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## Andhra Pradesh

### AP govt to establish multi-specialty hospitals in every Assembly constituency

CM N Chandrababu Naidu has directed the concerned officials to initiate steps to establish multi-specialty hospitals with a capacity of 100 to 300 beds in every Assembly constituency of the state. Currently, about 70 hospitals operate in the state with more than 100 beds.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt releases operational guidelines for 3 industrial policies

The state has released operational guidelines for as many as three industrial policies for accelerating industrial growth and economic development. These include the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Policy (AP IDP) 4.0, Andhra Pradesh Micro Small & medium enterprise & Entrepreneur Development Policy (AP MEDP) 4.0 and Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Policy (AP PPP) 4.0.

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### Andhra Pradesh minister launches slot booking facility at registrar offices

Andhra Pradesh revenue, registration & stamps minister Anagani Satya Prasad launched a slot booking facility at registrar offices across the state. In the first phase, this facility has been introduced at all main registrar offices in 26 districts.

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### Permanent house site title deeds given to 298 poor households

Andhra Pradesh's Mangalagiri MLA N Lokesh distributed permanent house site title deeds to 298 poor households belonging to Ratnalacheruvu in Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation (MTMC).

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## Bihar

### Regional air connectivity boost for Bihar

Bihar is set for a major aviation overhaul as the state and central govt's collaborate to improve air connectivity. CM's vision of an airport within a 200km radius across Bihar is taking shape with plans for three greenfield airports at Rajgir, Bhagalpur and Sonepur.

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### Khelo India Youth Games in Bihar in May

The Khelo India Youth Games 2025 will be held from May 4 to 15, with Bihar playing host across five cities - Patna, Rajgir, Gaya, Bhagalpur and Begusarai. New Delhi will stage shooting, gymnastics and track cycling events.

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## Chhattisgarh

### PFC approves INR3.5 K crore loan for Chhattisgarh's East Rail Corridor project

State-owned PFC said it has sanctioned INR3,517 crore worth of loan to Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL) for implementing the East Rail Corridor Project in Chhattisgarh. CERL is a joint venture of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), IRCON, and Chhattisgarh.

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### Chhattisgarh's first super critical thermal power project to come up in Korba

The Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited (CSPGCL) has decided to set up the first super critical thermal power project in Korba district. This project is part of expanding the existing Hasdeo Thermal Power Station (HTPS). It will add a capacity of 1,320 MW to the already existing 1,340 MW plant.

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### PM Modi unveils development projects worth INR33,700 crore in Bilaspur

PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated a series of major infrastructure projects worth a total of INR33,700 crore. The projects span critical sectors such as power, oil and gas, railways, and roads, marking a significant boost to the state's economy.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat govt to allow women to work during night shifts in factories

The state is planning to amend the Factories Act to remove restrictions on women working during night shifts in factories and commercial establishments. An Ordinance to this effect has been drafted and is being scrutinised by the state legal department.

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### Gujarat CM launches water conservation campaign Sujalam Sufalam 2.0

CM Bhupendra Patel launched an extensive water conservation campaign called Sujalam Sufalam 2.0. The drive will be conducted across the state till 31 May 2025. It will involve deepening existing ponds, desilting check dams, repairing canals and implementing rainwater harvesting, among other activities, through six state government departments.

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### Gujarat Police launch GP-DRASTI project to boost rapid crime response

The Gujarat Police have launched the Gujarat Police-Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Intervention (GP-DRASTI) project. The project aims to ensure that the police reach crime scenes faster by utilising drone technology, addressing the delays previously reported with police control room (PCR) vans.

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## Goa

### Goa's total GST collections record 10.4 per cent rise in FY 2024-25

Goa's economy posted an encouraging growth in the 2024-25 fiscal year, with the total goods and services tax (GST) collections recording a 10.4 per cent rise to INR7,146 crore as of March 31, data released by the Union ministry of finance showed.

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### Goa Assembly passes amendment to Panchayati Raj Act

The Goa Assembly has passed an amendment to the Goa Panchayati Raj Act. The amendment aims to replace the word 'special' planning with 'spatial' planning. It aligns with the 73rd constitutional amendment and gives powers to panchayats to make plans.

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### Soon, Goa board to change assessment system from Class IX

Soon, students from Classes IX to XII in Goa are likely to be assessed on their overall competencies, interests, aptitudes, and talents. As recommended by the NEP, the Goa board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education has already begun training teachers to employ a mix of different methods to assess students' competencies.

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## Haryana

### Haryana collects INR39,153 crore as SGST in FY24-25, exceeds budget target

The excise and taxation department collected INR39,153 crore as state goods and services tax (SGST) in 2024-25, exceeding the target for the fiscal year by INR1,655 crore.

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### Haryana govt allocates INR200 crore to purchase fire vehicles & equipment

The Haryana government has allocated INR200 crore to the state fire and emergency services department for the purchase of fire vehicles & equipment in the 2025-26 financial year (FY). Around 250 new firefighting vehicles and 13 hydraulic platforms have been proposed to be purchased to augment firefighting capabilities.

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### Haryana govt to launch 200 new Atal Shramik Kisan Canteens on 15 August

The Haryana government has decided to launch around 200 new Atal Shramik Kisan Canteens on 15 August 2025. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Nayab Singh Saini on 3 April 2025. Notably, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), in its manifesto for last year's Assembly polls, announced that the state government will establish 600 subsidised canteens in the state.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### SMC in Himachal Pradesh tables Budget worth INR188 crore for 2025-26

The Shimla Municipal Corporation (SMC) in Himachal Pradesh has tabled its Budget worth INR188 crore for 2025-26. A sum of INR3 crore has been earmarked to implement the Integrated Smart Solid Waste Management System. New e-cards will be issued for tourists to explore heritage sites with guided tours.

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### Union Govt approves INR267 crore for Himachal Road Infra

In a significant development for Himachal Pradesh's infrastructure, Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh revealed today that the Union Government has approved INR267 crore for various road projects, including national highways, across the state.

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### Centre sanctions INR56.26 crore for development of Mata Chintpurni temple

Union Government had sanctioned INR56.26 crore for the development of Mata Chintpurni temple in Una district under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD).

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka's Gadag zilla panchayat achieves 100 per cent in tax collection

Karnataka's Gadag zilla panchayat has achieved over 100 per cent in tax collection. With this, the state has been placed as the seventh district in the state, said zilla panchayat chief executive officer (CEO) Bharat S. He said that this achievement is a result of a special campaign taken up in the district.

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### Karnataka HC orders app-based cab aggregators to stop all bike taxi services

The Karnataka High Court (HC) has ordered app-based cab services like Ola, Uber, and Rapido to stop all bike taxi services in the state. The court has given the companies six weeks to make the necessary changes while more clearly stating the need for proper governance to manage such services.

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### Karnataka's BWSSB launches 'Cauvery on Wheels' initiative

Karnataka's Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has launched the 'Cauvery on Wheels' initiative. It will supply Cauvery water in tankers for those who book online. The programme will work on the model of vehicle aggregators.

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## Odisha

### Odisha to get govt degree college in Jagatsinghpur

Odisha is set to get a government degree college in Jagatsinghpur district this year. The information was shared by Chief Minister Mohan Majhi. Besides this, he asserted that a textile park will also be established in Tirtol. Cooperation of the public has been sought for Alaka river's restoration.

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### Odisha CM inaugurates, lays foundation for 14 major industrial projects

CM Mohan Majhi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 14 major industrial projects worth INR5770 crore. These projects span across sectors like food processing, textiles, mechanical & electrical capital goods, packaging and refractories.

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### Odisha Cabinet passes State Highways Authority Bill

The Odisha Cabinet passed the Odisha State Highways Authority Bill. This will enable the state government to establish an autonomous body for planning, development, maintenance and management of highways & major roads in the state.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra surpasses revenue target as GST collection hits INR2.25 lakh crore

When other sources of state revenue income were finding it difficult to go beyond the projections, the GST collection did it with a record, proving it as the state's primary source of revenue income. Against expectations of INR2.21 lakh crore, the GST collection for the last fiscal year 2024-25 registered a 13.6% growth, with collections reaching INR2.25 lakh crore.

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### State govt hikes fees for obtaining certificates issued by revenue & rural dept

The Maharashtra government has increased the fees for obtaining one of the 26 certificates issued by the revenue and rural development departments from INR20 to INR50 per application. The new price came into effect on 1 April 2025.

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### Maharashtra govt scraps one state, one uniform policy

The Maharashtra government has scrapped the 'one state, one uniform' policy. The policy, introduced in May 2023, sought to standardise uniforms across all government schools in the state.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### INR25 crore allotted to develop Orchha as global tourist destination

A budget of INR25 crore has been allotted to Orchha in Madhya Pradesh under the Swadesh Darshan Yojana 2.0. The objective is to develop it as a global tourist destination given its selection under the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) initiative.

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### Centre approves 4 major highway projects in Madhya Pradesh

The central government has approved four major highway projects worth INR4,300 crore in Madhya Pradesh. This strategic move is expected to boost regional connectivity, promote industrial growth and drive economic development across the state.

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### MP govt extends registration deadline for wheat procurement till 9 April

The Madhya Pradesh (MP) government has extended the registration deadline for wheat procurement from farmers for the rabi marketing season (RMS) 2025-26 till 9 April 2025. The move aims to ensure that more farmers can benefit from the procurement process.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu records real economic growth rate of 9.6 per cent in FY 2024-25

Tamil Nadu's real economic growth rate of 9.6 per cent for 2024-25 marks the highest for any State in the country, besides being the highest for the State in the past 10 years. At constant prices (base year: 2011-12), the value of the GSDP of Tamil Nadu, estimated at INR15,71,368 crore for 2023-24, had risen to INR17,23,698 crore for 2024-25.

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### TN govt to constitute special courts in 14 districts for trial of POCSO Act

The Tamil Nadu (TN) government has decided to constitute special courts in 14 districts exclusively for the trial of cases filed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The information was shared by state law minister S Regupathy on 5 April 2025.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to establish parks for pets

The Tamil Nadu government is planning to establish parks for pets in Chennai and Coimbatore. The information was shared by state minister for animal husbandry Anitha R Radhakrishnan on 3 April 2025. An amount of INR5 crore has been set aside for the same.

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## Kerala

### Kerala Energy Policy proposes making solar for homes using over 500 units

The Kerala Energy Policy's draft proposes mandating the solar plants for houses in the state that consume over 500 units of electricity a month and have at least 100 square metre (sqm) of rooftop space. The draft recommends that such houses install solar plants with a minimum capacity of one kilowatt (kW).

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### Kerala govt notifies Sustainable Building Code Rules

The Kerala Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Code Rules have outlined the procedures to be followed during the design, construction and completion phases of buildings in the state. The rules outline the provisions for commercial building construction to ensure energy conservation and environmental sustainability under the ECSBC.

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### Kerala's Kozhikode Corporation to develop customised circuits

Kerala's Kozhikode Corporation is planning to develop customised circuits to make better use of the tourism potential of the city. Projects are being planned to improve water transportation and establish recreational zones along its banks.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt launches Logistics Policy

The Rajasthan government has launched the Logistics Policy. It will reduce logistics costs by encouraging industrial development and increasing connectivity in the state and establish Rajasthan as a logistics hub.

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### Rajasthan to provide milk powder to malnourished children 5 days per week

The Rajasthan government has decided to provide 25 grams of milk powder to malnourished children five days a week, incorporated into nutritional supplements. Besides this, pregnant women will receive a 'Supposhan Nutri Kit' containing one kg of ghee, along with makhana, dates and other nutritious items.

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### Rajasthan govt hikes DA, DR by 2 per cent

The Rajasthan government has announced a two per cent hike in the dearness allowance (DA) for central government employees and dearness relief (DR) for pensioners. The increase will be effective from 1 January 2025.

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## Punjab

### Punjab Cabinet takes key decisions

The Punjab Cabinet has decided to implement the Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra Yojana. Under this initiative, people above the age of 50 years can visit religious places, inside or outside the state, free of cost. The state government will bear the entire cost of the journey, including air-conditioned travel, comfortable accommodation and meals.

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### Punjab govt to allow paddy transplantation from 1 June

The Punjab government has decided to allow paddy transplantation from 1 June 2025, earlier than last year's start date of 11 June 2024. However, experts in the field have cautioned against the move. They have cited that the delay in paddy sowing can significantly help the state curb the depletion of its groundwater reserves.

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## Telangana

### Telangana govt prepare comprehensive policy for best education system

The Telangana education commission will prepare a comprehensive policy document to design the best education system in the state. The orders were issued by Chief Minister (CM) Revanth Reddy on 4 April 2025. The state government is ready to earmark substantial funds to establish a high-quality education structure.

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### Centre grants permission to Telangana govt to raise INR14,000 crore through open market borrowings

The Centre has granted permission to the Telangana government to raise INR14,000 crore through open market borrowings in the first quarter (April-June) of the new financial year 2025-26. However, this is INR2,000 crore less than the INR16,000 crore approved for the same period in the previous fiscal year 2024-25.

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### Telangana govt extends deadline for filing applications under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam

The Telangana government has extended the deadline for filing applications to avail subsidised loans under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam from 5 April to 14 April 2025. Under the scheme, educated youth from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Backward Classes (BC) and minority communities will receive financial assistance to become self-employed with loans falling under four categories.

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## North-East

### Tripura govt sanctions INR14 crore for beautification of Brahmakunda Mela premises

The Tripura government has sanctioned a sum of INR14 crore for the beautification and further development of Brahmakunda Mela premises. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha. He further informed that the state government is working to protect the culture of the indigenous people.

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### Upgradation of 50 railway stations in Assam under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in progress

The upgradation of 50 railway stations in Assam is underway as part of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The information was shared by Union railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Tenders for development work at 47 out of 50 stations have been awarded and work is progressing at a good pace.

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### Mizoram govt approves 4 per cent hike in DA

The Mizoram government has approved a proposal to hike dearness allowance (DA) of its employees by four per cent from November 2025. The decision was taken in a state Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Lalduhoma.

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### Assam Cabinet increases DA for govt employees by 2 per cent points

The Assam Cabinet has increased the dearness allowance (DA) for government employees by two per cent points. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma on 4 April 2025. The hike would be effective from 1 January 2025.

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### Mizoram govt to develop Thenzawl as 'peace city'

The Mizoram government is planning to develop Thenzawl and its vicinities as a 'peace city' to house about one million of population. The information was shared by Chief Minister Lalduhoma on 4 April 2025. Thenzawl is a census town located about 90-km from Aizawl and it falls under the Serchhip Assembly constituency.

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### Tripura govt to establish new integrated bamboo park at Chandipur

The Tripura government has decided to establish a new integrated bamboo park at Chandipur block in Tripura's Unakoti district. The facility will come up at an estimated cost of INR162 crore on 16.1 hectares of land.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh govt launches 250 projects to improve underdeveloped areas

The state government has launched over 250 projects across 17 districts to improve slums and underdeveloped areas in the state. Under the Mukhyamantri Nagariya Alp Viksit Malin Basti Vikas Yojana, the state will develop and refurbish basic amenities in these areas.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to provide better healthcare to senior citizens

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to provide better healthcare to senior citizens in old age homes of the state. The initiative will be taken up under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AP PMJAY).

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### Uttar Pradesh's new excise policy comes into effect

The Uttar Pradesh Excise Policy came into effect from 1 April 2025. One of the major changes under this policy is that separate foreign liquor and beer shops have been replaced by composite shops.

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## Uttarakhand

### Centre approves funds for key infrastructure projects in Dehradun

The Central Government has sanctioned INR164.67 crore under "Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure" for various development works in Uttarakhand's Dehradun and Nainital.

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### Uttarakhand witnessed 5 per cent surplus rainfall in March 2025

Uttarakhand witnessed five per cent surplus rainfall during the first month of the pre-monsoon season, which spans from March to May. The state received 57.8 mm of rainfall in March 2025, surpassing the normal average of 55 mm. However, the rainfall distribution across the state's 13 districts was uneven. As many as eight districts basked in above-average showers, with Tehri Garhwal leading the pack at 55 per cent surplus.

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### Uttarakhand CM flags off Tanakpur-Daurai Express

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged off the Tanakpur-Daurai Express. The new train service would enhance travel convenience for local passengers, boost tourism and facilitate pilgrimages to Maa Purnagiri Dham.

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## Union Territories

### Delhi govt approves 6-km elevated road project

In a bid to boost city infrastructure, the Delhi government has approved a six-km elevated road project worth INR500 crore. The government has also decided to construct a road corridor on both sides of the Sahibi river and transfer four key stretches to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for expansion and maintenance.

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### Chandigarh admin approves startup policy

Chandigarh administrator Gulab Chand Kataria has approved the union territory's (UT) startup policy. As part of the policy, a virtual incubation platform will be established to provide support from national and international mentors to startups.

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### J&K admin to establish CoE in AI, GIS and emerging technologies

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration is set to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in artificial intelligence (AI), geographic information systems (GIS) and emerging technologies. This will be achieved in collaboration with the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N).

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### 5 hydroelectric projects under construction in J&K

As many as five hydroelectric projects with a total installed capacity of 3,090 MW are under construction in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The information was shared by Union minister of power Manohar Lal on 3 April 2025.

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## West Bengal

### Kolkata likely to get its first airport metro link by July

Kolkata is likely to get its first airport metro link by July this year. The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) is due to inspect the seven km Noapara-Airport (formally Jai Hind Metro station) in April this year.

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### Supreme Court sets aside 25,000 school appointments in West Bengal

The Supreme Court has upheld the Calcutta High Court's ruling to cancel approximately 25,000 school appointments in West Bengal due to significant irregularities in the hiring process.

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