT) Park. The state government has initiated interventions to create an ecosystem for IT-enabled services to thrive, the CM added.

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Arunachal Pradesh CM inaugurates new drinking water supply project

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu inaugurated a new drinking water supply project with a capacity of 1.9 million litres per day at the Naharlagun-based Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS). Notably, the TRIHMS is the only medical college hospital in the state.

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Assam CM launches 'Nijut Moina' scheme

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the 'Nijut Moina' scheme to combat child marriage and empower girls. Under the initiative, the state government will provide monthly financial assistance to nearly one million girl students from the higher secondary to post-graduate (PG) levels in state-run and aided institutions.

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Union Territories

55 Hectare of land in delhi baprola's set to be developed as "Industrial Park"

To augment industrial infrastructure in Delhi and prevent the mushrooming of illegal industrial units in non-industrial areas, LG VK Saxena has given his nod to develop the entire 55-hectare area of Baprola Industrial Area as an industrial park.

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Puducherry government plans to implement drinking water scheme at a cost of INR480 crore

The government has come up with a INR480 crore scheme to provide clean drinking water to residents of Puducherry, the Chief Minister said the government has taken into account the developmental and welfare needs of Puducherry, while presenting the outlay of INR12,700 crore.

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Delhi's auto parts traders face uncertainty due to Bangladesh crisis

Auto parts traders in Delhi markets like Karol Bagh and Kashmere Gate are facing uncertainty due to the crisis in Bangladesh. Auto parts worth around INR10 billion are traded between Delhi and Bangladesh on a monthly basis.

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New industrial policy to be unveiled in Puducherry

A new industrial policy would be unveiled soon in Puducherry. This will facilitate development of industries in the union territory and generate job opportunities for youths. Plans are also underway to establish an information technology park.

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Puducherry CM inaugurates regional reference laboratory

Puducherry Chief Minister (CM) N Rangasamy has inaugurated a state-of-the-art regional reference laboratory and integrated diagnostics centre in the city. The centre has been equipped with latest diagnostic technologies including radiology, pathology and wellness services.

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India to ramp up lithium exploration in existing J&K blocks

India's Mines Ministry will be carrying out further exploration across existing lithium blocks in Jammu and Kashmir before putting them up for auction again. The idea would be to provide more details around these blocks, making them "commercially viable".

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh to get India's first solar expressway

Uttar Pradesh will get India's first solar expressway, covering 607 hectares of land along the Bundelkhand Expressway. The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) informed that the project's goal is to generate 450 MW of renewable energy, which could power 60,000 households daily.

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Uttar Pradesh CoM approves merger of Loni & Khoda municipal corporations

The Uttar Pradesh Council of Ministers (CoM) has approved a proposal to merge Loni & Khoda municipal corporations into Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) and make them a part of Greater Ghaziabad. According to the CoM, the Greater Ghaziabad scheme will promote basic development in the city.

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UP govt to launch INR4,000 crore agriculture business project

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has decided to launch a World Bank-funded INR4,000 crore agriculture business and entrepreneurship project to boost rural income. The project is expected to benefit farmers, farm groups and agro micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) in 28 districts in eastern UP and Bundelkhand region.

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Uttar Pradesh CM launches Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan

CM Yogi Adityanath launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan to empower educated and trained youth across the state. The scheme aims to provide financial support to 100,000 youths annually to become self-employed.

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Uttarakhand

IREDA Allocates INR1.05 crore for Development of Sport Science Centre

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA), a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), and SEWA-THDC.

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Fortune Hotels signs new property in Rishikesh

Fortune Hotels, a member of ITC's hotel group, has announced the signing of its latest property in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand. This under-development project, offering views of the Ganges, is slated to open in June 2025.

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