



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Centre gives nod to release INR12,157 crore for Polavaram irrigation project

The Centre has given in-principle nod to release INR12,157 crore for the Polavaram irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh. The amount will be sanctioned in two tranches, i.e. INR600 crore in the 2024-25 financial year and the rest in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

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### Andhra Pradesh set to witness a big leap on industrial front

The sanction of Kopparthy and Orvakal nodes in Visakhapatnam-Chennai and Hyderabad-Bangalore industrial corridors, and finalisation of contractor for KRIS City in Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor, all with an estimated cost of INR7,075 crore, are expected to attract companies and ensure speedy development.

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### Centre has approved the development of industrial smart cities across the state

Kopparthi Mega Industrial Hub in Kadapa district's Kamalapuram constituency is among the key beneficiaries. With an investment of INR 2,137 crore, the project aims to develop 2,596 acres of land and create employment opportunities for around 54,000 people.

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## Bihar

### Bihar CM lays foundation stone for INR1,347 crore drinking water project

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone for a project valued at INR 1,347 crore for supplying water from the Sone river for drinking purposes in Aurangabad, Dehri and Sasaram cities.

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### Bihar Government focuses on increasing sugarcane production

Bihar's Sugarcane Minister Krishna Nandan Paswan assured the sugarcane farmers that the government is committed to improving the production of sugarcane under the Chief Minister's scheme.

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### Amrit Lal Meena appointed as Bihar's new Chief Secretary

The Bihar Government has officially appointed Amrit Lal Meena, former Coal Secretary, as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has sanctioned Meena's repatriation to his parent cadre following the retirement of Brijesh Mehrotra, the previous Chief Secretary.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat State Petronet To Restructure Into Gujarat Gas And GSPL Transmission

Gujarat State Petronet Ltd. announced a restructuring plan to simplify its corporate structure. Following the restructuring, the company will operate through two main entities: Gujarat Gas Ltd. and GSPL Transmission Ltd. The restructuring is subject to approval from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the National Stock Exchange of India, the BSE, shareholders, and creditors.

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### Cabinet gives go ahead for INR3,300 crore semiconductor unit in Gujarat

The Indian government has approved four semiconductor plants under the India Semiconductor Mission, indicating significant progress in the sector. With the first chips expected next year, the initiative aims to boost various industries. The government is also focusing on talent development and partnerships with international entities, preparing India to become a global semiconductor hub.

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### VR Health launches occupational health services for MSMEs in Gujarat

VR Health, a provider of Occupational Health Services, has launched its operations in Gujarat, aiming to empower MSMEs by promoting a healthier and more productive workforce. The company aims to help businesses comply with the Factories Act of 1948, which mandates regular health check-ups for factory workers, ensuring a safe and compliant working environment.

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## Goa

### Axis Ecorp enters fractional ownership, targets INR100 crore revenue in North Goa

Axis Ecorp has ventured into fractional ownership, partnering with FOIC and Moneytree Realty to offer investment opportunities in North Goa's real estate market. The company aims to generate INR 100 crore in revenue this fiscal year, starting with a selection of suites in a prime tourist location.

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### Goa Shipyard launches indigenous pollution control vessel 'Samudra Pratap'

In a significant stride towards self-reliance in defense manufacturing, Goa Shipyard (GSL) has launched the first of two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Indian Coast Guard. Named 'Samudra Pratap,' this vessel represents the pinnacle of Indian engineering and innovation in maritime environmental protection.

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## Punjab

### Punjab's Rajpura all set to boom with integrated manufacturing cluster

The IMC project, which is a part of Amritsar-Kolkata industrial corridor, is expected to attract investments worth INR6,400 crore from national and international investors, positioning Rajpura as key destination for industrial and commercial activities.

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### Lemon Tree Hotels signs new property in Amritsar, Punjab

Lemon Tree Hotels has signed its latest property, Lemon Tree Hotel, Amritsar, in Punjab. Carnation Hotels Pvt Ltd. will manage this property. Set to open in 2028, the hotel will bring a refreshing experience to the city.

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## Maharashtra

### Dighi Industrial Smart City to help Maha achieve USD1 trillion economy target

The Maharashtra government's ongoing infrastructure development plan received a major boost after the Union Cabinet's approval for the development of the Dighi Port Industrial Area. The proposed city will be 55 km east of Dighi port spread over 6,056 acre costing INR5,469 crore. The project has the potential to attract investment worth INR38,000 crore

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### Maharashtra approves INR10,000 crore for Solar Agriculture Feeder Scheme

The plan includes increasing solar power generation capacity to 16,000 MW by 2025, building on the existing 9,000 MW of solar projects and adding 7,000 MW of decentralised solar capacity.

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## Haryana

### Textile Unit in Haryana Goes Solar

Haryana, Sirsa-based Sharda Cotton Industries has recently installed a 400 kW rooftop solar system. The projected annual savings on electricity costs is INR4 million (~47,681) from the rooftop installation, which will generate 570,000 units of power.

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### NeoLiv ties up with Royal Green Realty to develop INR600 crore housing project

Real estate firm NeoLiv has tied up with Royal Green Realty to jointly develop a 20-acre housing project at Kundli-Sonipat in Haryana with an estimated revenue potential of more than INR600 crore.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Sharika Enterprises wins order of INR7.53 crore from HPSEB

Sharika Enterprises has received a letter of Award from HPSEB for design, engineering, supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of 22Kv GIS and 22/6.6Kv power transformers of 10 MVA and 6.3 MVA Capacity for SOP to LWSS Shimla Town Stage 1st at Shakrori, Stage 2nd at Dwada under ED Sunni and Stage 3rd at Dummi under ED No-1, HPSEBL Shimla.

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### Himachal govt to implement Bulk Drug Park Project on its own

The state government will implement the Bulk Drug Park Project on its own and provide land and electricity at subsidised rates to the investors, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The project worth INR1,000 crore aims to set up a mega drug manufacturing facility spanning 570 hectares in the Haroli assembly segment of Una district.

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### Himachal Pradesh to return Centre's INR30 crore for medical device park

Himachal Pradesh Congress government has returned an INR 30 crore central investment for a medical device park, opting to fund the project independently. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu stated that the central terms, which included providing land, electricity, and other facilities at highly subsidised rates, were not financially viable.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka Cabinet approves Bengaluru's first tunnel road project

The Karnataka Cabinet has approved the implementation of Bengaluru's first tunnel road project in order to boost infrastructure development. The tunnel will cut short the travel time, besides reducing surface traffic, leading to decreased pollution and smoother commuting experience for residents.

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### Canada's Vitera invests INR250 crore in Karnataka's Vijayapura for agriculture

Vitera has invested INR250 crore to develop agricultural infrastructure in Vijayapur district in Karnataka. Vitera's investment will help reduce post-harvest losses faced by farmers by building state-of-the-art cold storage facilities for the agricultural community in Vijayapur.

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### Karnataka's BMTC to switch to fully-digital system to issue passes

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has decided to switch to a fully-digital system for issuing daily, weekly and monthly passes. The change aims to provide commuters with a convenient, cashless, paperless and contactless experience.

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## Kerala

### PM lays foundation for 5 infrastructure projects in Kerala

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for five infrastructure projects in Kerala's fisheries sector costing INR28 crore. The list includes four projects worth INR12 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and a INR16 crore project for developing the Arthunkal harbour in Alappuzha.

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### Kerala to receive 500 MW coal linkage amid power deficit

In a move to address the power shortage in the state of Kerala, the ministry of power has recommended earmarking long-term coal linkage of 500 megawatt (MW) to the state from Coal India, helping it meet its power deficit and future energy needs.

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### INR3,806-crore Industrial Smart City to come up in Palakkad

The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to establish an Industrial Smart City at Pudukkottai in Palakkad district. It will come up on a 1,710-acre site at an investment of INR3,806 crore. The Industrial Smart City will have an investment potential of INR8,729 crore and will provide employment to 51,000 people

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt to establish new industrial park

Rajasthan has decided to establish a new industrial park, following a proposal from Vedanta Industries chairman Anil Agarwal. The new industrial park is expected to provide a major boost to industries and micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the region.

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### Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal signs agreements for investment worth INR4.5 trn

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma has invited industries to participate in the three-day 'Rising Rajasthan' Global Investment Summit and signed investment agreements worth INR 45 lakh crore. The chief minister signed agreements for investment in the state worth INR 45lakh crore, which is estimated to generate 6,78,000 jobs mostly in the renewable energy, education and cement sector.

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### Vedanta pledges INR1 lakh crore for Rajasthan, eyes renewable energy push

Vedanta, a leading mining and metals conglomerate, has pledged an investment of nearly INR1 lakh crore in Rajasthan, focusing on renewable energy and community development. The investment builds on the group's previous contributions to the state, including support for industries and local communities.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Adani Group to invest INR3,500 crore in Madhya Pradesh

The Adani Group has proposed to invest INR3,500 crore in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior-Chambal region in the defence sector as well as set up a 2 million-tonne cement grinding unit, it announced at the State government's investor summit in Gwalior

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### Madhya Pradesh Govt attracts INR8,000 crore investment at industry conclave

The MP Government's regional industry conclave secured investment proposals of around INR 8,000 Crore across diverse sectors. The conclave attracted substantial investments from major industries, expecting to create over 35,000 jobs.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt launches 'Financial Assistance to UG & PG Students' scheme

The Odisha government launched a new scheme, named 'Financial Assistance to UG and PG Students'. The aim is to provide financial support to undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students facing economic difficulties.

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### Odisha govt signs 2 MoUs for inclusive growth of students with disabilities

The Odisha government has signed as many as two MoUs aimed at ensuring the inclusive growth of students with disabilities. The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) have been roped in for the same.

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### Odisha's OERC introduces new draft of renewable purchase obligation regulations

The Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) has introduced a new draft of renewable purchase obligation regulations, named the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations. They have been designed to promote the use of renewable energy by various entities and ensure compliance with set targets.

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### Odisha CM Unveils 481 Development Projects Valued At INR1,151 Crore

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi launched 481 developmental projects worth INR 1,151 crore across different districts. He launched the projects during an event organised here to celebrate local self-governance day.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Ohmium to invest INR400 crore in Tamil Nadu

American renewable energy firm Ohmium would set up its unit in Chengalpattu district in Tamil Nadu to produce green hydrogen and to manufacture electrolyzer by investing INR400 crore. The unit is expected to generate employment for about 500 workers.

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### MK Stalin signs pact with Google, Microsoft to boost AI

Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin visited the offices of tech giants Google and Microsoft and signed various pacts towards skilling initiatives in AI. The pacts also aim to improve Tamil Nadu's capability to manufacture semiconductors and smartphones.

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### Applied Materials signs pact with T.N. Government to set up CoE in Chennai

Applied Materials, which is based in the United States (U.S.), has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu government for establishing an advanced artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled technology development Centre of Excellence focused on semiconductor and equipment manufacturing in Chennai.

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## Telangana

### Zaheerabad to be developed as smart industrial city at a cost of INR2,361 crore

Zaheerabad in Telangana is to be developed as a new industrial city at a cost of INR2,361 crore and it is among the 12 new industrial smart cities cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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### Telangana govt signs MoU with NSIC Ltd. to enhance MSME ecosystem

The Telangana government has signed an MoU with the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) Limited to enhance the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in the state.

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### Telangana IT minister Sridhar Babu asks companies to adopt technology that reduces power usage

Stressing the need to extend the benefits of new technologies to every citizen, IT & Industries Minister D Babu said that the wiring and cable industry should take advantage of such technological advancements that help in cutting down power consumption.

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## North-East

### Assam to build bamboo-to-methanol plant at defunct Cachar Mill

The ambitious project, valued at INR 2,000 crore, is expected to generate 18,900 jobs and will include a Multimodal Logistic Park (MMLP) spread across 212 bighas and an MSME Technology Centre covering 60 bighas.

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### Meghalaya dedicates INR840 crore to revolutionize tourism sector

The Government of Meghalaya has committed INR840.29 crore in its endeavour to upgrade the State's tourism infrastructure and make Meghalaya one of the leading destinations for quality and sustainable tourism. The project would consequently benefit not only the tourists but also the residents of the area.

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### Union Cabinet approves equity support of INR413crore to NE states

The Union Cabinet approved equity support of INR413 crore to north-east (NE) states for developing hydropower projects, totalling 15,000 MW capacity over the next eight years. The assistance shall provide equity contribution in hydroelectric projects through joint-venture (JV) agreements between state corporations and central public sector undertakings.

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## Union Territories

### DDA signs MoU for drone surveys to combat land encroachments

The Delhi Development Authority has signed a tripartite MoU with the MCD and the Survey of India (SoI) for drone surveys to combat land encroachments in the national capital, an official statement said on Friday. It will address the problem of uncertainty in the status of land belonging to various government agencies and protect such land from encroachers

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### CMFRI to erect artificial reefs along Puducherry's coastline

The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has decided to erect artificial reefs along Puducherry's coastline. The move aims to facilitate fish breeding along the coast and help traditional fishermen improve their livelihood. The estimated cost of the project, being executed under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), is INR43.4 million.

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### Centre announces creation of 5 more districts in Ladakh

Union home minister Amit Shah announced the creation of five new districts in Ladakh. These include Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra and Changthang. This will take the total number of districts in the union territory (UT) to seven.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Flipkart expands operations in UP with two new Fulfillment Centers

Flipkart has unveiled the launch of two new Fulfillment Centers (FCs) in Uttar Pradesh. The new facilities include a Fulfillment Center and sortation centre in Unnao, and a sortation centre along with a Grocery Fulfillment Center in Varanasi. These state-of-the-art centres, spanning over 500,000 sq. ft of storage space

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### Uttar Pradesh govt plans INR33.5K crore boost to IT and ITeS hubs

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build global technology hubs with a USD4 billion investment as it targets 10x growth in the Information Technology (IT) & IT-enabled Services (ITeS) sectors in the next five years. The investments will be made in new-age technologies that are being adopted in various domains spanning industry

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### Yogi to disburse INR1300 crore incentives to industrial units

CM Yogi Adityanath will distribute incentives of about INR1300 crore to over two dozen industrial units in a special programme at Lok Bhavan here to send a message to the investors that the state government remains committed to fulfilling the promises made to the industry by the present or previous regimes to attract investment to Uttar Pradesh.

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### UP Govt set to launch Integrated Manufacturing Cluster in Agra

The Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) is set to launch the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) in Agra. This ambitious project by the UP government aims to transform Agra into a significant industrial hub, leveraging its strategic location and modern infrastructure.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand to connect with 7 airports

Uttarakhand is a major tourist destination in India, but travel to and from the state can be challenging. To improve connectivity, the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) is taking steps to offer direct air links to seven major airports across the country.

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### Khurpia in Uttarakhand's US Nagar to be set up as smart industrial city

Khurpla farm in Uttarakhand's Kichha will be turned into a smart industrial city under the Amritsar-Kolkata industrial corridor, with a INR 6,180 crore investment. Covering 1,002 acres, it is expected to create 75,000 jobs.

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