



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### A.P. to get INR14,000-crore semiconductor manufacturing facility

The Indichip Semiconductors Limited and its joint venture partner M/s Yitoe Micro Technology Limited (YMTL) of Japan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Andhra Pradesh government to set up India's first private semiconductor manufacturing facility in the State, with an investment of more than INR14,000 crore.

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### PM Modi launches key initiatives to propel Andhra Pradesh's economy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for two major projects in Andhra Pradesh. the Krishnapatnam Industrial Area (Kris City) under the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor in Tirupati district and a bulk drug park at Nakkapalli in Anakapalli district.

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### Andhra Pradesh Govt. partners with Infosys for Skill Census

The Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation (APSDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Infosys to provide skills pre-certification to the participants of the ongoing skill census in the state.

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### Bigbasket signs MoU with AP govt to boost organic produce, market linkage

Online grocer Bigbasket announced signing a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Andhra Pradesh government to strengthen the organic produce market linkage.

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## Bihar

### Bihar cabinet nod for land acquisition for expansion of Darbhanga, Raxaul airports

The Bihar cabinet has approved the acquisition of land for the expansion of Darbhanga and Raxaul airports. This includes 89.75 acres for Darbhanga and 139 acres for Raxaul. The cabinet also sanctioned several other developmental projects.

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### Group Surya signs MoU with Bihar Government for INR1000 crore

Group Surya has announced an INR1,000 crore investment to establish a 1.2 GW solar module and cell manufacturing facility in Sasaram, Bihar. With this investment, the group is striving to change perceptions among investors and entrepreneurs, showing that high-tech industries can thrive in Bihar, said its founder and MD Kamlesh Kumar Singh.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Subodh Kumar Singh IAS appointed Chairman of Chhattisgarh Power Transmission Company

The Chhattisgarh government has announced an important administrative change, assigning Subodh Kumar Singh, IAS (1997), additional duties within the state's power sector. Currently serving as the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai, Singh has now been named the Chairman of the CSPTCL.

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### Adani announces INR65,000 crore investment in energy projects

Industrialist Gautam Adani on Sunday called on Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and announced an investment of INR65,000 crore in the Adani Group's energy and cement projects in the state.

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### REC to Fund Health Equipment in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the District Health Society (DHS) Raipur under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

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## Gujarat

### Advait Infratech receives order from Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation

Advait Infratech receives an order from Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation. Advait Infratech Limited, based in Ahmedabad, India, specializes in providing products and solutions for power transmission, substations, and telecommunication infrastructure.

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### Sahaj Solar bags INR47 crore solar water pumping project in Gujarat

Sahaj Solar has announced that it has received the Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the design, manufacturing, and supply of grid standalone solar photovoltaic water pumping systems in Gujarat, valued at INR 46.64 crore.

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### Nayara to build ethane cracker refinery in Vadinar, Gujarat

Nayara Energy, backed by Rosneft, is set to invest INR68,000 crore to establish a 1.5 mtpa ethane cracker at its twenty mtpa refinery in Vadinar, Gujarat. The initiative marks a significant milestone as the first major foreign investment in India's petrochemical sector.

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## Jharkhand

### PVUNL to commission three 800 MW units in phase-1 by December 2025

The three 800 MW units of phase 1 of PVUNL in Jharkhand's Ramgarh district will be commissioned by the end of this year, an official said. The Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (PVUNL), a joint venture of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and JBVNL.

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### Hindustan Copper spends INR2,700 crore on Jharkhand mines

Hindustan Copper (HCL) has awarded South West Mining (SWML) INR 2,700 crore contract for the reopening and expansion of the Rakha Copper Mines in East Singhbhum, Jharkhand. The latest order includes plans for the development of a new underground mine at Chapri, along with the establishment of a state-of-the-art concentrator plant.

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### Jharkhand CM approves implementation of Employee Health Insurance Plan

Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren has approved the implementation of the Jharkhand Employee Health Insurance Plan. It is aimed at providing comprehensive healthcare coverage for state employees and their families.

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## Haryana

### Guru Gobind Singh research chair to be set up at Kurukshetra University

The research chair, aimed at promoting academic research and cultural studies related to the life and teachings of the guru, will be funded by Jamuna Auto Industry Limited under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme.

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### CM Saini aims to establish Haryana as Startup Hub

Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini has said the government is committed to establish the state as a startup hub. In a meeting with startup entrepreneurs, Saini said, "the government is making concerted efforts to position Haryana as a key player in the national startup ecosystem, in line with the goals of the Make in India and Startup India initiatives."

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### 32 km pipe from Haryana to bring aviation fuel to Noida airport

A 34km pipeline, buried a metre below the ground, will directly transport 1.5 million metric tonnes of ATF annually from a fuel terminal in Faridabad's Piyala to the Noida International Airport in Jewar. Officials said that 90% of the pipeline work has been completed and the remaining is likely to be finished by Feb end.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### HP Government signs MoU with AFD for disaster risk reduction

The State Government today here signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the French Development Agency (AFD) to implement the Himachal Pradesh-Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Project (HP-DRRRP).

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### Atishay wins work order for computerization of RCS offices in HP

Atishay has secured a work order from the Director of Cooperation, Himachal Pradesh for the Computerization of all Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) offices across the State/UTs. The total value of this project, including the implementation of all required modules into the digital portal, is INR1.50 crore, inclusive of all taxes.

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## Karnataka

### Jeans park to be set up in Ballari

The Karnataka government is planning to develop a Jeans Park at Sajanjeerayanakote near Ballari, according to Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil. The move is intended to attract global investors, positioning Ballari as an alternative to Bangladesh, a key exporter for major brands including Zara and H&M.

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### Toyota Kirloskar Motor partners with GTTC to enhance skill development

Toyota Kirloskar Motor has signed an MoU with the Government Tool Room & Training Centre (GTTC) to advance technical education and training in Karnataka. The collaboration will support the development of 16 new GTTC centers, upgrade existing facilities, and promote industry-aligned training programs to create a skilled workforce.

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### Karnataka's vision shaping the future of india's fintech ecosystem

Karnataka, renowned as the tech hub of India, is making bold and decisive moves to establish itself as the premier destination for fintech innovation. With a vision to capture 50% of India's projected \$1 trillion fintech market by 2030.

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### Karnataka's BSRP to focus on 146-km expansion

The second phase of the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP) in Karnataka will focus on a 146-km expansion, limiting its scope due to the ongoing development of a Circular Rail Network for the city.

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## Kerala

### Kerala, Coursera partner to equip 60,000 learners with industry-relevant skills

The Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM), an initiative by Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC), Government of Kerala, has partnered with Coursera, a leading global online learning platform, to equip youth across the state with industry-relevant skills.

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### Kerala to invest INR21,838 crore in enterprise development initiative

The Kerala state government has invested INR21,838 crore in enterprises established under its Year of Enterprises programme, Industries Minister P Rajeev announced during the recent Mission 1,000 conference.

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### Kerala Govt approves INR1,033.62 crore Sabarimala Master Plan

The Kerala Government has approved the ambitious Sabarimala Master Plan. This comprehensive blueprint focuses on developing key areas, including Sannidhanam, Pampa, and the Truck Route. It aims to modernize infrastructure while preserving the region's spiritual essence.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan approves direct land allotment scheme for investors

To boost investment and drive industrial growth, the RIICO has introduced a direct land allotment scheme. Designed for projects linked to Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed during the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit.

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### NTPC arm incorporates subsidiary with Rajasthan company

"NTPC Rajasthan Green Energy Limited", a subsidiary of NTPC Green Energy Limited, has been incorporated as 74:26 joint venture of NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RVUNL), a Government of Rajasthan Undertaking," NGEL said in a regulatory filing.

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### ACME Solar gains 5 per cent on commissioning 90W additional capacity

ACME Solar Holdings shares gained 4.8 per cent in trade on BSE, logging an intraday high of INR241 per share. The stock was in demand after the company commissioned an aggregate capacity of 1,023.05 MW of solar power projects in Rajasthan.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### MPIDC acquires 400 ha to develop Vikram Udyogpuri Phase 2

The Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) acquired over 400 hectare of private land to develop the second phase of Vikram Udyogpuri industrial area in Ujjain. This initiative is expected to attract new investments in the region.

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### Insolation Energy's arm gets land allotment for manufacturing facility

Insolation Energy said that its wholly owned subsidiary, Insolation Green Energy has bagged a letter of allotment of land admeasuring 1,82,108.5 square meters at manufacturing zone for power and renewable energy equipment at Mohasa, Madhya Pradesh.

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### Alkem Labs gains after inking agreement to sell its facility for INR133.5 crore

Alkem Laboratories advanced 2.44 per cent to INR5659.45 after the company said that it has entered into an agreement to sell and transfer its manufacturing facility situated at Special Economic Zone, Pithampur, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh (MP).

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## Maharashtra

### BPCL approves INR1,000 crore IPO of JV company Maharashtra Natural Gas

Maharashtra Natural Gas (MNGL), a joint venture between BPCL, GAIL and IGL is preparing to list through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) of over INR1,000 crore, with the board of BPCL having given its in-principle nod for the issue, a company filing by the oil marketing.

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### Reliance acquires Maharashtra's largest industrial land parcel

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has acquired Maharashtra's largest industrial land parcel, spanning over 5,286 acres near Navi Mumbai Airport, JNPT, and the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) project, for INR2200 crore.

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### Maharashtra gets 7 new flyovers : CM Devendra Fadnavis

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated seven flyovers constructed by the Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (MAHARAIL). Speaking at the event, CM Fadnavis praised MAHARAIL for setting a new benchmark in the rapid construction of flyovers in the state.

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## Punjab

### Centre, PAU, and HUL join forces to enhance tomato production

Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, S Ravneet Singh Bittu, announced plans to boost tomato production and paste manufacturing in Punjab. This initiative involves collaboration between his ministry, Punjab Agricultural University, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL).

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### Punjab's new IT policy set to create 55,000 jobs soon

Punjab, a state renowned for its rich cultural heritage and relentless spirit, is now poised to become an industrial powerhouse. Under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the government is ambitiously pushing towards transformative change with its new Industrial and IT policies.

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## Telangana

### Telangana CM seeks Centre's sanction for expansion of Hyderabad metro rail

Observing that Telangana would like to contribute USD one trillion to the Centre's vision of making the country a USD five trillion economy, Telangana CM, A Revanth Reddy urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to sanction and support various development projects.

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### Singapore-based firm to invest INR1000 crore to set up Telangana unit

In the first phase of setting up a production facility in Telangana, Singapore-based PTW Group, which specialises in equipment supply for the semiconductor industry, is prepared to invest INR1,000 crore.

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### Young India Skills University launches three industry-aligned courses for youth

To boost private-sector employment opportunities for Telangana's youth, the State government has launched three innovative courses under the YISU. Established to meet global industry standards, the university collaborates with leading companies to offer specialized training aligned with the future demands of Telangana.

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### Telangana Government to promote automobile industry : CM

Telangana Government is focusing on promoting automobile industry in a big way, CM A Revanth Reddy said. the State Government initiated measures to make Hyderabad a pollution-free city. and polluting vehicles are being shifted beyond the Outer Ring Road.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt approves INR44,793 crore investments across five sectors

The Odisha government approved investment proposals worth INR44,793 crore across five sectors, expected to create over 23,000 jobs. Key investments include projects by Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd, Inox Solar Ltd, ACME Cleantech Solutions Pvt Ltd.

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### Cognizant discusses possibility of setting up its biggest centre of India

Cognizant, a leading global technology company, evinced interest to develop its own centre in Bhubaneswar which could be its biggest centre in India. According to a statement released by the Chief Minister's Office, Cognizant Chief Executive Officer Ravi Kumar S met CM Mohan Charan Majhi in Janata Maidan on the sidelines of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas.

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### Odisha to build ship recycling hub, ports, and boost rail connectivity

The Odisha government has announced plans to develop a Rs 40 billion ship recycling hub near the Paradip port, alongside the establishment of two new ports with private sector collaboration, according to Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary of the Industry Department.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu announces 2 million sq ft IT park in Coimbatore under PPP

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced a 2 million square foot IT park in Coimbatore under a public-private partnership, focusing on artificial intelligence. The CM said that AI is the next big thing, adding that the Tamil Nadu IT Minister has clearly said that due to AI technology growth.

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### Bombay Burmah Trading sells land parcel in Tamil Nadu for INR13 crore

Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation said that it has executed sale deed of Phase 3 land spanning approximately 13.91 acres situated at Aralvaimozhi Village, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. The aforementioned land parcel has been sold to SAV Readymix Concrete, Muthukumar Enterprises, others for total consideration of INR13 crore.

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### Centre of excellence opened for MSMEs in Coimbatore

A centre of excellence that will support (MSMEs) in Coimbatore district with design and simulation has started functioning at the Coimbatore SIDCO Industrial Estate Manufacturers Welfare Association (COSIEMA) premises.

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## North-East

### Nagaland govt forms 2 panels for implementation of 8th Economic Census

The Nagaland economic and statistics department has formed two key committees to monitor the implementation of the 8th Economic Census across the state. The State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) comprises 13 members and one member secretary.

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### New UHWC inaugurated in Meghalaya's South West Garo Hills

Meghalaya's Rangsakona MLA Subir Marak has inaugurated a new urban health & wellness centre (UHWC) at Upper Damalgre in South West Garo Hills district. The facility is set to provide critical healthcare services to a population of around 3,000 residents from six surrounding villages.

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### Meghalaya power dept to improve reliability, efficiency of electricity supply

The Meghalaya power department is implementing significant reforms to improve the reliability and efficiency of electricity supply across the state. Department secretary Sanjay Goyal has highlighted key initiatives focused on infrastructure upgrades.

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### Sikkim govt launches Chief Minister Charter School initiative

The Sikkim government has launched the Chief Minister Charter School (CMCS) initiative to improve education in the state. The programme aims to involve dedicated individuals from government and temporary positions to help create inclusive and inspiring learning environments for children in the state.

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### India's first organic fisheries cluster established in Sikkim's Soreng

India's first organic fisheries cluster has been established in Sikkim's Soreng, with an eye on promoting antibiotic and pesticide-free organic fish. The move aims to boost farmer incomes and promote sustainability in aquaculture.

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### Arunachal Pradesh minister inaugurates, lays foundation for development projects in Mechukha

Arunachal Pradesh deputy chief minister Chowna Mein inaugurated a Buddhist memorial, called Dorjee Sempa Khorchen, and the NCDS Multipurpose Building at Mechukha in Shi-Yomi district. The Khorchen houses 1.6 billion prayers and 16 Dungyur scrolls, each containing 100 million prayers.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### UP Government and Google Collaborate on “Beej se Bazaar” Initiative

The “Beej se Bazaar” initiative, embodying Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of transforming agriculture from seed to market, is taking shape in Uttar Pradesh through technical interventions and AI technology.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt plans e-commerce booster shot for the MSME sector

To propel the growth of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and enhance their competitiveness, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government is planning to interconnect 155 industrial clusters with a dedicated e-commerce (e-com) platform.

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### Uttar Pradesh’s manufacturing booster policy making state production hub

The Uttar Pradesh Electronics Manufacturing Policy (UPEMP) 2020 has demonstrated significant success in transforming the state’s economic and employment framework. Introduced with the objective of establishing Uttar Pradesh as a premier destination for electronics manufacturing.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand to raise INR1000 crore loan from market

The Uttarakhand government is reportedly planning to borrow INR1000 crore from the open market to meet the planned expenditure and other financial needs of the state. The move has been criticised.

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### IHCL signs a Gateway hotel in Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), announced the signing of a hotel in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. This conversion project will be branded as Gateway. Speaking on the occasion, Suma Venkatesh, executive vice president - Real Estate and Development, IHCL states, “Dehradun’s proximity to popular destinations.

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### Uttarakhand CM launches several digital initiatives

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhama launched several digital initiatives developed by the state information technology (IT) department and National Informatics Centre (NIC) in Dehradun.

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## Union Territories

### IR to shortly run its first train service between J&K

Indian Railways (IR) will shortly run its first train service between Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The Jammu-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express is scheduled to run from Katra in Jammu to the heart of the valley later this month.

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### Delhi CM inaugurates world-class govt school in Kirari

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) Atishi Marlena inaugurated a government school in Kirari. It has 68 classrooms and is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The school will operate in two shifts, accommodating around 2,000 students in each shift.

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### J&K CM launches online RTI portal

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Chief Minister (CM) Omar Abdullah launched the Jammu & Kashmir Right to Information (RTI) online portal today. Developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), J&K, the portal introduces a shift from manual to online RTI applications.

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### NBWL approves 11 defence proposals for Ladakh

The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has approved as many as 11 proposals of the Union defence ministry to construct strategic infrastructure in Ladakh. These include a telecom network and ammunition storage in protected areas of Ladakh near the China border.

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## West Bengal

### Ashoka Buildcon executes concession agreement for NHAI project in West Bengal

Ashoka Buildcon announced that Ashoka Bowaichandi Guskara Road (SPV), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company has executed a Concession Agreement with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

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### Webel to open first data centre in Siliguri, north Bengal, with INR98 crore investment

Webel (West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited), a state-run undertaking, is all set to open its first data centre in north Bengal, in Siliguri. As of now, it runs two similar centres which act as storages of digital data in Calcutta and Purulia.

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