



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Aurobindo Pharma commissions four plants in Andhra Pradesh including Pen-G facility

Aurobindo Pharma has commissioned four state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities for Penicillin-G, 6-Amino Penicillanic Acid (6-APA), Injectable products and Granulation, through its wholly owned subsidiaries.

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### Solar PV module plant of Indosol Solar in AP set to go on stream

A solar module manufacturing facility set up by transformer maker Shirdi Sai Electricals' subsidiary Indosol Solar in Ramayapatnam of Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district is set to commence production.

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### AP has potential for aquaculture growth with its a long coastline

The growth potential for aquaculture in Andhra Pradesh in view of its long coastline of nearly 1,000 km. The occasion was a seminar on 'Entrepreneurship and empowerment in the aqua industry.'

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### SCR commissions its new 27-km-long Gundlakamma-Darsi railway line

The South Central Railway (SCR) has commissioned its new 27-km railway line between Gundlakamma and Darsi. It is part of the new Nadikudi-Srikalahasti railway line project that Indian Railways (IR) is implementing in Andhra Pradesh.

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## Goa

### EIH gets approval for construction of resort in Goa

EIH surged 5.70 per cent to INR474.40 after its board approved the construction of an Oberoi Luxury Resort at Cavellossim Beach in South Goa with an investment of INR421 crore. The luxury resort will have 90 rooms & suites catering to domestic and international travelers on a 52 acres site owned by the company.

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### Goa International Travel Mart 2024 on April 3 and 4

The highly anticipated 4th edition of Goa International Travel Mart 2024 will be held on April 3 and 4 at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium on the Taleigao Plateau for the first time after the pandemic.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat's GEDA receives intention proposals for 10 GW of renewable energy projects

The Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA) has received intention proposals for 10 GW of renewable energy projects under the Renewable Energy Policy. It received proposal intentions for five GW of solar projects and five GW of wind & wind-solar hybrid projects.

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### Adani group begins operations of its copper unit plant at Mundra, Gujarat

Gautam Adani-led group announced the start of the first phase of the world's largest single-location copper manufacturing plant at Mundra in Gujarat, which will help cut India's dependence on imports and aid energy transition.

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### Adani Green Energy begins operation of 775 MW solar projects in Gujarat

Adani Green Energy announced the beginning of the operation of its 775 megawatt solar power projects in Khavda, Gujarat. The capacities have been operationalised after securing relevant clearances, Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) said in an exchange filing.

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### Paddy sown across 87,870 hectares in Gujarat

Farmers in Gujarat have sown paddy across 87,870 hectares. The corresponding figure last year was 76,697 hectares. The increase this season has come from Kheda with crop sown on 13,700 hectares, followed by Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch and Panchmahal.

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## Haryana

### Allcargo Logistics to sell Haryana logistics park for INR636 Crore

TREL has agreed to sell its Jhajjar logistics park in Haryana for INR63,671 crore. The deal will help TREL realize substantial value and maintain zero debt. The company also divested its 10 per cent stake in Malur Logistics & Industrial Parks for INR4.55 crore to Blackstone funds.

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### Haryana Right to Service Commission gets Auto Appeal Software's copyright

The Haryana Right to Service (RTS) Commission has secured the "copyright" for 'Auto Appeal Software' (AAS). Through the Haryana RTS Commission, 656 services have been notified and a definite time frame has been set to complete the task.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### HPPCL invites bids for O&M of Berradol solar power project

The Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation (HPPCL) has invited bids for the operation & maintenance (O&M) of the five MW Berradol solar power project in Bilaspur for a duration of five years. The deadline for submitting the bids is 18 April 2024.

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### Lemon Tree launches 4<sup>th</sup> property in Himachal Pradesh

Lemon Tree announced the opening of its fourth property in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh under the brand 'Lemon Tree Hotel'. This hotel with 49 keys will open in two phases.

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## Jharkhand

### Centre selects Jharkhand to scale up mustard output

After piloting a mustard project in seven districts for last seven years in Jharkhand, the Centre will scale up it to cover entire state with target oriented delivery to increase both area from current four lakh hectare (lh) and yield from eight quintal per hectare to help achieve the larger objective of self sufficiency in edible oil.

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### Tata Cummins starts new facility for hydrogen-based engines in Jamshedpur

TCPL has inaugurated a factory in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand which will produce hydrogen-based internal combustion engines for medium and heavy commercial vehicles. Spread in about seven acres, the factory was opened within a year of signing of the MoU.

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## Karnataka

### Bengaluru-Tumkur Namma Metro project likely to have 19 elevated stations

The Bengaluru-Tumkur Namma Metro project in Karnataka is set to transform the region's transportation infrastructure. The state government is planning to have 19 elevated stations along the proposed 52.4-km metro line.

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### Karnataka's BWSSB to introduce new community rainwater harvesting policy

The BWSSB is considering to introduce a new community rainwater harvesting policy in Karnataka's Bengaluru to fill the lakes. The board intends to install pipes with a circumference of up to 500-metre from buildings to channel water directly into lakes.

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## Kerala

### Kerala govt grants INR760 crore to KSEB to recover losses

The Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) has been granted INR760 crore by the state government. The state government issued directives in December 2023 requesting that 75 per cent of the loss sustained by the KSEB during the 2022-23 fiscal be assumed.

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### Kerala's KMRL to deploy 15 e-buses on metro's feeder routes

Kerala's Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has decided to deploy a dedicated fleet of 15 electric buses (e-buses) on metro's feeder routes in June 2024. This is likely to promote first and last-mile connectivity, which will boost traffic in the 28-km metro.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### RIL picks 26 per cent stake in Adani Power project

In the first collaboration between rival billionaires, Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries has picked up a 26 per cent stake in a Madhya Pradesh power project of Gautam Adani and signed a pact to use the plants' 500 MW of electricity for captive use.

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### GAIL plans to commission its first green hydrogen project in April

GAIL (India) Ltd plans to commission its first green hydrogen project in central India in April. The 10-megawatt proton exchange membrane electrolyser for the green-hydrogen producing unit at the Vijaipur complex in MP has been imported from Canada.

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## Rajasthan

### Adani Green commissions 180 MW solar plant at Devikot in Rajasthan

Development comes after the Adani Green commissioned a 180 MW solar power plant at Devikot in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The plant has a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

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### Udaipur Cement commissions new grinding unit in Rajasthan

The cement maker announced that it has commissioned an additional 2.50 MTPA cement grinding capacity at Udaipur, Rajasthan. Vinita Singhania, chairperson of Udaipur Cement Works, stated, "This expansion marks a monumental achievement for UCWL.

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## Maharashtra

### JSW Energy arm inks pact to acquire Reliance Power's wind project

JSW Renewable Energy has signed a business transfer agreement with Reliance Power to acquire a 45 MW wind project in Maharashtra for INR 132 crore.

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### MAHAPREIT invites bids for 400 MW rooftop solar systems in Maharashtra

The Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology (MAHAPREIT) has invited bids for the discovery of tariffs and selection of project developers to implement 400 MW grid-connected rooftop solar systems in Maharashtra.

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### Bids invited to set up 350 EV charging stations in Maharashtra

Bids have been invited from prospective empanelment agencies to set up 350 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Maharashtra. They will be established in municipal corporation areas of Thane, Mira Bhayandar & Chandrapur and across railway stations that fall under the Konkan Railways.

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## Odisha

### New railway line proposed between Odisha's Puri and Konark

A new railway line has been proposed between Odisha's Puri and Konark. It will bypass the Balukhand wildlife sanctuary and the eco-sensitive zone. The 32-km-long line will have three stations at Poratara, Bhinguradhia and Konark.

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### GRIDCO invites bids to procure 500 MW of energy storage capacity in Odisha

The Grid Corporation of Odisha (GRIDCO) has invited bids for the procurement of 500 MW of energy storage capacity with five hours of daily peak power support for a period of five years, starting 1 April 2026. The central or state transmission network would be connected to the energy storage network (ESS), which can be technology agnostic.

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### Odisha govt to sign MoU with Centre for implementing PM SHRI scheme

The Odisha government has given consent to sign an MoU with the Centre for implementing the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme. The MoU will be signed before the beginning of the 2024-25 academic year.

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## Punjab

### Punjab govt to purchase 736,011 MT of wheat from farmers in Amritsar

Approximately 940,000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat is expected to be produced in Punjab's Amritsar. Of this, the state government will purchase 736,011 MT at INR 2,275 per quintal. A total 11 sub-yards and 38 markets have been set up in the district for the purchase of wheat.

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### 100 Percent Webcasting Of Polling Stations In Punjab

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C said there will be 100 per cent webcasting of polling stations in the state during voting for the Lok Sabha polls on June 1. CCTV surveillance will be ensured inside all 24,433 polling stations in the state, he said in a statement.

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## Tamil Nadu

### SCR sanctions INR24 crore for revamp of 2 railway stations in Tamil Nadu

The SCR has allotted an amount to the tune of INR24 crore for improving the facilities at Mettupalayam & Karamadai railway stations in Tamil Nadu. As part of the development, new platforms will be constructed and the length of the existing platforms would be extended.

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### Tamil Nadu's electricity demand surges to 19,409 MW

Tamil Nadu's electricity demand rose to a record high of 19,409 MW. The demand rose due to rising temperatures pushing up the use of fans and air conditioners, and the sanction of a three-phase power supply for irrigation.

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## Telangana

### CJI lays foundation for new Telangana HC complex

Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud laid the foundation stone for the works of the new Telangana High Court (HC) complex in Rajendranagar. This will not only benefit lawyers and judges, but also help in reaching out to the broader cross-section of the society.

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### Telangana's Khammam gets 151 paddy purchase centres

Telangana's Khammam district has got as many as 151 paddy purchase centres.. Out of the total, 28 procurement centres would be operated through Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP), 96 through PACS and 27 centres through DCMS.

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## North-East

### Meghalaya govt to expand Shillong airport

The Meghalaya government is planning to expand the Shillong airport. This initiative aims to improve connectivity and boost tourism prospects in the region. Discussions are underway with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for a comprehensive evaluation of the expansion.

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### Municipalities, town councils in Nagaland form NUCF

A total of three municipalities and 36 town councils in Nagaland have come together to establish the Nagaland Urban Council Federation (NUCF). The aim is to ensure the welfare of municipal and town councils.

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### 78 villages in Nagaland declared TB-free

78 villages in Nagaland have been declared tuberculosis (TB)-free. These include 34 villages in Phek district, 19 in Longleng, nine in Wokha, four in Mokokchung and three in Kohima. On the other hand, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has witnessed a decline in TB cases.

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## Union Territories

### J&K admin to establish 2,000 Kisan Khidmat Ghars

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has decided to establish 2,000 Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) across the union territory (UT) in the 2024-25 fiscal. The objective is to provide essential facilities to the farming community at their doorsteps.

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### J&K admin to increase mustard cultivation by 253 per cent

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration is planning to increase the coverage of mustard in the Kashmir division during the rabi season. The crop will be cultivated over 140,000 hectares. The initiative stems from the growing demand for oilseeds observed across various states in the country.

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### Third strategic road to Ladakh to be ready soon

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has now established 'connectivity' on the 298-km Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road in Ladakh. This will be the third axis to the strategically-important region after Manali-Leh and Srinagar-Leh.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### 32-km expressway to come up in Noida

A 32-km expressway is set to come up along the Yamuna Pushta Road in Noida. The highway will also help in accommodating the surge in population brought on by growing corporate presence and upcoming Noida International Airport.

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### Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi leads in solar energy conservation

Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi is at the forefront of environmental and solar energy conservation efforts among all cities in the state. The state government's initiative to make Varanasi a solar city is gathering steam and promises substantial financial & electricity savings while emphasising environmental preservation.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt aims to increase maize production to over 3.2 mt

With the maize basket now feeding ethanol output for mixing in petrol, Uttar Pradesh is targeting to increase the production to more than 3.2 mt by 2027-28. Currently, the state's maize production across different cropping seasons – kharif, rabi, and zaid – is estimated at 2.12 mt across 830,000 hectares.

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### Uttar Pradesh records 30 per cent increase in educational loans

Around 30,000 fresh education loans amounting to INR1,020 crore were disbursed in Uttar Pradesh during April-Dec 2023. This is a 30 per cent jump over the same period of the previous fiscal, when more than 28,000 fresh education loans were disbursed.

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## Uttarakhand

### Luminous Power Technologies inaugurates solar panel manufacturing factory

Luminous Power Technologies announced the inauguration of its solar panel manufacturing factory at Rudrapur. Equipped with the latest advancements in solar panel manufacturing, the facility boasts of cutting-edge technology and infrastructure designed to ensure maximum efficiency and minimal environmental impact.

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### Ultratech Expands Cement Capacity in Uttarakhand

Ultratech Cement has unveiled its newly commissioned cement capacity in Uttarakhand. The expansion comes as part of Ultratech's strategic initiatives to meet the growing demand for quality cement in key markets across India.

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