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Andhra Pradesh

AIRA to establish Robotics University in Andhra Pradesh

The All India Robotics Association (AIRA) is planning to establish a Robotics University. It will focus on emerging technologies. He emphasised the importance of students playing a key role in advancing robotics for national development by contributing fresh ideas and creativity. The aim is to make the state a hub for technological excellence in India.

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Andhra Pradesh govt launches free sand supply policy

The state government initiated a new policy. As part of it, the authorities have started supplying sand to consumers without taking any revenue share, except for covering the operational costs and required taxes. The move involves withdrawing the sand mining and supply policies previously implemented by the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP)-led state government.

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K Atchannaidu takes charge as Andhra Pradesh agriculture minister

Andhra Pradesh's Tekkali MLA K Atchannaidu took charge as the state agriculture, marketing and fisheries minister. The state government aims to make agriculture a profitable venture for farmers. The authorities plan to support farmers by reactivating farm mechanisation to reduce input costs.

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Bihar

Phase-II of Ramayan temple starts in East Champaran district of Bihar

Works on the second phase of construction of the world's largest Ramayan temple have begun in East Champaran district of Bihar. When finished, the Viraat Ramayan Mandir will be three times larger than the Ram Mandir in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya. The development will be taken up at an estimated cost of INR5 billion.

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Bihar CM seeks INR30,000 crore aid

CM Nitish Kumar has reportedly requested an allocation of INR30,000 crore in the upcoming Union Budget for 2024-25 to fund infrastructure projects in the state. This follows a similar request for USD12 billion made by Andhra Pradesh chief minister Chandrababu Naidu.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt signs pact with Intel Corporation to promote AI readiness

The Gujarat government signed a partnership agreement with the Intel Corporation to promote artificial intelligence (AI) readiness. The move has come with a vision of making the state a hub of innovation and giving impetus to investment in the digital economy.

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Gujarat govt approves Sabarmati Riverfront Land Disposal Policy

The Gujarat government has approved the Sabarmati Riverfront Land Disposal Policy. Under this policy, the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (SRFDCL) will auction development rights for plots spanning 149,000 square metre of land across seven distinct value zones along the riverfront.

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Centre sanctions INR466 crore for Dholera - Bhimanath broad gauge line

Chief minister Bhupendra Patel thanked Union govt for sanctioning INR466 crore to lay a 23.33 km long broad gauge rail line between Dholera Bhimanath. The completion of this project will get railway connectivity and will be integrated completely with the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor(DMIC).

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Goa

6-lane road project inaugurated in Goa

A six-lane access-controlled road with elevated viaducts from Manohar International Airport to Dhargal on national highway-166S in Goa was inaugurated on 11 July 2024. The seven-km project will improve connectivity to Manohar International Airport, facilitating faster and hassle-free travel.
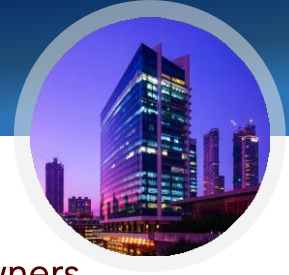
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Goa Infra Boost: Bypass On Margao-Karnataka Border Announced; 4-Lane Panaji-Belgaum Road To Be Laid

The Margao-Karnataka border bypass will be around 45 km long and cost nearly INR3,500 crore, The four-laning of the existing Panaji-Belgaum section of National Highway 748 in Goa will cost almost INR4,000 crore.

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Haryana

Haryana's HVPNL introduces new compensation policy for landowners

The Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (HVPNL) has introduced a new compensation policy to resolve longstanding issues between landowners and the state's power distribution companies (discoms).

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Haryana govt to extend bus pass facility for students to 150-km

The state government has decided to extend the bus pass facility for students of government and recognised educational institutions. Concessional bus passes will be issued to students studying in schools, colleges and institutes within the state.

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Haryana CM approves Budget of INR100 crore for PMDA

CM Nayab Singh Saini approved a Budget of INR100 crore for the PMDA. The CM further directed the officials concerned to provide information about the villages which have joined the municipal corporation and money that has been transferred to the civic body, so that the amount can be spent on the development works of those villages.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh CM lays foundation of 5 MW solar plant at Bhanjal

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone of a five MW solar power plant at Bhanjal village. It will come up on over nine hectares at a cost of INR31 crore.

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Himachal Pradesh govt sanctions INR201 crore for milk processing plant

The Himachal Pradesh government has sanctioned INR2 billion for the construction of a state-of-the-art milk processing plant at Dhagwar in Kangra district. It will be developed in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board.

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HP govt urges Centre to lift ban on livestock trade with China via Shipki La

The Himachal Pradesh government has requested the Centre to lift the ban on the livestock trade with China via Shipki La. The cross-border trade with China through Shipki La was suspended over five years ago owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and violent skirmishes between the troops of the two countries in eastern Ladakh.

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Kerala

Kerala's KSUM launches programme to bridge AI skill gap

The Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM)-incubated leading Indian vernacular learning programme, called Entri, launched an innovative programme to bridge the artificial intelligence (AI) skill gap. The programme would offer free AI up-skilling courses in 22 languages of the country, starting with Malayalam and Tamil.

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Digital University Kerala signs MoU with international institute to open Centre for AI

the Digital University Kerala signed an MoU with the Alan Turing Institute under the University of Edinburgh to establish a Centre for Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the Digital Science Park in the state. The proposed centre aims to foster innovation & research in AI, besides focusing on the latest advancements in AI & robotics.

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Kerela Kochi airport fast changing station for EVs

Kerala's Kochi airport has installed fast-charging stations for electric vehicles (EV) at both the domestic and international terminal parking areas. Each station has two 60 kilowatt (kW) EV direct current (EVDC) chargers, allowing four EVs to be charged simultaneously.

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Karnataka

Karnataka bags INR6,450 crore commitments from Japan, South Korea

The Karnataka government has bagged INR6,450 crore billion investment commitments from Japan and South Korea. These are expected to create more than 1,000 jobs in the state.

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Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill to establish 3-tier governance system in Karnataka's Bengaluru

The Brand Bengaluru Committee has submitted the draft of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill to the Karnataka government. The Bill aims to establish a three-tier governance system for Bengaluru. The Bill, which is expected to be discussed in the upcoming state Assembly session, will bring together all semi-autonomous government bodies onto a single platform.

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Madhya Pradesh

MP govt to upgrade 87 monuments, museums at INR250 crore

The Madhya Pradesh archaeology department has identified as many as 87 monuments & museums in the state to upgrade facilities and add amenities. The aim is to enhance the tourist experience.

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CM revokes permission for outlets in Indore to operate round-the-clock

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Mohan Yadav revoked the permission for outlets to operate round-the-clock in Indore. The move has come following complaints from public representatives that it was encouraging liquor consumption and crime.

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State govt sanctions INR23 crore to implement NEVA in state Assembly

The Madhya Pradesh government has sanctioned INR23 crore to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NEVA) in the state Assembly. The programme aims to make all the Legislative Assemblies paperless and bring them on one platform.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Assembly passes 3 laws

The Maharashtra Assembly passed the Maharashtra Competitive Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act on 10 July 2024. The law aims to curb unfair means in competitive exams.

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Maharashtra govt approves Mukhya Mantri Yuva Karyaprashikshan Yojana

The Maharashtra government has approved the Mukhya Mantri Yuva Karyaprashikshan Yojana. The scheme aims to provide skill training and boost employability. It will be implemented at a cost of INR10,000 crore and benefit one million youths.

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CR to install floating solar panels on Igatpuri Lake in Maharashtra

The Central Railway (CR) has decided to install floating solar panels on Igatpuri Lake in Maharashtra. The initiative will generate power and conserve water. The railway reservoir at Igatpuri can store around 1.2 billion litres of water over a surface area of 280,000 square metres.

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Punjab

Punjab govt signs MoU to impart training in drone technologies

The Punjab government has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar to impart training in drone technologies to youth of the state. This collaboration would address the growing demand for indigenous drone pilots in the rapidly developing drone ecosystem, besides strengthening and expanding drone-based training.

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Punjab govt to set up high-security radial jail in Ludhiana

The state has initiated a process to set up a high-security radial jail in Ludhiana, to lodge terrorists, high-risk prisoners, dreaded gangsters and hard-core criminals.

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Odisha

Odisha govt seeks modern fish production centre in Ganjam

The Odisha government has sought the develoment of a modern fish production centre at Aryapalli in Ganjam district. State fisheries & animal resources minister Gokulananda Mallik has asked for INR1.8 billion for the fishing harbor, INR20 million for fish farmer training and INR1.6 billion for fishery clusters.

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Odisha govt approves 26 investment projects worth INR59.9 billion

On 10 July 2024, the Odisha government approved as many as 26 investment projects totaling INR59.9 billion. These projects are anticipated to generate employment for over 19,000 individuals.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan govt sets target to produce 30 GW of solar power by 2024-25-end

The Rajasthan government has set a target to produce 30 gigawatt (GW) of solar power by the end of 2024-25. The aim is to become self-reliant in the power and energy sector.

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Rajasthan govt announces Camel Conservation Mission

The Rajasthan government has announced the Camel Conservation Mission. As part of it, camel breeders in the state will receive a financial incentive ofINR20,000 for raising a camel calf.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt sets aside INR2,252 crore for educational projects for Adi Dravidar

The Tamil Nadu government has set aside INR2,252 crore for educational projects for Adi Dravidar to improve the literacy rate among them. The allocation accounts for around 75.2 per cent of the total fund allotted to the state Adi Dravidar department. This indicates the objective of the state government to uplift the younger generation from the community by ensuring them quality education and exposure to various professional courses.

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Tamil Nadu govt launches Makkaludan Muthalvar scheme

Tamil Nadu minister for school education Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi launched the Makkaludan Muthalvar scheme. The initiative aims to facilitate faster and easier access to government services for the public, as per The Hindu.

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TN's Tiruchi admin to build 4,000 houses under Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme

The Tiruchi administration in Tamil Nadu (TN) is planning to build 4,000 houses across all 14 panchayat unions as part of the Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme. In total, 100,000 new houses will be constructed in the state this year under the new scheme. Administrative approval has been granted for the project, which aims to offer financial aid of INR310,000 for each house built under the initiative.

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Telangana

Telangana's Hyderabad to get T-Square

Telangana's Hyderabad is set to get T-Square similar to Times Square in New York. Tenders for architectural and transaction advisory services have been issued for the ambitious project, which will be located in Raidurgam. The plaza will host various events, from impromptu concerts to organized gatherings.

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Telangana govt speeds up mobilisation of funds for 350-km RRR

The Telangana government is speeding up mobilisation of funds for the construction of the 350-km Regional Ring Road (RRR). It is contemplating raising loans from financial institutions. The state government has decided to construct the RRR in two phases. The cost of the project has been estimated at INR310 billion.

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North-East

Union minister approves INR35 crore for ongoing projects under PMJVK in Arunachal Pradesh

Union minority affairs minister Kiren Rijiju has approved INR35 crore as the Centre's share for developing the ongoing projects under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in Arunachal Pradesh. The scheme aims to address the development deficits of the identified minority concentration areas.

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Power minister tracks progress of hydropower projects in Arunachal Pradesh

The union power minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, has reviewed the ongoing hydropower projects in Arunachal Pradesh. He also reviewed the revamped distribution sector and transmission & distribution scheme in the state. These projects are vital for meeting the state's power needs.

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BSF deploys AI-enabled cameras along India-Bangladesh border in Tripura

The Border Security Force (BSF) has deployed artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled cameras & facial recognition tools along the India-Bangladesh border in Tripura. This aim is to clamp down on illegal infiltration and smuggling of contraband items.

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Centre sanctions construction of roads, bridges in Assam and Tripura

The Centre sanctioned the construction of roads & bridges in Assam and Tripura with an estimated investment of Rs. 4.9 billion. The move aims to strengthen rural connectivity in the northeastern region. As part of this, as many as 78 roads measuring 563.6-km and 14 bridges have been approved in Assam under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-III.

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Manipur Cabinet approves integrated management plan for Loktak Wetlands

The Manipur Cabinet has approved an integrated management plan for the Loktak Wetlands. The plan aims to conserve and sustainably manage the crucial wetland ecosystem. The state Cabinet further gave its approval for the amendment of the Manipur Private School (Registration & Regulation) Act and formulation of the Manipur Private School (Registration & Regulation) Rules.

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Uttar Pradesh

UP to enhance defence, space technology infrastructure with 3 new projects

Uttar Pradesh (UP) is set to enhance its defence and space technology infrastructure with three new projects under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS). Located in Kanpur and Lucknow, these projects will address critical shortcomings in defence testing.

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Uttar Pradesh govt announces complete waiver of registration tax on strong hybrid cars

The Uttar Pradesh government has announced a complete waiver of registration tax on strong hybrid cars. The aim is to promote the use of environment-friendly vehicles in the state.

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Uttar Pradesh govt amends Building Construction and Development Byelaws

The Uttar Pradesh government has amended the Building Construction and Development Byelaws. The move aims to facilitate the hotel industry in the state, keeping in view the large tourist turnout witnessed over the years. The changes in the regulations will make it easier for people interested in opening hotels on smaller plots of land.

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Jharkhand

State introduces Chief Minister ST/SC Civil Service Promotion Scheme

The Jharkhand government has introduced the CM ST/SC Civil Service Promotion Scheme. As part of this, SC/ST students who clear the Civil Services Preliminary Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) will receive INR100,000 to aid in their preparation for the main examination and interview.

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Jharkhand govt proposes India's first university for physically challenged

Jharkhand higher and technical education minister Champai Soren has announced a proposal to build eastern India's first university for the physically challenged on the outskirts of Ranchi. The facility will require a large area of nearly 40.4 hectares as the entire structure would be mostly single or double storied.

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Union Territories

Chandigarh admin inaugurates model anganwadi-cum-creche

Chandigarh administrator Banwarilal Purohit inaugurated the union territory's (UT) first model anganwadi-cum-creche in Dadumajra. The creche is for children under the age of six years who do not have adult caregivers at home after their family members leave for work.

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Centre likely to set target of INR24 trillion for agricultural credit

The Centre is likely to set a target of Rs. 24 trillion for agricultural credit by commercial, cooperative and regional rural banks in 2024-25. In 2023-24, the credit flows to the priority sector stood at around Rs. 24.8 trillion, as against the target of Rs. 20 trillion.

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Puducherry admin issues advisory on Amoebic Meningo-Encephalitis

The Puducherry health department has issued a warning about Primary Amoebic Meningo-Encephalitis (PAM) following reports of meningitis cases in Kerala. Symptoms of PAM include headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, stiff neck, confusion, delusions and convulsions.

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West Bengal

Braille version of Constitution of India launched in West Bengal

Chief Justice of India Justice DY Chandrachud launched the Braille version of the Constitution of India in West Bengal. With this, West Bengal has become the third state in the country to have the Constitution for visually impaired people. The other two states include Maharashtra and Odisha.

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Centre sanctions INR22 crore to repair NH-110 in West Bengal

The Centre has sanctioned INR22 crore to repair the national highway (NH)-110, which connects Siliguri with Kurseong and Darjeeling in West Bengal. Out of the total allocation, INR40 million has been earmarked for Paglajhora.

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