



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Centre urged to develop new railway line in Vizianagaram

Andhra Pradesh's (AP) Vizianagaram MP Kalisetti Appala Naidu urged the Centre to develop a new railway line to Rajam industrial town in the district. The move aims to ensure better rail connectivity for thousands of people living in several mandals in and around Rajam.

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Andhra Pradesh urged to update mobility plan for Vizag Metro Rail Project

The Centre has requested the Andhra Pradesh government to revise the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) that was submitted with the proposal for the Visakhapatnam metro rail project. The state government has proposed a light metro rail project in Visakhapatnam, which will cover 76.9-km and be developed under a public-private partnership (PPP) model.

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6 medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh get approval under CSS

13 medical colleges from Andhra Pradesh, attached to existing district/referral hospitals have applied to the National Medical Commission (NMC) for Letters of Permission (LoP) under the Centrally-Sponsored Scheme (CSS). Out of them, six medical colleges, including one private college, have been approved so far.

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Goa

Laws set to prevent Groundwater ; 5 other bills passed

Six Bills were passed by the Goa Assembly. These include the Goa Ground Water Regulations) Bill, which enables imposition of a fine of INR10 lakh on those indulging in illegal construction of wells and transportation of groundwater.

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State can meet 150 MW energy target in 2027: Ramakrishna Sudin Dhavalikar

Goa could meet its target of generating 150MW of renewable energy by 2027 if it is able to set up four floating solar projects in Goa. SGEL has submitted a proposal along with a project report to set up the four floating solar projects at the Selaulim, Amthanem, Anjunem, and Chapoli dams with an estimated investment of INR 1300 crore.

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DLF to enter Goa market, to launch luxury villas for INR40 to 50 crore

DLF is expected to launch 62 ultra luxury villas in Goa priced between INR 40 crore and INR 50 crore in the second half of the financial year 2024-2025.

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Gujarat

6.29 lakh MSME'S registered in the state

The state added 6.29 lakh new micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) , state govt spokesperson and health minister Rushikesh Patel He added that 19.63 lakh MSMEs have been registered in Gujarat in the past four years.

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Gujarat govt approves INR140 crore for 7,497 rainwater harvesting projects

The state has approved a budget of INR140 crore for 7,497 rainwater harvesting projects in Ahmedabad. The move aims to improve the city's groundwater table. These projects will be carried out in residential societies under a public-private partnership (PPP) model.

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JSW Neo Energy bags 192-MW power project from Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam

The capacity is awarded against tariff-based competitive bids invited for setting up a 500 MW Grid connected Hybrid Power Projects (Phase II), along with a greenshoe option for additional capacity up to 500 MW.

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PM urged to build new lion sanctuaries in Gujarat

MP Parimal Nathwani recently met Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi to discuss various issues related to Asiatic lions in Gujarat and the need for more facilities & infrastructure for tourists visiting Gir forest. During the meeting, the former stressed the need for new lion sanctuaries like Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, considering the rising population of lions.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand Assembly passes Mineral-Bearing Land Cess Bill

Jharkhand Assembly passed the Jharkhand Mineral-Bearing Land Cess Bill to impose cess on mined minerals to boost the state's revenue. This move follows the Supreme Court's (SC) ruling, which affirmed that the legislative power to tax mineral rights rests with the states.

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Jharkhand passes resolution against amendments to Coal Bearing Act

The Jharkhand Assembly passed a resolution against the amendments to the Coal Bearing Act through a voice vote. The resolution aims to appeal to the Union government to stand down from bringing its proposed amendments to the Act. The amendment, brought in 2023, is against the interests of the state.

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Punjab

Punjab Agricultural University start-up innovates apple harvesting

Agro Tech Plant, a start-up incubated at Punjab Agricultural University's (PAU) Punjab Agri-Business Incubator (PABI), has launched the apple catcher, a machine designed to 'revolutionise' apple harvesting.

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Punjab govt to implement Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India scheme

The Punjab government has expressed its willingness to implement the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme. The state government hopes to get over INR 510 crore under the SSA that the Centre had deducted after the state refused to implement the PM SHRI scheme.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra signs MoU with Toyota for electric car plant in Sambhaji Nagar

The Maharashtra government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Toyota Kirloskar Motor to establish a greenfield manufacturing facility at Auric City in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar with an investment of INR 20,000 crore.

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Projects worth INR 40000 crore to come up in Nagpur, Maharashtra

Projects worth INR 40,000 crore are set to come up in Nagpur. These include li-ion battery plant, solar photovoltaic modules & electrolyzers manufacturing plant and plant for producing malt spirit. The projects are anticipated to generate over 14,000 employment opportunities.

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Haryana

INR 3,383 crore Earmarked for Haryana Railway Infrastructure.

The Indian government has allocated INR 3,383 crore to improve railway infrastructure in Haryana. This significant investment aims to enhance connectivity and support economic growth in the region.

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TVSN Prasad appointed as chief secretary of Haryana

The Haryana government appointed TVSN Prasad as the CS of the state. With this, he has succeeded Sanjeev Kaushal. Prasad had been looking after the state Home Department since August 2022 till recently when Anurag Rastogi was appointed in his place.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh to develop Nalagarh medical park with state resources

Prioritizing states interest the Himachal Pradesh government has decided to independently build a medical service park Nalagarh solan district the project planned on 265 acres of land with estimated cost of INR 350 crore will be financed by state resources.

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Aarti Drugs Baddi unit gets EIR from USFDA

Aarti Drugs informed that its Baddi facility has received Establishment Inspection Report (EIR) from US drug regulator, concluding the inspection as closed. The USFDA had inspected the formulations (Oncology) manufacturing facility of the drug makers subsidiary at Baddi, Himachal Pradesh.

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RVNL emerged as the lowest bidder for Himachal Pradesh-based project

Rail Vikas Nigam (RVNL) added 1.30 per cent to IN 614.55 after the company said that it has emerged as the lowest bidder (L1) for a tender floated by HPSEBL. The project involves 'development of distribution infrastructure at Central Zone of Himachal Pradesh under the Revamped Reforms-based and Results-linked, Distribution Sector Scheme'.

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Karnataka

Karnataka's BBMP to construct twin tube tunnel

Karnataka's Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has found the construction of twin tube tunnel roads more feasible than single tube tunnels along north-south and east-west high-density corridors in Bengaluru.

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Sansera signs MoU with Karnataka to set up manufacturing facility

Sansera Engineering Limited signed an MoU with the Karnataka government to invest INR 2,100 crore in expanding its manufacturing capacity in Ramanagara, aiming to boost growth in automotive and non-automotive sectors. The investment will span three to five years, creating around 3,500 jobs.

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Karnataka govt unveils comprehensive cyber security policy

The Karnataka government unveiled a comprehensive cyber security policy for 2024. The aim is to address the rising cybercrimes and enhance digital safety through awareness, skill-building & public-private partnerships.

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Kerala

Kerala Attracted INR12,000 Crores in Investments from 300 entrepreneurs The Ministry of Industry's initiatives have led to 2.6 lakh investment projects, with small-scale industries alone raising INR16,000 crore and creating 5.5 lakh jobs. Highlighting incentives, Rajeev mentioned that for investments over INR 100 crore, only 10 per cent of the lease amount needs to be paid initially.

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Kerala-based Alhind Group set to launch an airline

Kerala-based Alhind Group of Companies, which has a presence across various segments including air ticketing, tour operating, charter flights, hotels, and visas, is now aiming to start its own airline after receiving the mandatory clearances.

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Kerala asks Centre for INR24,000 crore special package for development

Kerala has requested a special financial package of INR 24,000 crore from the Centre. Kerala has also sought a special capital investment of INR 5,000 crore to develop the Vizhinjam Port

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan sets up joint ventures for energy and metro rail projects

The Rajasthan Cabinet has approved the creation of four joint venture companies in the energy sector. These ventures will focus on renewable and thermal power generation and transmission projects.

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Enabling policies drive Rajasthan's solar open access projects in q1 2024

Rajasthan's capacity additions were up 154.1 per cent quarter-over-quarter, making it one of the top five states for solar open access. The state's cumulative installed solar open access capacity rose 65.9 per cent between Q4 2023 and Q1 2024. In Q1 2024, about 13.7% of the large-scale solar installations in the state were in the open access model.

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Nuclear power corp. to start project, spending INR50,000 crore

The joint venture project is part of NTPC's goal to establish 10GW of nuclear power capacity in decade, and aligns with India's plan to reach 20GW capacity of the clean fuel by 2030

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh's MPCDF signs MoU with NDDB to boost dairy sector

The Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Dairy Federation (MPCDF) has signed an MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to bolster quality improvement measures and enhance utilised capacities of milk plants.

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Godrej Properties acquires 46 acre land parcel in Indore

Godrej Properties announced that it has acquired approximately 46-acre land parcel in Indore. "The development on this land will primarily comprise plotted residential units and will offer an estimated saleable area of ~1.16 million square feet.

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Odisha

Shiva Cement to build cement grinding plant in Odisha

The board of Shiva Cement has approved plans to build a 1Mt/yr cement grinding plant at Sambalpur. The unit will be built with Bhushan Power and Steel at one of its operating sites. As part of the deal Shiva Cement, has the option to buy the plant for USD45 million.

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Odisha to set up world's first black tiger safari by end of this year: PCCF

Odisha is set to get the world's first melanistic tiger safari near Similipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj district by the end of 2024. It will span across 200 hectares adjacent to the national highway (NH)-18. About 100 hectares will be dedicated to a display area, with the remaining space used for veterinary facilities.

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A mega steel plant will come up in mineral rich Keonjhar district in Odisha

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi directed the officials to take expeditious steps for establishing a mega steel plant in Keonjhar at a review meeting held on the progress of the industries in the state.

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CEA approves 2 hydro pumped storage plants in Karnataka, Odisha

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has approved the setting up of hydro pumped storage plants (PSPs) in two states. These include the 2,000 MW Sharavathy in Karnataka which is being constructed by the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) and the 600 MW Upper Indravati in Odisha which will be developed by the OHPC.

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Tamil Nadu

Space technology accelerator to boost startup ecosystem in the state

A first-of-its-kind space tech accelerator in the private sector in India, named Vaanam, was launched in Tamil Nadu's Chennai. The aim is to support the space startup ecosystem in the state, which will house the country's second rocket launchpad in Thoothukudi district.

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Tamil Nadu CM unveils renovated Anna Flyover in Chennai

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin unveiled the renovated Anna Flyover in Chennai. It has been revamped at a cost of INR 10.9 crore. The renovation includes colourful lighting, GRC panels for pillars, greenery, pedestrian walkways and an artificial fountain.

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Jaguar Land Rover manufacturing unit in TN may begin operations in 2025

Tata Motors has collaborated with the government of Tamil Nadu and finalised over 400 acres of land near Panapakkam for its Jaguar Land Rover manufacturing unit. This will be the first facility in India to completely manufacture premium vehicles.

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Telangana

Telangana announces plan to build AI city in Hyderabad

The Telangana government has drawn up a plan to establish India's first and largest Artificial Intelligence (AI) city on the outskirts of Hyderabad to house and promote AI ecosystem and to invite top companies to set up their AI centres.

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Telangana CM lays foundation for Young India Skill University

Telangana Chief Minister (CM) A Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for the Young India Skill University at Mirkhanpet village in Rangareddy district. The university will offer 17 courses related to healthcare, pharmaceutical and life sciences, artificial intelligence & information sciences, tourism & hospitality, automotive & electric vehicles, banking financial services and insurance, animation visual effects gaming & comics, etc.

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Telangana govt allocates INR1,000 crore for constructing HC building

The Telangana government has allocated a sum of INR1,000 crore for constructing High Court (HC) buildings at Budvel near Rajendranagar. The information was shared by state information technology (IT) minister D Sridhar Babu.

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North-East

Govt-accelerated development initiatives in North-East transform 'Look East policy' into 'Act East Policy': Rajnath

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the government-accelerated Development Initiatives in North-East Leading to all round developments in the Northeast region, enabling all the states to improve trade with South-East Asian Nations.

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A giant industrial leap in NE: Ground breaking ceremony of Tata's chip assembly plant in Assam

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma who performed the Bhumi Pujan along with Tata Sons chairman N. Chandrasekaran, said the plant will see 'some of the world's most advanced electronic components having the tag 'Made in Assam'.

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Manipur CM tables INR 35,530 crore Budget for FY 2024-25

Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N Biren Singh tabled the Budget for the financial year 2024-25, entailing an outlay of INR 35,530 crore. The total revenue expenditure has been estimated at INR 20,620 crore and capital expenditure at INR 8610 crore.

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Meghalaya govt to invest INR1000 crore to develop sports infrastructure

The Meghalaya government has decided to invest INR 1000 crore to develop the state's sports infrastructure. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K Sangma. Around 275 new sports facilities are under construction across the state.

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Centre to boost tea industry in Sikkim

The central government is planning to boost the tea industry in Sikkim. The initiative is part of the Tea Board's Tea Development & Promotion Scheme from 2023-24 to 2025-26. The scheme offers comprehensive support to tea growers across India, including Sikkim.

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Nagaland govt to establish 6 new model colleges

The Nagaland government has proposed to build six new model colleges under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA). The aim is to establish one higher education institution in every district. This development is part of the state government's efforts to enhance access to quality higher education and create a robust educational ecosystem.

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Union Territories

Delhi LG flags off 320 new electric buses

Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena flagged off 320 new electric buses (e-buses). With this, the number of such buses in the city reached 1,970. This addition of buses will strengthen the government's fight against pollution. These buses have been equipped with CCTV cameras & panic buttons and are differently-abled friendly..

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BIA opens centre to offer AI, cyber security courses in Puducherry

The Boston Institute of Analytics (BIA) has opened a centre in Puducherry to offer a range of courses such as artificial intelligence (AI), cyber security and full stack web development. It has been set up as a joint venture with city-based company IntelliPond.

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RSWM to set up new production unit in J&K

RSWM is set to establish a new production unit in Jammu & Kashmir. The new unit will be developed at an investment of INR730 crore. This facility will occupy 32 acres and is expected to become operational in the next 18-24 months. The unit will create employment opportunities for around 3,000 individuals.

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Puducherry CM tables INR12,700 crore Budget for 2024-25

Puducherry Chief Minister (CM) N Rangasamy presented a tax-free Budget worth INR 12700 crore for 2024-25. A sum of INR 2570 crore has been allocated for salaries, INR 1380 crore for pensions, INR1810 crore for repayment of loans & interest and INR 2500 crore for purchase of power.

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Puducherry admin to formulate policy for cultural arts

The Puducherry administration has decided to formulate a policy to promote cultural arts and nurture artists in the union territory (UT). The department of art and culture has been allocated funds worth INR 32.75 crore for 2024-25.

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Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy unveiled

The Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy was unveiled by Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha. It seeks to provide easy access to Kashmir's scenic locations for filmmakers. The film policy is aimed at incentivising and boosting domestic & international film production in the union territory.

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Uttar Pradesh

UP govt presents supplementary Budget worth INR12900 crore for 2024-25

The UP government presented a supplementary budget of over INR12,909 crore for the 2024-25 fiscal year. State Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna noted that this amount represents 1.66% of the original INR 7.36 lakh crore budget.

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UP achieves 40 MW solar power generation capacity

Uttar Pradesh has achieved 40 Mw of power generation capacity through solar energy. Ayodhya city's estimated power demand is 198 Mw. To be called as solar city, the total estimated demand for conventional energy is to be reduced by renewable energy by at least 10 percent.

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Uttar Pradesh Assembly passes 3 Bills

The Uttar Pradesh Assembly passed the Uttar Pradesh Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill. It seeks to make the law stricter by providing for a maximum punishment of life imprisonment for those found guilty of marrying a woman by deceiving her and illegally converting her religion.

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Uttar Pradesh's GSDP projected to INR27.5 lakh crore

Uttar Pradesh's GDSP is estimated to be INR24.9 lakh crore. Meanwhile, the Union government has projected the state's GSDP to be INR27.5 lakh crore. The state's industrial growth rate is 22 per cent, as per minister for parliamentary affairs Suresh Khanna.

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Uttarakhand

Kisan Mall' to be set up in Uttarakhand's Rudrapur

The Uttarakhand Agricultural Production & Marketing Board is planning to build a 'Kisan Mall' along the Nainital highway in Rudrapur. This project aims to boost farmers' income by offering shops for agricultural products, equipment and medicines as well as banking services related to agriculture. The estimated budget for the mall is about INR500 crore.

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Uttarakhand govt to increase revenue from apple trade to INR2,000 crore

The Uttarakhand government has decided to increase the revenue from apple trade in five years to INR2000 crore. The state government has formulated a new apple policy under which 80 per cent subsidy will be given to apple growers.

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