



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### A.P. govt. allocates INR600 crore for development of roads

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads and Buildings B.C. Janardhan Reddy announced an allocation of INR600 crore for the development of roads that are beyond repair. The state government is determined to make roads pothole-free and has already taken up road works for a sum of INR861 crore.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt plans to establish AYUSH research hospital in Nandigama

The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to establish a 25 to 50-bedded integrated ayurveda, yoga & naturopathy, unani, siddha and homoeopathy (AYUSH) research hospital in Nandigama. A proposal in this regard is yet to be submitted to the Union ministry of AYUSH.

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### Union minister inaugurates AMTZ's solar zone in Andhra Pradesh

Union power and new & renewable energy minister Shripad Naik inaugurated the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ)'s state-of-the-art one MW solar zone for phase-II. This will reinforce the zone's commitment to sustainable and energy-efficient infrastructure.

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### Andhra Pradesh minister seeks additional INR259 crore under various schemes

Andhra Pradesh health and family welfare minister Satya Kumar Yadav has sought an additional allocation of INR259 crore under the National Health Mission (NHM) and other schemes. Works will be carried out specially to support tourism development and cancer treatment initiatives in the state.

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## Bihar

### Special Vande Bharat Express to run between Bihar and UP

The Northern Railway has announced to operate a special Vande Bharat Express between Uttar Pradesh's (UP) Lucknow and Bihar's Chhapra. The train will halt at Sultanpur Junction, Varanasi Junction, Ghazipur City and Suremanpur stations along the route.

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### Bihar's economy increases to INR8.54 lakh crore in 2023-24

Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary presented the 2024-25 State Economic Survey Report in the Assembly on the opening day of the month-long Budget session and said size of the State's economy at current prices has increased 3.5 times from INR2.47 lakh crore in 2011-12 to INR8.54 lakh crore in 2023-24.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Chhattisgarh CM launches Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Vishnu Deo Sai launched the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana. Under this scheme, free travel will be provided to beneficiaries to pilgrimage sites outside the state. As part of this, the CM flagged off the first special pilgrimage train from Raipur railway station to Tirupati, Madurai and Rameswaram.

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### Chhattisgarh CM unveils 3 tourism circuits in Jashpur

CM Vishnu Deo Sai unveiled three tourism circuits in Jashpur. The circuit comprises Tamta, Kailash Gufa, Madheshwar Mountain, Sharda Dham and Gwelin Sarna. The spiritual & heritage, nature & wildlife and adventure tourism circuits are now set to woo the tourists.

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### Chhattisgarh govt secures investment proposals worth INR3,700 crore

Companies from Bengaluru are eyeing investment opportunities in Chhattisgarh worth over INR3700 crore, according to the Vishnu Deo Sai, the CM of Chhattisgarh.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat Assembly approves key changes to Stamp Act

The Gujarat Assembly approved key changes to the Gujarat Stamp Act on 27 March 2025. These amendments aim to tackle tax evasion and protect citizens' property rights. The Indian National Congress (INC) supported the measures, which are expected to streamline duty collection and ease public burden.

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### Gujarat to set up neurological sciences institute at Ahmedabad Civil Medicity

The Gujarat government has decided to set up an autonomous neurological sciences institute at the Ahmedabad Civil Medicity for the treatment and research of diseases related to the brain & nervous system. Medicity encompasses several public hospitals and institutions centred around the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital.

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### LS passes Bill to establish IRMA into university in Gujarat's Anand

The Lok Sabha (LS) passed the Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill. The Bill aims to transform the Institute of Rural Management (IRMA) into a university in Anand district of Gujarat to create a qualified manpower for co-operative societies.

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### Goa govt to set up agro clinics

Starting this year, the state will also procure organic manure and provide it to farmers at subsidised rates. To further strengthen organic farming in the state, INR18 crore project will be taken up with the support of the Union government.

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### Goa Budget 2025-26 focuses on tourism and urban development

The Goa Budget 2025-26 focussed on creation of tourism infrastructure, renewal energy, easy transport, 100 per cent literacy and fastest delivery of services. The estimated receipts for the financial year are projected at INR27,993.97 crore. The total gross domestic expenditure is estimated at INR28,162 crore.

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### Goa to announce incentives to attract high-spending tourists

The state is planning to incentivize airlines and countries that will bring high spending tourists. The state government has also instructed all hotels to mandatorily upload the data of their guests on the tourism information management enterprises software from 1 April.

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## Haryana

### Haryana CM approves 3 projects in Gurugram

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini while chairing the High Powered Works Purchase Committee (HPWPC) meeting on Friday approved purchases and contracts valued at INR36.19 crore of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA).

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### Haryana govt extends Atma Nirbhar Textile Policy till 18 Dec 2026

The Haryana government has extended the Atma Nirbhar Textile Policy 2022-25 along with its subsequent schemes by one year till 18 December 2026. Additionally, it has decided to remove the cap on the number of cases under the Capital Investment Subsidy for Textile Units scheme as part of the policy.

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### Haryana Assembly passes 4 Bills

The Haryana Assembly passed as many as four Bills. The Haryana Honourable Disposal of Dead Body Bill provides for decent and timely last rites of a dead body. It proposes a penalty of up to Rs.100,000 and imprisonment of up to five years for the non-disposal of dead bodies, especially when using dead bodies for protests or agitation.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh, Telangana govts sign MoU for construction of 2 hydroelectric projects

The Himachal Pradesh and Telangana governments have signed an MoU for the construction of two major hydroelectric projects. As part of this, the 400 MW Seli and 120 MW Miyad hydropower projects will come up in the Lahaul-Spiti district.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt to introduce 297 electric buses

The Himachal Pradesh government is set to introduce 297 electric buses, including 24 luxury buses. This initiative by the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) aims to improve connectivity, reduce pollution and provide a comfortable journey for both residents & tourists.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt tables Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill

The Himachal Pradesh government has tabled the Himachal Pradesh Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill. The Bill has a provision to carry out special assessment of non-agriculture government land, particularly forestland diverted for non-forest use, to fix land revenue.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt to establish foreign language labs in all nursing colleges

The Karnataka government has announced plans to establish foreign language laboratories in all nursing colleges across the state. The aim is to enhance the global employability of nursing students.

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### Karnataka's MUDA presents INR548.5 crore budget for FY 2025-26

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), has revised Budget estimate for the year 2024-25 and the Budget for the year 2025-26 was presented. While MUDA expects to garner a revenue of INR871.54 crore, it estimates to spend INR548.50 crore, during the upcoming financial year.

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### KERC reduces power tariffs for domestic, commercial and industrial users

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has reduced power tariffs for domestic, commercial and industrial users as well as educational institutions & hospitals in the state by 10 paise per unit. The new tariffs will come into effect from 1 April 2025.

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## Odisha

### 392,458 beneficiaries in Odisha receive social security pension

A total of 392,458 beneficiaries in Odisha have received the increased social security pension of INR3,500 per month under the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). .

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### Odisha approves investment proposal worth INR1.65 lakh crore

A High-Level Clearance Authority (HLCA) under chairmanship of Chief Minister Mohan Majhi has approved proposals that entail investment to the tune of INR1,65,303 crore. The development will be undertaken in seven districts such as Bhadrak, Cuttack, Ganjam, Keonjhar, Khurda, Mayurbhanj and Rayagada.

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### Odisha govt to expand 'Ama Bus' service to 8 more cities

The Odisha government has decided to expand the 'Ama Bus' service to eight more cities across the state. These include Angul, Jharsuguda, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Baripada, Jeypore (Koraput), Balasore and Rayagada.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra's MMRDA approves Budget worth INR40,187 crore for 2025-26

Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) headed by deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, approved the fiscal year 2025-26 budget estimated at INR40,187.41 crore on Friday (March 28, 2025). 87 per cent of funds will be spent on infrastructure projects, focusing on metro and road development.

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### Maharashtra CM releases grant of over INR25 crore to 560 cowsheds under Desi Govansh Pariposhan Yojna

CM Devendra Fadnavis released a grant of INR25 crore under the Desi Govansh Pariposhan Yojna. The move would benefit 560 cowsheds in the state. Under the scheme, INR50 per cow per day is issued for the maintenance of the indigenous cows in the cowsheds.

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### Survey for land acquisition for Purandar Airport to start from 9 April

The survey for land acquisition for the Purandar International Airport at Pune, will start from 9 April 2025. Drones will be used to conduct the survey, said district collector Jitendra Dudi.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### CM transfers INR505 crore to families of 23,162 workers under Sambal Yojana

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has transferred ex-gratia of INR505 crore to the families of 23,162 workers under the 'Mukhya Mantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana', saying his government has been continuously empowering labourers across the state.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt procures 580,000 MT of wheat valued at INR757 crore

The Madhya Pradesh government has procured around 580,000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat from 75,000 registered farmers in the state so far at the minimum support price (MSP) of INR2,600 per quintal.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt to construct hostels for tribal students under DAJGUA

The Madhya Pradesh government is set to construct hostels for tribal students in the state under the 'Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)'. The aim is to uplift tribal education. Under the campaign, the Centre has sanctioned 100 tribal student hostels in 124 identified tribal-dominated habitations in the state.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu to get 6 check dams across Palar river

The Tamil Nadu water resources department has decided to construct six check dams across Palar river and its tributaries. The aim is to recharge groundwater at parched areas in three districts. These include Vellore, Ranipet and Tirupatur.

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### Union minister approves new train service from Tambaram to Rameswaram

Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has approved a new train service from Tambaram to Rameswaram via Chidambaram, Thiruvarur and Thiruthuraipoondi in Tamil Nadu. The new train will offer a direct, convenient option from Chennai and other parts of the state, reducing road congestion.

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### Tamil Nadu govt launches 'Hornbill Conservation Initiative'

The state has launched the 'Hornbill Conservation Initiative' to safeguard the habitats of four threatened hornbill species in the Western Ghats. The initiative aims to protect the Great Hornbill, Malabar Grey-Hornbill, Malabar Pied-Hornbill and Indian Grey-Hornbill species that are crucial to the region's ecosystem.

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## Kerala

### Kerala govt to simplify procedures to correct name in birth certificate

The Kerala government has decided to simplify the procedures to correct the name in the birth certificate, bringing relief to many who have been facing difficulties. The information was shared by state local self government minister MB Rajesh on 27 March 2025.

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### NHAI sanctions INR8.5 crore for Kerala govt to upgrade traffic diversion roads

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has sanctioned a sum of INR8.5 crore for the Kerala public works department (PWD) to upgrade traffic diversion roads from the 13-km Aroor-Thuravur national highway (NH)-66 corridor.

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### Kerala finalising green hydrogen and integrated power policies, aims 100 per cent renewable energy by 2040

The Kerala government is finalising its Green Hydrogen Policy and Integrated Power Policy as part of a long-term plan to achieve 100 per cent renewable energy (RE) by 2040 and net carbon neutrality by 2050.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt to merge 2 civic bodies in Jaipur

The Rajasthan government has decided to merge the Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation and Jaipur Municipal Corporation Heritage. Following this, there will be only one unified Jaipur Municipal Corporation.

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### Rajasthan govt to develop portal allowing EV owners to apply for subsidies

The Rajasthan government is developing a new portal to allow electric vehicle (EV) owners in the state to apply for subsidies. It is currently in its final testing phase. The portal will feature vehicle listings from manufacturers and dealers, enabling owners to submit their subsidy applications.

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### Rajasthan govt plans to provide domestic electricity consumers with 150 units of free electricity

The Rajasthan government is planning to provide domestic electricity consumers with 150 units of free electricity, instead of 100. This will be linked to the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

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## Punjab

### Punjab's PSERC announces new tariff order for FY 2025-26

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) announced a new tariff order for the financial year (FY) 2025-26, with no hike in electricity charges for domestic consumers. In the case of domestic supply and non-residential supply consumers, the three-slab system in the electricity tariff has been converted into the two-slab system.

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### Mohali MC eyes higher property tax revenue in INR211-crore budget

The Mohali Municipal Corporation (MC) passed its annual budget of INR211.19 crore for financial year 2025-26. The outgoing fiscal saw MC exceeding its revenue target of INR160 crore, collecting approximately INR165 crore.

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## Telangana

### Telangana govt prepares action plan to address drinking water needs

The Telangana government has prepared an action plan to address drinking water needs in rural regions of the state during the summer season. State panchayat raj minister Seethakka has asked all the engineers working under Mission Bhagiratha Scheme to conduct field visits for four days every week and review the drinking water supply to every household.

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### Telangana govt passes Transplantation of Human Organs Bill

The Telangana government passed the Telangana Transplantation of Human Organs Bill in the state Assembly. The aim is to address various aspects of organ and tissue transplantation. The new Bill proposes adopting the Centre's Transplantation of Human Organs & Tissues Act in its entirety.

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### TGIC signs MoUs with 18 colleges in Telangana

The Telangana Innovation Cell (TGIC) has launched its host institution programme and signed MoUs with 18 colleges. The aim is to amplify and decentralise the vision to build and nurture inclusive innovation across the state.

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### 14 new excise police stations to be opened in Telangana

The Telangana government has given the green signal to set up 13 new excise police stations in Hyderabad and one in Warangal. The new police stations will start functioning from 1 April 2025 under the in-charge station house officers.

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## North-East

### Tripura allocated substantial portion of budget for tribal welfare

Tripura's revised budget of INR30,296 crore for 2024-25, a total of INR6,645 crore—39 per cent—has been allocated for the welfare of indigenous people after meeting the state's non-plan expenditure.

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### Centre sanctions INR37 crore for ST students in Nagaland

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released INR37 crore for payment of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) to ST students of Nagaland. PRO said the scheme implementing agency has acknowledged the efforts of Minister of Higher Education and Tourism, for his proactive and all-out effort in coordinating with the funding ministry for the release of PMS-ST.

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### Centre recommended to form panel to help women & children in Manipur

A parliamentary standing committee has recommended the Union women & child development ministry form a special panel to work on targeted policies and programmes for women & children in strife-torn Manipur. The panel has been suggested to directly monitor these women & children and take steps to safeguard them from sexual violence in relief camps.

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### Meghalaya govt envisages project to connect several remote villages

The Meghalaya government has envisaged a project to connect several remote villages with suspension bridges. Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K Sangma also inaugurated a 80-metre suspension bridge at Sesengpara over the Bandra river under Dalu block in West Garo Hills district. It connects the Sesengpara Kherapara road to Dombagre village.

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### Anganwadi workers in Meghalaya to get smartphones by April

Anganwadi workers in Meghalaya are set to get smartphones by April 2025. The aim is to improve their performance and services. The Centre has sanctioned INR6 crore for purchasing 6,162 smartphones.

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### Mizoram govt to set up areca nut processing plants in 2 districts

The Mizoram government has decided to set up areca nut processing plants in two districts. The units, when completed, will facilitate marketing opportunities, create value-added products and ameliorate the problems faced by local areca nut growers.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### UP govt to develop automobile industries, IT parks on idle land

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government is working on a road map to develop automobile industries and information technology (IT) parks on the idle land of defunct textile mills. The move aims to contribute to the state's USD1 trillion economy target.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt signs MoU to integrate AI technologies in industrial areas

The Uttar Pradesh government has signed an MoU with the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) and Artificial Intelligene (AI) Centre of Excellence at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to propel industrial development in the state.

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### Uttar Pradesh forest dept establishes control rooms to check forest fires

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath recently chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the urgency of comprehensive measures to combat heatwave and its impact. He has directed forest department officials to adopt proactive strategies to curb the increasing incidents of forest fire during the summer months.

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## Uttarakhand

### State to expand rural roads by 8,750-km under phase-IV of PMGSY

The Uttarakhand government has decided to expand rural roads by 8,750-km under phase-IV of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). With this, roads will reach the low population settlements of the state.

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### Uttarakhand CM launches Bhagirath mobile app

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Bhagirath mobile app. The app is based on the Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025 theme, 'Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera'. Through this app, people will be able to share information about critical and endangered water sources in their area.

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### Uttarakhand govt to adopt new weather impact forecast service

The state has decided to adopt a weather impact forecast service, moving beyond routine weather provided by the IMD and private agencies. The new service will offer timely, accurate and actionable insights on potential weather-related impacts.

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## Union Territories

### Chandigarh to get major floating solar power plant of 4 MW capacity

Chandigarh is set to get a major floating solar power plant of four MW capacity in the financial year (FY) 2025-26. The plant will be located in Sector 39 water works and will be the largest in north India. It is part of the union territory (UT) administration's plan to have eight megawatt-peak (MWp) projects in 2025-26.

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### DJB to snap water connections of consumers with pending bills in Delhi

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has decided to snap water connections of errant consumers in Delhi who do not pay bills on time. According to the DJB data, there are around 1.1 million consumers in the national capital who have not paid water bills, estimated to be INR5,700 crore for years.

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### CPCC agrees to operate sanitary landfill at Daddumajra, Chandigarh

The Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPCC) has permitted to operate the sanitary landfill at the Daddumajra dump site. The inert waste will now be dumped at an identified dedicated site of 2.8 hectares.

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### Puducherry Assembly adopts resolution seeking statehood for UT

The Puducherry Assembly adopted a resolution seeking statehood for the union territory (UT). The statehood subject, which was brought to the House as a private member resolution was converted into a Government Resolution (GR).

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## West Bengal

### WB govt to launch new app to enable citizens to download all certificates

The panchayat department has decided to launch a new app to enable citizens to download all certificates on their mobiles. As per the decision, any citizen can apply for all six types of certificates, including character & distance certificates.

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### Mamata invites British businesses to invest in Bengal

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee invited British businesses to invest in the state in areas such as automation, engineering and artificial intelligence.

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