



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh signs MoUs worth INR2,458.84 crore in aerospace and defence

The Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with four leading aerospace and defence companies at AeroIndia 2025 in Bengaluru, securing investments worth INR2,458.84 crore.

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AP inks MoUs for INR1,217 crore investments in tourism sector

Andhra Pradesh Government entered into different Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for various tourism projects in the State in the last six months involving a total investment of INR1217 crore.

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Andhra Pradesh Seeks INR280.9 crore for Sports Infrastructure Boost

Minister for transport, youth affairs, and sports Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy met Union minister for labour and employment Mansukh Mandaviya to discuss development of sports infrastructure in the state. Ramprasad Reddy sought a substantial allocation of INR280.9 crore from the Centre to establish sports facilities across all cities in Andhra Pradesh.

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Sineng Electric Powers Andhra Pradesh With 661MW Solar Project

Sineng Electric, a solar and energy storage solutions providing company, has commissioned a 661MW (925MWp) solar project in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. Powered by Sineng's solar energy solutions, the project has commenced commercial operations.

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Bihar

Bihar Cabinet approves restoration of 11,251 rural roads

The Bihar Cabinet has approved plans from the state rural works department to restore and maintain 11,251 rural roads, totalling 19,867-km across 37 districts. The total cost of the development has been pegged at INR17260 crore.

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Bihar Strengthens Digital Transformation with Bidgely's AI-Driven Power Solutions

South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) has signed an agreement with REC and Bidgely to implement artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning-powered solutions aimed at enhancing consumer services, reducing losses from theft and ensuring a more efficient and sustainable power supply.

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Chhattisgarh

Prakash Industries start coal despatches from Bhaskarpara mines

Prakash Industries Limited (PIL), the diversified company having interest in mining, steel and power, has started despatching coal from the Bhaskarpara mines located in Chhattisgarh's Surajpur district.

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Chhattisgarh partners with oil firms to set up pollution check units

Chhattisgarh will set up pollution monitoring units at petrol pumps across the state, aiming to ensure that vehicles meet emission norms and their owners get certificates easily. The state government has an agreement with Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, Hindustan Petroleum and Reliance Industries to set up units at their pumps.

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Gujarat

Waaree begins construction of alkaline electrolyser plant in Gujarat

Waaree Group, India's leading solar PV module manufacturer, has started constructing its alkaline electrolyser manufacturing facility in Valsad, Gujarat. The plant will begin operations with an initial production capacity of 300 MW.

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Chief Minister launches Gujarat Global Capability Centre Policy 2025-30 in Gandhinagar

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched a new policy to promote Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in the state, aiming to attract investment of INR10,000 crore over five years. The GCCs provide services like IT, finance and human resources to their parent companies.

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PM Modi to formally launch Gujarat's SOUL campus on Feb 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally launch the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) in Gujarat on February 21. The institution aims to address Prime Minister Modi's vision of bringing 100,000 youth with no political background into politics.

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TVS Motor Company partners with Gujarat Tourism for Rann Utsav

The partnership aims to support Gujarat's tourism-driven economic growth while aligning with the national development goals outlined in Viksit Bharat @2047. The initiative marks a strategic effort to blend modern motorcycling culture with traditional tourism experiences.

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Jharkhand

Production begins at Rajhara North Coal Block in Jharkhand, to boost economy

Production has officially begun at the Rajhara North coal block in Palamu district, Jharkhand. The coal block, allocated by the Union government to Fairmine Carbons Private Limited, was inaugurated by Jharkhand Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore.

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Jharkhand's credit potential for priority sector lending in FY'26 projected at INR88,303 crore

Jharkhand's priority sector lending credit potential for 2025-26 is projected at INR88,303 crore, a 64 per cent increase from the current year. Emphasizing sustainable agriculture, financial inclusion, and infrastructure, NABARD supports various initiatives, including crop diversification and climate-resilient practices.

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First-ever skydiving festival begins in Jharkhand's Jamshedpur

Jharkhand Tourism Department inaugurated an eight-day skydiving festival in Jamshedpur on the first day, nine enthusiasts skydived from an altitude of 10,000 feet. The event aims to promote adventure tourism.

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Haryana

Gautam Solar sets up 2 production lines in Haryana

Gautam Solar said it is setting up two production lines at its facility in Haryana, which will increase the company's total manufacturing capacity to 3.2 GW by March 2025. These high-speed production lines are sourced from Tier-1 machine suppliers and feature the latest technology.

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Zavenir Daubert launches India's first integrated specialty chemicals facility

Zavenir Daubert, a leading specialty chemicals manufacturer known for its corrosion protection and metalworking fluid solutions, has inaugurated India's first integrated, future-ready manufacturing facility in Binola, Haryana.

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Haryana to Issue CMVR Certification for Tractors in Hisar

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said that Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR) certification for agricultural tractors will be issued by the Northern Region Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in Hisar.

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Himachal Pradesh

Drug association ties up with NIPER to set up pharma research centre in Baddi

Facing challenges to access essential technical services, quality testing, research and development, besides regulatory services at competitive rates, a Contract Research Organisation (CRO)-cum-Centre of Excellence is being set up at Baddi nearly two-and-a-half decade after the drug firms began their operations here.

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RCED entrusted to set up Pre-Incubation Centers under RAMP Scheme

The Department of Industries, Government of Himachal Pradesh, has initiated the World Bank supported central sector scheme "Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance" RAMP. RAMP is being implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) over the five-year period 2022-2023 to 2026-27.

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Himachal govt plans to give tea tourism a major push

Tea planters have highlighted that despite the historical significance of Kangra tea and the economic potential of tea tourism, the state government has yet to formulate a policy unlike in some other states.

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Karnataka

Karnataka unveils new industrial policy to attract INR7.5 lakh crore

"The new policy focuses on equitable and sustainable development while aiming to attract INR7.5 lakh crore in investments and generate 20 lakh new jobs during the policy period," said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

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Japanese firms commit INR7,500 crore in investments

Karnataka is becoming a key investment hub for Japanese companies, with 15 major firms committing investments and signing memorandums of understanding (MoUs) worth around INR7,500 crore.

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Karnataka Government signs MoU worth INR150 crore with SISA to boost cybersecurity innovation

The Karnataka government signed an MoU worth INR150 crore with SISA, a world leader in forensics-driven cybersecurity solutions for the digital payments ecosystem, at the Global Investors Meet held in Bengaluru.

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Kerala

Ather Energy teams up with ChargeMOD to add 121 EV charging stations

Ather Energy has partnered with ChargeMOD to expand charging access for EVs equipped with the LECCS connector. This collaboration adds 121 new charging locations in Kerala, boosting Ather's existing network of 291 fast chargers in the state.

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Kerala targets investments in AI, EVs, and life sciences

Invest Kerala Global Summit (IKGS2025) aims to generate maximum investments in key sectors which have been identified by the state government in its new industrial policy. The focussing sectors also include Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Other Breakthrough Technologies; Ayurveda; biotechnology and life Sciences; design; and many more.

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State govt allocates additional INR300 crore for integrated healthcare scheme

The Kerala government has allocated an additional INR300 crore for Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASAP), its integrated health protection scheme designed to provide coverage to over 64 lakh poor and vulnerable people in the state.

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Rajasthan

Craftsman Automation sets up alloy wheel manufacturing unit in Rajasthan

Craftsman Automation has set up its green field alloy wheel manufacturing unit in Rajasthan after the state government ensured that preferred land parcels and required approvals were granted quickly to the Coimbatore-based company to facilitate the implementation of agreements signed during the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit'.

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Rajasthan Aims for USD350 Billion Economy: MoUs Implementation Underway

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma said with the goal of making the state a USD 350 billion economy, the state government is working to implement the MoUs signed under the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit' on the ground at all costs.

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Rajasthan govt announces INR200 crore subsidy for electric vehicles

In a major decision to push electric mobility in the state, Rajasthan government has decided to establish a INR200 crore e-vehicle promotion fund under its Electric Vehicle Policy-2022. The initiative, aligned with the FAME-2 guidelines, aims to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles.

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Madhya Pradesh

MP to offer 60,000 hectare of industrial land to investors at GIS

The Madhya Pradesh govt is set to put on display a substantial offering of nearly 60,000 hectares of industrial land and key industrial parks to investors during the Global Investors Summit (GIS) in Bhopal, seen as an opportunity for the state to showcase its industrial potential and attract significant investments to foster economic growth in the region.

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MP clears new Industrial Promotion Policy with 10 sub-policies

Madhya Pradesh cabinet recently approved the state's Industrial Promotion Policy 2025 to attract domestic and foreign investment and generate 2 million jobs. The policy comprises ten sub-policies, which cover agriculture, textile, apparel, footwear, EVs manufacturing, renewable energy equipment manufacturing.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra gears up to redevelop 13,000 cessed buildings in South Mumbai

The Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (Mhada) plans to redevelop around 13,000 cessed buildings in South Mumbai. A structural audit of 1,000 buildings will be conducted by March-end.

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Marathi cinema set for global growth with Film City's new initiatives

23rd Pune International Film Festival (PIFF), Swati Mhase Patil, Managing Director of Dadasaheb Phalke Film City, highlighted several initiatives aimed at boosting Marathi cinema and the entertainment industry in Maharashtra.

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Vidarbha is set to become a key revenue hub for Maharashtra

Vidarbha, holding 75 per cent of Maharashtra's minerals and 80% of its forests, is emerging as India's next steel and logistics hub. Its abundant natural resources, including minerals, forests, and water, are complemented by well-developed connectivity via road, rail, and air.

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Maharashtra invites realtors to develop 3,360 acres owned by state bus corp

Maharashtra has invited real estate companies to develop commercial and residential premises on 3,360 acres owned by its bus corporation across the state. Land parcels of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) will be developed under public-private partnerships on a build-operate-transfer deals.

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Punjab

Punjab approves disbursal of INR14,000 crore arrears for employees

The Punjab Cabinet accorded consent to disburse pending arrears of government employees and pensioners worth INR14,000 crore. A decision to this effect was taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held here under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

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Ajoy Kumar Sinha takes over as CMD of PSPCL amid power sector reforms

The Punjab government has appointed senior IAS officer Ajoy Kumar Sinha as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL) following the retirement of Baldev Singh Sran.

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Telangana

Microsoft to set up AI centre in Telangana

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that Microsoft will set up an AI centre in collaboration with the Telangana government to develop cloud-based infrastructure, including an AI knowledge hub.

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Two Mega Leather Parks (MLPs) are soon to come up in Telangana

State IT Minister Sridhar Babu requested the Union government to provide help to develop the leather parks in Karimnagar and Jagtial districts. Sridhar Babu met Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal at his office in Delhi and discussed industrial development, investments, and other major issues in the state.

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Telangana partners with Google to boost AI development

Google announced a strategic partnership with the Government of Telangana to leverage the transformative power of AI across the state. IT and industries minister Sridhar Babu mentioned in his LinkedIn post that Telangana is taking a big step in AI by collaborating with Google to drive innovation, support startups, and improve governance.

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Telangana approves beer price hike after Heineken's United Breweries row

Telangana, India's top beer consumer, raises beer prices following a supply halt by United Breweries due to pricing issues and delayed payments, impacting the state's tax revenue and prompting industry concerns.

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Odisha

Odisha to unveil new IT policy; to hike incentive for recruiting local youths

The Odisha government is all set to unveil a new information technology (IT) policy that seeks to more than double the incentive for companies for recruiting local youths. The policy, which would be unveiled soon by the state information technology department, plans to give one-time recruitment assistance of INR25,000.

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Odisha govt signs MoU with convergence foundation to boost job creation

The Odisha Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TCF to focus on job creation and productive employment opportunities in the state. The MoU aims to provide strategic support for the successful implementation of various development policies and programs of the Government of Odisha.

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Odisha gears up to launch two new medical colleges in Talcher and Phulbani

Even as several IT companies have evinced keen interest to set up their units in Odisha, the state government is facing a unique challenge of land allotment. Taking the situation into consideration, the Electronics and IT department has urged the General Administration department to allocate 25 acre.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu invites France's GIFAS for strategic collaboration

The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) invited Groupement des Industries Françaises Aéronautiques et Spatiales (GIFAS), the French Aerospace Industries Association that has many industry leaders as its members.

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Lennox to invest USD6 million to expand Global Capability Cente in Chennai

Lennox, one of the global leaders in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR), will be investing USD6 million to expand its Global Capability Centre in Chennai. The facility will now span 150,000 square feet, giving it the capacity to increase its workforce from 900 to 1,500 employees.

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Tamil Nadu records highest-ever solar power generation at 6,561 MW

The state achieved its highest-ever solar power generation, reaching 6,561 MW. This has breached the previous record of 6,401 MW recorded. It may be noted that the total solar power of 11,207.25 Million Units (MU) generated from April to December.

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North-East

Tripura govt to establish integrated aqua park in Unokoti at INR100 crore

The Tripura government has decided to establish an integrated aqua park in Unokoti at an investment of INR100 crore. The aim is to bridge the existing annual gap between fish demand and supply of around 32,000 metric tonnes (MT).

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Brahmaputra Riverfront Development Project in Assam to be completed

The Brahmaputra Riverfront Development Project in Assam's Guwahati is set to be completed by April 2025. The information was shared by state housing & urban affairs minister Jayanta Mallabaruah. The project, managed by the Guwahati Smart City Limited, aims to boost tourism and economic development in the city.

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Meghalaya govt to merge and consolidate related schools

The Meghalaya government has decided to merge and consolidate related institutions that act as separate schools even though they are effectively one. The aim is to tackle the overabundance of schools in the state. According to state education department secretary Swapnil Tembe, in many cases, different sections of the same school operate separately but are technically part of one institution.

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Assam minister launches Online Building Permission System

Assam housing and urban affairs minister Jayanta Mallabaruah launched the Online Building Permission System (OBPS). The new system aims to streamline the process of obtaining building permits by allowing citizens to apply online. It is available in 32 municipalities across the state.

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President's rule imposed in Manipur

The President's rule was imposed in Manipur. The development has come four days after N Biren Singh resigned as the state Chief Minister (CM). Following this, security has been beefed up across the state.

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Assam minister lays foundation for Tai Museum

Assam education minister Ranoj Pegu has laid the foundation for the Tai Museum, as part of the Habung Heritage Project. It will be constructed at a cost of INR3 crore. The museum aims to highlight the history and culture of the Tai people. Additionally, the foundation stone has been laid for the Dhemaji Circuit House.

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Uttar Pradesh

CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurates 2 four-lane flyovers in Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated two key four-lane flyovers in Lucknow to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity in the city. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

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Rites inks MoU with Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power for INR120 crore project

Rites said that it has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power (NUPPL) for a contract worth INR120 crore. Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power (NUPPL) a joint venture of Neyveli Lignite Corporation India and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam (Government of Uttar Pradesh Enterprise).

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62 ITIs set to be upgraded in UP

The state govt in collaboration with Tata Technologies Limited (TTL) will provide state-of-the-art facilities at 62 govt Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to enhance technical capabilities and provide better employment opportunities to students.

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THDC enters thermal energy sector, begins ops of 660-MW unit at UP plant

THDC India has started commercial operations of a 660-MW unit at its Khurja Power Plant, marking an entry into the domestic thermal energy sector, the company's CMD R K Vishnoi said. Until now, the company was generating 1,424 MW from hydro, 113 MW wind.

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Uttarakhand

IHCL expands in Uttarakhand with the launch of Naukuchia House

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) has strengthened its presence in Uttarakhand with the launch of Naukuchia House - IHCL SeleQtions, a 42-key retreat set against the tranquil backdrop of Naukuchiatal Lake in the Kumaon foothills.

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Thomas Cook, Uttarakhand launch Green Games

Thomas Cook (India) Limited, in collaboration with the Uttarakhand Government, launched the Green Games initiative at the National Games 2025, marking a significant step toward sustainability in Indian sports. As part of this initiative, over 1,600 Rudraksha trees were planted at a dedicated 2.77-hectare Khel Van near Maharana Pratap Sports College.

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Union Territories

Centre allocates INR5830 crore for J&K to strengthen power infrastructure

The Centre has allocated INR5830 crore for Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and INR870 crore for Ladakh to strengthen power infrastructure under various central schemes. The information was shared in Lok Sabha (LS), outlining the financial support extended to the two union territories (UT) through central initiatives.

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Chandigarh MC proposes INR1860 crore Budget for 2025-26

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (MC) has proposed INR1860 crore Budget for 2025-26. Of the total, INR1190 crore has been kept under the revenue segment, while INR460 crore has been earmarked for the capital category.

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Delhi's MCD presents Budget estimate of INR17660 crore for 2025-26

Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) commissioner Ashwani Kumar presented a Budget estimate of INR17660 crore for 2025-26. The revised estimate for 2024-25 was also tabled for discussion before final approval. The commissioner emphasised waste management efforts.

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Centre spends INR29,900 crore on development of NHs in J&K

The Centre has spent INR29,900 crore on the development and maintenance of national highways (NHs) in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). It has constructed 1,003-km of roads in the union territory during the past five years.

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West Bengal

NTT Global Data Centers inaugurates 40 MW DC facility in Kolkata

NTT Global Data Centers, a major player in the APAC data center market, has announced the e-inauguration of its new Kolkata data center. The 40 MW facility is part of NTT Global Data Centers's growing footprint in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal.

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CM Mamata Banerjee announces new welfare schemes, focuses on employment & industrial growth

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee focuses on employment generation, industries, and social welfare schemes. New funds of INR9600 crore are allocated for the 'Banglar Bari' housing scheme to benefit 16 lakh families.

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