



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh discoms to procure about 2000 MW power from SECI

Andhra Pradesh power distribution companies have decided to procure about 2,000 mw of power from SECI out of the total 7000 mw in demand for the agricultural sector for the next fiscal, as per the latest filing by these companies with the AP Electricity Regulatory Commission.

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AP bags national energy conservation award

Andhra Pradesh bagged the first prize in the state energy efficiency performance (group 2 category) in the the national energy conservation award-2024. Andhra Pradesh won the award for its efforts in promoting and implementing energy efficiency and conservation measures in buildings, industry, municipal, agriculture, Discoms, and transport sectors.

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Google to open office in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh govt signs MoU

The Andhra Pradesh government inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google. The tech giant will launch its operations from Visakhapatnam in the State. Making the announcement at the district collectors' conference, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said HRD Minister Nara Lokesh's efforts have paved the way for this.

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LG plans to set up manufacturing unit at Andhra Pradesh

LG has plans to set up a new plant in Andhra Pradesh to boost its manufacturing capacity in the country, though it also fears competition from its South Korean parent entity.

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Bihar

Bihar receives over 3,800 proposals for setting up new industries

Bihar has received more than 3,800 proposals for setting up factories in the state since it floated a progressive industrial investment promotion policy in 2016, proving to be a pivot for its rapid development, its Chief Secretary Amrit Lal Meena said.

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Bihar's bold move to become investment hotspot

Bihar, once a laggard, is emerging as an investment hotspot, leveraging its resources with investor-friendly policies, and ease of doing business. Firms ranging from Adani Group to Coca-Cola have made multi-billion dollar investment announcements and more are to come.

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Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh will become industrial hub of India: CM Vishnu Deo Sai

CM Vishnu Deo Sai said the state government was making efforts through the new industrial policy to develop Chhattisgarh as the industrial hub of India. Under the policy, emphasis has been laid on regional economic development, employment generation, modernization of infrastructure and increasing industrial investment.

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Paddy procurement picks up pace in Chhattisgarh; 25% of target covered

In the first 28 days of the paddy procurement drive, the Chhattisgarh government has bought over 25 per cent of the stock against the target of 16 million tonnes (MT) set for the current Kharif Marketing Season.

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Chhattisgarh CM inaugurates residential projects under Atal Vihar Yojana

CM Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated seven residential projects under the Atal Vihar Yojana. The projects, spearheaded by the Chhattisgarh Housing Board, will provide homes to economically weaker sections (EWS) and low-income groups (LIG) at subsidised rates.

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3.2 MMT of paddy procured from 680,000 farmers in Chhattisgarh

Around 3.2 million metric tonnes (MMT) of paddy has been procured from 680,000 farmers in Chhattisgarh. Payments amounting to INR6.8 crore have been disbursed to these farmers through a secure bank-linking system.

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Gujarat

Gujarat CM inaugurates 'Shramik Suvidha Kendra' in Ahmedabad

CM Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the 'Shramik Suvidha Kendra' in Ahmedabad. The centre will act as a hub where labour contractors can find fellow workers and get their wages. It has been equipped with essential facilities such as food, tea, snack, seating and washrooms.

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Gujarat govt sets target to handle 2,000 MMTPA of cargo by 2047

The Gujarat government has set a target to handle 2,000 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of cargo by 2047. To achieve this target, the state government has focused on infrastructure development investment, greenfield ports development, modernisation and expansion.

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Goa

Goa tourism engages Polish travel industry at exclusive warsaw event

Goa Tourism successfully concluded its Warsaw Roadshow 2024, fostering ties with Poland's travel industry and showcasing Goa's charm as a top destination. The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, successfully concluded the Goa Roadshow 2024 in Warsaw, Poland.

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Massive fire at Colvale industrial estate, firefighters battle blaze

Acrid smoke and the stench of soot hung over Colvale on Monday as a massive fire sprang up at the Colvale industrial estate. The fire broke out in a vacant plot where combustible industrial waste, raw material, and scrap were indiscriminately dumped amidst dry grass.

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Maruti Suzuki opens 500th NEXA service touchpoint in Goa

Maruti Suzuki India Limited has opened its 500th NEXA Service touchpoint, located in Mapusa, Goa. This milestone reflects the company's ongoing efforts to enhance its service network and improve customer accessibility.

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Haryana

Worldwide Realty to invest INR320 crore on 22 acre housing project in Haryana

Real estate firm Worldwide Realty will invest around INR320 crore to develop a 22-acre housing project in Manesar, Haryana. The Gurugram-based company is developing the Golden Residences project under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jan Awas Yojna (DDJAY) scheme of the Haryana government.

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9,609 rooftop solar plants installed in Haryana

A total of 9,609 rooftop solar systems with a capacity to generate 45.90 MW have been installed in Haryana. This fact came to light at a meeting presided over by Chief Secretary Vivek to review the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana here.

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Airox Nigen unveils 2 GW solar module facility in Haryana

Airox Nigen, a provider of sustainable energy solutions has announced the launch of its state-of-the-art solar module manufacturing facility under the brand name Ahaan Solar. This initiative is the first step in Airox Nigen's plan to build a 2 GW renewable energy facility in Haryana, showing the company's commitment to supporting India's clean energy goals.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh signs MoUs with EVI Technology and Jio-bp for Green Corridors

Under the MoU, Jio-bp will spearhead the development of the Mandi-Jogindernagar-Pathankot and Kiratpur-Manali-Kelang corridors, while EVI Technology will focus on the Parwanoo-Una-Sansarpur-Terrace-Nurpur and Parwanoo-Shimla-Recongpeo-Losar corridors. Electroweb Company will handle the development of the Shimla-Hamirpur-Chamba corridor. All work is projected to be completed within a year.

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Himachal to collaborate with Google on AI-driven initiatives

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that Google is collaborating with the state govt to develop a people empowerment platform using artificial intelligence (AI).

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Karnataka

Bengaluru will soon get a new city; Karnataka minister proposes 'SWIFT city'

Karnataka Minister M B Patil announced the development of 'SWIFT City' in Sarjapura, Bengaluru. This planned industrial hub will focus on startups and technology, offering well-planned workspaces and world-class facilities.

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Karnataka Govt's Europe Roadshow concludes with signed MoUs

The Karnataka government delegation led by M.B. Patil, Minister for Large and Medium Industries, has concluded its Europe Roadshow with the signing of two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Hero Future Energies (HFE) and Krones.

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Schneider Electric to establish PCB manufacturing plant in Karnataka

Karnataka Industries minister, as part of the global roadshow for Invest Karnataka 2025 interacted with Schneider Electric, which announced plans to add 5,000 more in the coming years by establishing a new Printed Circuit Boards (PCB) manufacturing facility.

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Karnataka signs MoU with Krones for state-of-the-art manufacturing facility

In a significant move to bolster its industrial landscape, the Karnataka government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Krones, a global leader in bottling and packaging equipment, to set up a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at the Vemagal Industrial Park Phase 2.

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Kerala

Cabinet approves 105 acres for Palakkad Smart City to drive industrial growth

The Kerala Cabinet has sanctioned the allocation of 105.26 acres of land in Puthussery village, Palakkad, for the development of an Industrial Smart City. This initiative, part of the Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, is anticipated to significantly boost the region's industrial and economic landscape.

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Agri experts seek crop diversification to revive Kerala plantations

Emphasising crop diversification as one of the strategies to revitalise the plantation sector, the agri experts has underlined the need for considering scientific approach in crop selection. They were speaking at a workshop "The Plantation Sector in Kerala – the way forward" organised by Kerala Agricultural University to address the issues being faced by the sector.

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Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurates industrial expo in Kochi

An electric vehicle (EV) research and industrial park, the first-of-its-kind initiative in Kerala will come up at Vilappilsala in the state capital. It will focus on research, development, and manufacturing of components such as batteries, motors, controllers and charging systems.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan planning township for data centres

The Rajasthan government is planning a greenfield township to house data centres that can meet growing needs of artificial intelligence applications, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal. With an installed renewables capacity of 29.98 GW.

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Adani Group announces INR7.5 lakh crore investment plan for Rajasthan

The Company has signed a MoU with the Energy Department, Government of Rajasthan to spearhead the development of renewable energy in the state. Under the deal, SJVN will develop 5 GW pumped storage projects and 2 GW floating solar projects in the state.

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Tata Power to invest INR1.2 lakh crore in renewable energy in Rajasthan

Tata Power has announced an investment of INR1.2 lakh crore in Rajasthan in various renewable energy related projects including rooftop solar installation and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

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Madhya Pradesh

Trident Group plans INR3,000 crore investment in MP textile sector

Trident Group announced plans to invest INR3,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh's textile sector, expanding its current workforce from 12,000 to over 15,000 employees. Chairman Rajinder Gupta made the announcement at the "Invest Madhya Pradesh" Regional Industry Conclave in Narmadapuram.

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JK Tyre secures EUR30 million loan for expansion of production capacities

Tyre manufacturer JK Tyre & Industries Ltd on said it has secured a EUR 30 million long-term loan from DEG - Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft. The funding will support the sustainable expansion of the company's production capacities at its facility in Madhya Pradesh, India.

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Madhya Pradesh allots land for solar manufacturing projects

Madhya Pradesh has received solar manufacturing proposals from Grew Energy, Insolation Green Energy, Premier Energies Global, Saatvik Solar and other companies. Land allotment letters for these industrial units were recently given away by the State's chief minister.

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Maharashtra

State govt to set up 'country desk' to help domestic and international investors

Maharashtra government will set up a dedicated 'country desk' as a special unit to assist domestic and international investors. CM Devendra Fadnavis has asked the administration to focus on developing investment policies aligned with global and regional trends.

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JSW Group secures land near Nagpur for INR25,000 crore mega projects

Maharashtra's efforts to attract major investments are yielding results, as the JSW Group has finalized plans to establish a massive industrial project near Nagpur in the Butibori industrial area.

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Reliance acquires 74 per cent stake in Navi Mumbai IIA Private for INR1,628 crore

Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) said it has acquired a 74% equity stake in Navi Mumbai IIA Private Ltd (NMIIA) for INR1,628.03 crore, following approval from its board of directors and consent from the CIDCO.

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Punjab

Centre urged to help revive Punjab Textile Industry as exports plummet

Union Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita acknowledged the same in a written response to a question from Sanjeev Arora, a member of the state's Rajya Sabha, but he also stated that detailed data on the state's market share in important regions like the US, EU, and Middle East was not preserved.

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Punjab & Sind Bank plans to raise INR3,000 crore from infra bonds

State-owned Punjab & Sind Bank plans to raise INR3,000 crore from maiden infrastructure bonds this month as part of exercise to raise resources to expand loan book. "We have taken board approval for raising INR5,000 crore from infrastructure bonds in tranches said Punjab & Sind Bank Managing Director and CEO Swarup Kumar Saha.

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Telangana

Lenskart signs MoU to set up new manufacturing plant in Telangana

Lenskart founder and chief executive Peyush Bansal had said in an interview earlier that the company would invest USD 200 million in its new manufacturing facility in southern India. The plant will be ten times larger than the company's existing manufacturing facility.

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Telangana Approves 1,901 Industrial Projects

The Telangana government has approved 1,901 industrial projects with a total proposed investment of INR12,626 crore and the potential to generate 49,384 jobs under the TG-iPASS in the past year.

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Partner with Young India Skills University, Telangana IT Minister urges Nasscom

IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu has urged IT industry body Nasscom to collaborate with the Young India Skills University conceived by the Telangana government. The State Secretariat, also highlighted how the association can play a critical role in upskilling IT professionals and engineering graduates.

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USIBC signs MoU with Government of Telangana

The US Chamber of Commerce's US India Business Council Global Private Limited (USIBC GPL) and the Department of IT E&C, Government of Telangana, have signed a MoU to bolster US-India collaboration and partnership in technological innovation.

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Odisha

Railways sanctions INR509 crore for 2 flyover projects in Odisha

The Railways has approved an estimated INR509 crore for two major flyover projects in Odisha's Cuttack and Rayagada districts. This initiative aims to improve operational efficiency and reduce traffic congestion on critical railway routes.

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Tata Steel engages with miners NMDC, OMC to secure future iron ore needs

Tata Steel has initiated discussions with state-run miners NMDC and Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) to secure future iron ore supplies as the company ramps up its domestic steel manufacturing capacity.

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Pradhan urges Nadda to set up national pharmacy institute in Odisha

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan urged Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda to set up a National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in Odisha. The Sambalpur MP wrote to Nadda, highlighting that such an initiative would greatly benefit the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors across Eastern India.

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Tamil Nadu

Vishwakarma scheme attracts over 8.5 lakh applications from Tamil Nadu

As many as 8.52 lakh applications have been received from Tamil Nadu under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY), a Central scheme that has come in for strong objection from the State government. The detail regarding the number of applications was provided in a reply by Union Minister of State for MSME, Shobha Karandlaje, in the Lok Sabha.

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70 per cent of MoUs signed during GIM will turn into investments, says T.R.B. Rajaa

The State Industries Minister, T.R.B. Rajaa, said that the 70% of MoUs signed during the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet (GIM) would turn into investments. The Industries Minister participated in the DMK's IT wing zonal meeting held in the Krishnagiri district.

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Ultramarine & Pigments secures leased land at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Tamil Nadu

Ultramarine & Pigments has acquired industrial plots admeasuring 32.12 Acres from State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT) for its future expansion and new projects at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Manapparai, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

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North-East

Assam CM lays foundation stone for DFT project in Jorhat

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone for the Drink from Tap project in Jorhat. The DFT project will involve a financial outlay of INR220 crore. It will ensure a clean & uninterrupted round-the-clock water supply.

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Sikkim govt signs MoU with WHO to enhance sexual and reproductive health services

The Sikkim government has signed an MoU with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to enhance sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in the state. The move focuses on addressing the state's low total fertility rate (TFR). Through this partnership, WHO will assist in areas such as building healthcare providers' capacity.

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Arunachal Pradesh CM inaugurates Vikas Parishad Bhawan in Itanagar

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu inaugurated the Vikas Parishad Bhawan in Itanagar. The newly-constructed facility will serve as a hub for the promotion and preservation of Arunachal Pradesh's indigenous culture, traditions and values.

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Rubber board introduces new variant for North-East India

The Rubber Board has released a new climate resilient Indian clone-RRII 417 for North-East India. The board conducted trials for 25 years in different regions of North East India. The average yield of RRII 417 was 5.2 kg dry rubber per tree per year with an annual yield of 2,080 kg/ha compared to 1,680 kg/ha per year for RRIM 600.

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Mizoram minister announces scheme under PM SGMBY for households

Mizoram power and electricity minister Rodingliana has announced a new scheme under the 'Prime Minister Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PM SGMBY)' that allows households to install rooftop solar systems. The aim is to facilitate a reduction in electricity costs.

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Meghalaya minister lays foundation stone for Nongpoh-Umden-Sonapur road

Meghalaya deputy chief minister Prestone Tynsong has laid the foundation stone for the Nongpoh-Umden-Sonapur (NUS) road in Ri Bhoi district. The long-awaited project aims to transform the lives of residents in Umden and nearby areas by improving transportation & connectivity.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh earmarks 17,000 acres for multimodal logistics parks

The Uttar Pradesh government has earmarked 17,000 acres for developing multimodal logistics parks (MMLPs) across the state to feed its ambitious USD1 trillion economy mission. The state government is looking to offer a 30 per cent subsidy on land cost provided the company invests at least INR1,000 crore in such a project.

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NLC India commissions 660 MW unit at Ghatampur TPP in Uttar Pradesh

NLC India has commenced commercial operations of the first unit of its 3 x 660 MW Ghatampur Thermal Power Plant (GTPP) in Uttar Pradesh, developed through Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power (NUPPL), a joint venture with Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam (UPRVUNL).

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PM in Prayagraj to launch INR7,000 crore road & corridor projects

Modi inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects worth around INR7,000 crore and will perform puja at the Sangam with representatives of 13 Akharas as well as prominent temples.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand's mining revenue doubles to INR650 crore in FY 2024-25

Uttarakhand has achieved a remarkable milestone in the mining sector, with revenue soaring to INR650 crore from April to November 2024, marking a 100 per cent increase in comparison to INR324.81 crore during the same period last year.

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IHCL announces the signing of a gateway hotel in Rishikesh

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), India's largest hospitality brand, has signed a new project in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand under the Gateway brand. Spread over an anticipated 6 Acres of land, the 125 key Gateway Rishikesh promises a blend of comfort and modernity.

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CM Dhami inaugurates The World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024

The World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 officially commenced at Dehradun in Uttarakhand with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurating the event at the Parade Ground.

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Union Territories

J&K minister launches 100-day TB campaign under NTEP

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) health & medical education, social welfare & education minister Sakeena Masood has launched a 100-day campaign under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).

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MCD inaugurates new zero-waste colony in Delhi's Nizamuddin West

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) inaugurated a new zero-waste colony in Nizamuddin West. The aim is to promote sustainable urban living. With this, the total number of zero waste colonies in the city has risen to 591.

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Chandigarh admin to undertake e-KYC of ration cardholders

The Chandigarh administration has decided to undertake electronic know your customer (e-KYC) of ration cardholders in the city. The move comes in an attempt to weed out all ineligible beneficiaries and reduce financial burden on the exchequer.

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Puducherry LG approves release of INR170 crore for Cyclone Fengal-affected people

Puducherry LG K Kailashnathan has approved to release INR170 crore as relief assistance to Cyclone Fengal-affected people. The assistance of INR5,000 per family will be transferred directly to the bank accounts of 354,000 ration cardholders residing in three regions.

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West Bengal

Lemon Tree Hotels signs new property in Mirik, West Bengal

Lemon Tree Hotels said that it has signed a license agreement viz Lemon Tree Hotel, Mirik, West Bengal. The property shall be managed by Carnation Hotels, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lemon Tree Hotels, and is expected to open in FY 2028. Lemon Tree Hotel, Mirik, West Bengal, will feature 50 well-appointed rooms.

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Kolkata-based Jain Group to invest INR500 crore in hospitality sector by 2030

Kolkata-based Jain Group, which plans to invest INR 500 crore in the hospitality sector by 2030, on Wednesday said it remains open to inorganic growth, as the segment already accounts for nearly 50 per cent of its total annual revenue. The group aided Sarovar brand's re-entry into Kolkata after a gap of 5 years.

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