



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt reconstitutes State Waqf Board

The Andhra Pradesh government has reconstituted the State Waqf Board with the appointment of eight new members. These include Abdul Aziz, Haji Mukarram Hussain, Mohammad Ismail Baig, Md Ruhullah and Mutawalli Shaik Khaja, among others.

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Andhra Pradesh minister inaugurates alkaline water plant in Sattenapalli

State energy minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar inaugurated an alkaline water plant at Raghuram Nagar in Sattenapalli of Palnadu district. The plant has been set up at a cost of INR1.3 crore.

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State govt to create vision document for development of Visakhapatnam

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to create a vision document for the development of Visakhapatnam on the lines of the 'Vision 2047 for the Andhra Pradesh'. CM N Chandrababu Naidu claimed that important projects like metro rail, Bhogapuram international airport and development of coastal areas will be completed at the earliest.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to introduce AI-based Janani Mitra healthcare app

The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to come up with the AI-based Janani Mitra healthcare app for pregnant women across the state. The software, which is presently undergoing testing, focuses on important aspects of pregnant women's service delivery.

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Bihar

RJD promises 200 units of free electricity to people across Bihar

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has promised to give 200 units of free electricity to people across Bihar upon formation of government by the Mahagathbandhan. This comes ahead of the state Assembly elections due next year.

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7 IPS officers reshuffled in Bihar

The state government has recently effected a minor reshuffle of senior IPS officers of police headquarters as well as range deputy inspector general of police (DIG). According to a notification issued by the Home Department, 1994 batch IPS officer Kundan Krishnan, who recently returned from central posting at state government's request, has been appointed as Additional Director General (headquarters).

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Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh govt launches Mahatari Shakti Loan Yojana

The Chhattisgarh government has launched the Mahatari Shakti Loan Yojana. The scheme allows women beneficiaries of the Mahatari Vandan Yojana to get a loan of up to INR25,000. It aims to enable women to open and operate self-employment ventures.

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Chhattisgarh CM inaugurates cyber building

CM Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated the state-level cyber building at police headquarters in Nava Raipur. He also launched the police department's solution mobile app and the 'Sashakt' mobile app, aimed at strengthening the fight against cybercrime.

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CM lays foundation stone for state's biggest library in Raigarh

CM Vishnu Deo Sai laid the foundation stone for the state's biggest library in Raigarh. The fully-equipped Nalanda Campus at Marine Drive in Raigarh will be a state-of-the-art library. The students will get an eco-system of study and teaching so that they can prepare themselves for competitive exams

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Gujarat

Gujarat becomes first state to generate 'Farmer IDs' for 25 per cent farmers

Gujarat became the first state in the country to generate 'Farmer IDs' for 25 per cent of the targeted number of farmers in the state under the Digital Agriculture Mission. Apart from this, Madhya Pradesh has generated such IDs for nine per cent of the total farmers of the state, while Maharashtra is at two per cent.

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Gujarat govt forms committee to conserve vultures

The Gujarat government has constituted an 11-member Gujarat State Vulture Conservation Committee to conserve vultures in the state. The panel has been formed under the chairmanship of principal chief conservator of forests & chief wildlife warden. It will have a representative from the Central Zoo Authority in Delhi and an expert on vultures.

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Gujarat aims to increase area under natural farming to 10 per cent by 2030

The state has set a target of increasing the area under natural farming to at least 10 per cent from the present three per cent by 2030 and 25 per cent by 2047. The state will conduct educational programmes to encourage farmers to adopt natural farming techniques.

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Goa

Goa govt to implement NEP recommendations for special schools

The Goa government has decided to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) recommendations for special schools in the state from the 2025-26 academic year. The state government plans to complete the entire cycle of NEP implementation from preschool to class XII and college by 2027-28.

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Gadkari announces INR1,376 crore for 4-laning of NH66 stretch in S Goa

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari announced the sanctioning of INR1,376 crore for the four-laning of a 22-kilometre stretch between Bendurdem (Quepem) and Polem (Canacona) of the NH66.

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GIDC plans to construct 5 hostels for working women in Goa

The Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) is planning to construct five hostels for working women in Goa. The aim is to make it easier and safer for women to work in the private sector. As many as two hostels will come up at Verna and one each in Madkaim, Tuem & Cuncolim.

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Haryana

Hodal-Nuh-Pataudi Road to turn into 4-lane highway

Haryana govt has approved a budget of INR616.1 crore to upgrade the Hodal-Nuh-Pataudi Road into a four-lane highway that is expected to boost regional connectivity and bring with it economic benefits for bridging the urban-rural gap.

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Haryana Roadways fleet to get 650 new buses

The Haryana Roadways fleet is set to get 650 new buses. These include 150 air-conditioned (AC) buses and 500 non-AC ones. The move aims to further strengthen public transport services in the state.

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Groundwater level to be restored in 1,920 villages of Haryana

A total of 1,920 villages in Haryana are set to benefit from the nation-wide groundwater restoration initiative. These villages are located across 14 districts and 1,647 panchayats. The work will be taken up under the Atal Bhujal Yojana.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt to introduce maize flour under 'Himbhog'

The state govt. has decided to introduce its first organic maize flour brand, 'Himbhog'. More than 4,000 quintals of maize have been procured from 1,506 farmer families practicing natural farming across the state, with the exception of Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur districts.

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Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates buildings of state home guard dept

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated various buildings of the state home guard department. These structures have been constructed at a cost of INR15 crore. Besides this, the CM has promised to fill 700 vacant home guard posts to strengthen the force.

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Himachal Pradesh govt to establish drone stations at all district headquarters

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to establish drone stations at all district headquarters. These stations will be equipped with high-capacity drones to address the state's challenges in responding to natural calamities like landslides, cloudbursts and flash floods, frequently disrupting access to remote areas.

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Karnataka

State cabinet approves guidelines for inter-corporation deposit investments

The state has approved guidelines for inter-corporation deposit investments. This would enable the state to transfer surplus funds owned by a profit-making government corporation to another corporation, instead of borrowing loans from banks at higher interest rates.

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Cabinet approves revised action plan of INR694 crore to improve roads

The State Cabinet has approved the revised action plan of INR694 crore for developing 1,611 km of roads in Bengaluru City Corporation limits. The Cabinet also approved a sum of INR97.27 crore for developing roads in Hoskote taluk, Bengaluru rural district.

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State govt withdraws student admission criteria for higher institutions

The state scrapped the criteria of a minimum number of students required from a minority community to grant the religious minority tag to higher education institutions. Currently, in order to be designated as a religious minority institution, schools of higher learning and technical training must admit 50 per cent of their students from the minority religion.

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Kerala

KSERC approves tariff hike of 16 paise per unit for domestic consumers

The Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (KSERC) has approved an average tariff hike of 16 paise per unit for domestic consumers. The new charges will be effective from 5 December 2024 to 31 March 2025.

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Kerala among top 5 states in providing nutrition to children

The Centre for Child & Law, National Law School of India University (NLSIU) has released an India Child Rights Index (ICRI), providing a comparative status of children in all states across three domains, i.e. nutrition & health, education and protection.

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Kerala minister inaugurates first 'Kerala Agro' brand store in Wayanad

Kerala agriculture minister P Prasad inaugurated the first 'Kerala Agro' brand store and a Kisan Mela at Vythiri in Wayanad district. The brand store has been set up by the Wayanad Spices and Agro Farms Producer Company, with the financial support from the state agriculture department.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan CM unveils 9 new policies to promote investments

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Bhajan Lal Sharma unveiled nine new policies aimed at promoting investments and speeding up the state's economic growth. These include the Rajasthan Mrciro, Small & Medium Enterprices (MSME) Policy; Export Promotion Policy; Tourism Unit Policy; and Integrated Clean Energy Policy; among others.

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CM meets Union minister to discuss 'Karmabhoomi se Matribhoomi' campaign

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma held a meeting with Union minister for water resources CR Patil to discuss the 'Karmabhoomi se Matribhoomi' campaign. Under the campaign, 45,000 tubewell recharge structures will be constructed in the state with the participation of expatriates.

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3 million people in Rajasthan get employment from mining

Over three million people in Rajasthan have been getting direct and indirect employment from mining. The information was shared by CM Bhajan Lal Sharma on 2 December 2024. He also claimed that the state has immense possibilities in mineral resources.

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Madhya Pradesh

MP cabinet approves INR2,312 crore for construction of road projects

In view of upcoming Simhastha Fair in Ujjain, Cabinet has cleared INR2,312 crore for construction of roads in Indore, Ujjain. The two-lane Ujjain Simhastha Road would be turned into four-lane with paved shoulder with a cost of INR701.86 crore. Likewise, the 48.05km-long Indore-Ujjain Green Field too would be turned into four-lane (with paved shoulder). INR1,370.85 crore were sanctioned for it.

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CM transferred INR225 crore to accounts of labourer families

CM Mohan Yadav transferred INR225 crore to accounts of 10,236 beneficiary labourer families under the Mukhya Mantri Jankalyan Yojana (Sambal) through a single click.

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Sowing of wheat in Madhya Pradesh reaches final phase

Sowing of wheat in Madhya Pradesh has reached its final phase, with approximately 80 per cent completion. The agricultural department is anticipating the acreage to increase to over 1.2 million hectares (mh) in the Indore division.

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Maharashtra

Devendra Fadnavis sworn in as Maharashtra CM

On 5 December 2024, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Devendra Fadnavis took oath as the Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra for the third time. This came after BJP-led Mahayuti's landslide victory in the recent state Assembly elections.

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Nagpur oranges flood wholesale markets in Karnataka's Mysuru

The famed Nagpur oranges have flooded the wholesale markets in Karnataka's Mysuru. Prices of the fruit have been dropped following the increased output. It is being sold at a retail price in the range of Rs. 50-60 per kg.

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World Bank approves USD188.2 mln loan to promote development in the state

The World Bank has approved USD188.2 million loan to promote development across all districts in Maharashtra. The 15-year loan will enhance district administrations' capacity for data-driven planning, private sector engagement and growth opportunity identification. Only seven of the state's 36 districts currently contribute over half its USD500 billion GDP.

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Punjab

Punjab govt to develop Hussainiwala border as tourist destination

The Punjab government has decided to develop the Hussainiwala border as a state-of-the-art tourist destination. The place will be developed on modern lines so that more and more tourists are attracted.

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Punjab govt unveils initiative to verify applications online for certificates

Punjab governance reforms minister Aman Arora unveiled an initiative that will enable sarpanches, nambardars and municipal councillors to verify applications online for certificates. The objective is to save citizens from the hassle of making multiple visits to obtain the signatures of these local representatives.

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Telangana

Kamareddy railway station in Telangana being revamped

The Kamareddy railway station in Telangana is being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. About INR39.84 crore is being spent on new buildings, foot overbridges, platforms and signages, among others.

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Hyderabad: 23 H-CITI works get govt sanction

The state government accorded administrative sanction to 23 works under Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) Project for an amount of INR5,942 crore duly superseding the earlier sanction of INR4,305 crore.

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Telangana police lays foundation for new learning & experience centre

The Telangana police laid the foundation stone for a new learning and experience centre. The objective is to strengthen the infrastructure for women and children safety. The centre will be a modern facility under the Women Safety Wing of the Telangana State Police.

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Telangana govt to create 10 new industrial parks between ORR & RRR

The Telangana government has decided to create 10 new industrial parks between the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR). Out of these, five will cater to micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs); one will be specifically for women-owned businesses; and one will focus on innovative startups.

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Odisha

ICG inaugurates new ship support complex in Odisha's Paradip

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has inaugurated a new ship support complex in Odisha's Paradip. This has marked a significant step towards boosting maritime infrastructure along India's eastern seaboard. The facility includes a Coast Guard store depot, refit & production units and an afloat support unit.

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Odisha govt inks pact to help growers churn out value-added products from jackfruit

The Odisha horticulture directorate has inked a pact with the Artocarpus Foods and Nutritivo Food Products to help growers & rural people churn out value-added products from jackfruit.

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Odisha govt hikes budget for midday meals provided to school children

The state has decided to increase the budget for midday meals provided to children for improving their nutrition. Starting 1 December 2024, the cost per meal for primary students increased from INR5.9 to INR7.6 and for upper primary students from INR8.8 to INR10.9.

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Tamil Nadu

Centre releases INR944 crore to Tamil Nadu for Cyclone Fengal relief

Industry and consumer associations in Tamil Nadu have urged the state government to take proactive measures to foster the growth of the renewable energy sector. This will help meet the anticipated spike in power demand, they claimed.

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Tamil Nadu CM flags off Vizhuthugal mobile outreach and therapy vehicles

CM MK Stalin recently flagged off the 'Vizhuthugal' mobile outreach and therapy vehicles readied under the World Bank-sponsored RIGHTS Project. These vehicles will serve persons with disabilities (PwD) who cannot access the one-stop centres being planned under the same initiative.

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CM Stalin launches 79 projects worth INR1,383 crore

CM M K Stalin laid the foundation for 79 new projects worth INR1,383 crore under the Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam at an event held on Wall Tax Road in Chennai, said the preventive measures taken by the government had minimised losses due to Cyclone Fengal.

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North-East

Meghalaya projects worth around INR4,000 crore signed at Delhi summit

Several Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) worth around INR4,000 crores were signed for various projects in Meghalaya during the 2nd Climate Investments and Technology Impact Summit held at Meghalaya House.

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Sikkim to get 2 tourism projects under SASCI

Sikkim is set to gain from two tourism projects funded under the Scheme of Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI). One key project, located in South Sikkim, focuses on the development of a skywalk at Bhaleydunga.

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Centre, ADB sign USD 50 mln loan agreement for water security in Meghalaya

The Centre has signed a USD 50 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to implement the Climate-Adaptive Community-Based Water-Harvesting Project in Meghalaya. The objective is to strengthen water security in the state by constructing climate-adaptive water-harvesting systems.

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Meghalaya govt plans to set up 3 skill labs

The Meghalaya Government has notified the revision of minimum wage rates for unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled labourers, effective from 1st October this year. The revised minimum wages are as follows: the unskilled labourer is INR419, the semiskilled labourer is INR474, the skilled labourer is INR530, and the highly skilled labourer is INR586.

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Meghalaya govt notifies revision of minimum wage rates for labourers

The Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) has started a new initiative to utilise its non-operational buses for business purposes. The aim is to encourage entrepreneurship and support alternative business models. ASTC chairman Pallab Lochan Das launched the 'Rhino Food Express', a converted food vending bus, at the city's Inter-State Bus Terminal.

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TREDA sets target to install solar microgrids in 274 villages of Tripura

The Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency (TREDA) has set a target of installing solar microgrids in 274 villages. The state government aims to generate at least 135 MW of solar energy by next year to meet the growing demand for power from clean & non-conventional sources as part of the Tripura Energy Vision 2030.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt to implement senior citizen living care scheme

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to implement a senior citizen living care scheme. Under the scheme, integrated healthcare and wellness facilities within a safe and protected residential enclave would be provided by the municipal corporation concerned.

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Uttar Pradesh govt invokes ESMA

The Uttar Pradesh government has invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA). With this, employees associated with government services have been banned from going on strike for the next six months.

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Uttar Pradesh govt fully aligns procurement processes with GeM

The Uttar Pradesh has eliminated its old tendering system and fully aligned its procurement processes with the Union Government's e-Marketplace (GeM). This makes it the first state in India to do so, aiming to eradicate dishonest practices and ensure transparent & fair opportunities for acquiring goods & services.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand govt to set up new nursing college in Rudrapur

The Uttarakhand government has given approval for setting up a new nursing college at the site of the old district hospital here. It approved a detailed project report (DPR) worth INR29.35 crore for the construction of the college on two acres of land at the old Jawahar Lal Nehru (JLN) District Hospital premises.

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Uttarakhand govt to build 16,000 homes for EWS by March 2025

The state has decided to build 16,000 homes for the economically weaker section (EWS) by March 2025. The Uttarakhand Avas Evam Vikas Parishad (UKAVP) and Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) are responsible for the initiative's implementation.

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Modern rafting base station to be constructed in Uttarakhand's Rishikesh

A modern rafting base station is set to be constructed in Rishikesh. The move will provide employment to about 1,500 people. It aims to centralise rafting operations at ISBT in Rishikesh and provide standardised booking systems & enhanced facilities.

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Union Territories

Centre approves 26.4-km Rithala-Narela-Nathupur corridor of DMRC in Delhi

The Centre approved the 26.4-km Rithala-Narela-Nathupur (Kundli) corridor of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The development is expected to enhance connectivity between Ghaziabad, Delhi and Haryana.

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J&K completes 100 per cent digitisation of ration cards

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has completed 100 per cent digitisation of ration cards under the technology-driven public distribution system (PDS) reforms. This means that ration cards have been linked with Aadhaar.

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Chandigarh International Airport to get 2 new terminals

With the construction of two additional terminals, the Chandigarh International Airport, is set to undergo major expansion. The facility wants to improve its infrastructure in order to draw in more international carriers, as it has had trouble expanding outside Middle Eastern routes.

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J&K admin to develop 4 new tourist destinations

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration is planning to develop four new destinations with world-class tourist infrastructure. These include Kokernag in Anantnag district, Baradari in Reasi district, Bhadarwah in Doda and Doodhpathri in Budgam.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt to set up 3 new universities

The state government is planning to set up three new universities, along with granting university status to a private college located in central Kolkata. One of these new universities, Bhawanipur Global University, will be built on over 1.2 hectares of land in Tollygunge, which is within the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) limits.

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West Bengal Assembly passes resolution urging withdrawal of Waqf Bill

The state Assembly passed a resolution urging the withdrawal of the Waqf Bill in the Parliament. The resolution, moved by minister Sovandeb Chattopadhyay, expressed concerns that the Bill, if enacted, could disrupt the administration of Waqf properties in the country.

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