



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Serentica Global plans 10 GW RE projects in Andhra Pradesh

Vedanta Group's Serentica Global plans to establish 10 GW of renewable energy projects in Andhra Pradesh. The state's target is 72 GW of renewable energy by 2030. These initiatives aim to create significant employment opportunities, as discussed in a meeting with Minister Nara Lokesh.

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### Andhra Pradesh CM Unveils New Policies, Aims for Amravati's Rebirth

CM N. Chandrababu Naidu has issued a clarion call to industrialists and investors across the nation, declaring "Andhra Pradesh is now open" for business. In a series of bold announcements, Naidu highlighted his government's plans to make the state a leader in industrial development, entrepreneurship and clean energy.

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### HUDCO to lend INR11,000 crore for Amaravati greenfield capital construction

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO), a navaratna central public sector enterprise, has come forward to lend Rs 11,000 crore for the construction of Amaravati greenfield capital city in Andhra Pradesh.

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### Andhra Pradesh government aims to make Amaravati drone capital of India

The government aims to position the State as the drone capital of the country, emphasised AP Drone Corporation Managing Director Dinesh Kumar. Highlighting the Amaravati Drone Summit-2024, the AP Drone Corporation MD explained that they had taken necessary measures to ensure the smooth conduct of drone show and cultural events in Vijayawada.

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## Bihar

### Bihar gets its first dry port

Bihar Industry minister Nitish Mishra inaugurated the state's first dry port at Bihar, a town near state capital Patna. The dry port is being seen as the state's big initiative to boost export of goods being produced in Bihar, in collaboration with a private company.

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### Bihar govt to sign pact with BCCI for Moin-ul-Haq stadium's redevelopment

The Bihar government will soon sign an MoU with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the redevelopment of the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium here. A decision to this effect was taken during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Chhattisgarh gets new airport connecting northern tribal belt to cities

PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Maa Mahamaya Airport at Darima in Chhattisgarh. The government believes the air connectivity will provide easier access to residents of Surguja as well as nearby districts such as Jashpur, Surajpur, Balrampur, Koren, and Manendragarh-ChirmiriBharatpur to major cities across the country

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### Chhattisgarh govt signs MoU with IOC for providing dialysis machines

Chhattisgarh's Health and Family Welfare department has signed an MoU with the IOC and Fairfax India Charitable Foundation for dialysis machines and their maintenance, a government official said.

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## Gujarat

### GFL subsidiary GFCL EV raises INR1,000 crore to drive EV, ESS growth

Fluorochemicals company Gujarat Fluorochemicals (GFL) has announced that its subsidiary, GFCL EV Products (GFCL EV), has successfully raised INR1,000 crore at an equity valuation of approximately INR25,000 crore.

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### HPCL LNG Terminal to be commissioned in Gujarat

HPCL is set to commission its LNG terminal by the end of this year, with the project expected to be completed by December or January. The terminal will be located in Chhara, Gujarat and will have a capacity of five million tons per annum and is slated to commence operations in November.

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### Gujarat Is India's Petrochemical Hub with 31 per cent export share

CM Bhupendra Patel emphasized the state's exceptional growth in the chemical and petrochemical sector during his address at the India Chem 2024 summit in Mumbai.

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### Gujarat govt announces relief package of INR1,419 crore for farmers

The state government announced a relief package of INR1,419 crore for farmers who suffered losses due to the flooding in August. A decision in this regard was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

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## Goa

### Goa govt proposes to build State Data Centre at Tuem Electronic City

The Goa government has proposed to build its State Data Centre at the Tuem Electronic City. It is expected to come up on nearly 1.1 hectares of land. The scope of work includes the design, development, implementation and deployment of the data centre.

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### Goa PCB to take action against hotels without consent to operate

The Goa State Pollution Control Board has identified around 100 hotels in Panaji without the consent to operate, according to media reports. The board plans to charge these hotels around 50 per cent over and above the application fees for a new consent to operate.

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### Goa govt plans to establish new fisheries institute

The Goa government is planning to establish a new fisheries institute in the state. On 22 October 2024, Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant inspected the site designated for the new Goa Agriculture College and the existing Fisheries Training Centre at Old Goa.

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt procures 390,404 MT of bajra from farmers

The Haryana government has so far procured 390,404 metric tonnes (MT) of bajra. It has transferred INR522 crore directly into the accounts of farmers for their produce. As per The Times of India, Mahendragarh district has seen the highest procurement of 95,095 MT.

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### Haryana's GMDA to build stormwater drains in various sectors

Haryana's Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has allocated two tenders worth INR83 crore for the construction of stormwater drains in Sectors 68 to 75 and Sectors 112 to 115. This has come as residents in these areas have long struggled with waterlogging during the monsoon.

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### 12 road connectivity proposals approved for Haryana

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Nayad Singh Saini has announced that the Centre has approved as many as 12 road connectivity proposals in the state. A detailed project report (DPR) will be created for a new four-lane road connecting the Kurukshetra bypass, Ladwa bypass and Yamunanagar.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### 69 panchayats in Himachal Pradesh's Una declared free from TB

As many as 69 out of 234 gram panchayats in state's Una have been declared free from tuberculosis. Similarly, 29 out of the 151 gram panchayats in Bilaspur have also achieved this feat. With this, a total of 723 panchayats across the state have been declared TB-free.

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### Doctors studying for PG in Himachal Pradesh to receive full salaries

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has announced that doctors studying for postgraduate (PG) courses in the state will now be considered on duty and will receive their full salaries.

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### Himachal Pradesh to get INR4,000 crore under phase-IV of PMGSY

The Centre will sanction INR4,000 crore for Himachal Pradesh under phase-IV of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The amount would be spent on providing better road connectivity to the residents of 800 villages in the state..

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt to procure groundnut at INR6,783 per quintal

The state has decided to procure groundnut at INR6,783 per quintal under the support price mechanism. This has come after the Centre agreed to the request of the state government to allow the purchase of groundnut at the support price to help farmers in the wake of falling prices.

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### MoU signed to promote clean energy innovations in Karnataka

The Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) has signed an MoU with the University of South Wales (UNSW) in Australia. The objective is to enhance innovation and support startups focusing on clean & renewable energy technologies.

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### EIB sanctions INR2,700 crore loan for Bengaluru suburban railway

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has sanctioned a Euro 300 million loan for Bengaluru suburban railway network. This will finance development of a new suburban railway network covering four dedicated rail corridors in Bengaluru.

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## Kerala

### Kozhikode becomes 2nd Kerala district to achieve total digital literacy

Kozhikode has become the second district in Kerala to achieve total digital literacy, after Ernakulam. A field-level survey was conducted under the Digi Kerala project in 78 local bodies of the district, covering 7.3 million people.

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### Kerala launches biometric-based Aadhaar authentication for GST registration

The Kerala GST department has launched biometric-based Aadhaar authentication and document verification for GST registration. The move aims to curb tax fraud. The new system will improve the reliability of the registration process by verifying the identity of individuals through Aadhaar-linked biometrics.

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### Kerala govt launches 'Ente Bhoomi' integrated land portal

The Kerala government has introduced the 'Ente Bhoomi' integrated land portal. It provides all land-related services from revenue, registration and survey departments, as per The New Indian Express. Land complaints submission, land tax payment, pre-mutation sketch, template system for land registration, fair value determination and encumbrance certificate are available through the portal.

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### Ernakulam declared first fully digital literate district in Kerala

Ernakulam has been declared the first fully digital literate district in Kerala. A survey was conducted among 836,648 households, identifying 192,883 individuals as digitally illiterate.

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## Rajasthan

### State signs MoUs worth INR19,500 crore in agriculture and allied sectors

Having signed investment MoUs of over INR15 lakh crore across sectors under the banner of 'Rising Rajasthan' Global Investment Summit 2024 so far, Rajasthan has now exchanged MoUs worth INR19,500 crore of investment in the Agriculture and allied sectors.

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### Rajasthan govt inks pact with UAE for investment of INR3 trillion

The Rajasthan government has signed an initial agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for an investment of INR3 trillion in the field of renewable energy in the state. The development has come in the presence of Chief Minister (CM) Bhajanlal Sharma and investment minister of UAE Mohammad Hassan Al Suwaidi.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh govt rolls out compensation for Jamodi landowners

The Madhya Pradesh industrial policy & investment promotion department has rolled out a compensation package for Jamodi village landowners for the proposed Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) land acquisition.

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### 22 new Sanjeevani clinics to come up in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal

As many as 22 new Sanjeevani clinics are set to be launched in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal soon. The aim is to provide quality and free medical care in local neighborhoods. The state health department has already appointed doctors and paramedical staff for these clinics.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt receives investment proposals of over INR31K crore

The state government received investment proposals worth over INR31K crore during the fifth edition of the Regional Industry Conclave (RIC) held in Rewa on 23 October 2024. These investments are expected to generate more than 14,000 employment opportunities in the state.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra records highest millet consumption

Maharashtra has recorded the highest millet consumption in the country with a per capita consumption of 39 kg per month. It is followed by Rajasthan with 33 kg, Gujarat with 17 kg, Karnataka with 13.5 kg and Tamil Nadu with 11.4 kg.

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### Maharashtra govt asks schools to issue APAAR identity cards to students

The state has ordered all the schools to issue Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) identity cards to every student from pre-primary to higher education levels. It will serve as a lifelong identification number to monitor students' academic progress.

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### RInfra to invest INR10,000 crore in Maharashtra defence project

Reliance Infrastructure plans to invest INR10,000 crore over the next decade to establish the largest integrated facility for manufacturing explosives, ammunition, and small arms in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. The company has been allocated 1,000 acres in the Watad industrial area for the development of the Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City (DADC).

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## Punjab

### Centre to move 4 mt of rice from Punjab to ease storage crunch

The Centre has decided to move around four million tonnes of rice from Punjab to other rice-consuming regions in the next three to four months. The decision has come amid complaints of slow down in paddy procurement in the state due to a shortage of storage.

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### ECI appoints observers for Punjab Assembly bypolls

The Election Commission of India (ECI) appointed observers for the upcoming bypolls in four Assembly constituencies of Punjab, as per The Times of India. Ajay Singh Tomer has been appointed as the general observer for the Dera Baba Nanak Assembly constituency, Tapas Kumar Bagchi for Chabbewal, Samitha R for Gidderbaha and Naveen SL for Barnala.

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## Telangana

### Telangana govt likely to achieve its highest-ever paddy yield this year

The Telangana government is likely to achieve its highest-ever paddy yield this year, with an estimated production of 15 million metric tonnes (MMT). The state government has made elaborate arrangements for paddy procurement this season.

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### Telangana disaster response & fire safety dept to acquire skylifts

The Telangana disaster response and fire safety department has decided to acquire skylifts that can reach up to 104-metre or beyond the 18th floor of buildings. The department currently has a skylift which can reach 54-metre or 18 floors.

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### Telangana CM asks officials to prepare draft of sports policy before Nov-end

CM A Revanth Reddy has directed the officials concerned to prepare the final draft of the sports policy before November 2024-end. He said that steps should be taken to see that the state has the best sports policy in the country.

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### Telangana's Kazipet to get hi-tech passenger coach manufacturing unit

Kazipet is set to get a hi-tech passenger coach manufacturing unit by August 2025. It will be constructed at a cost of INR25 crore. The upgraded facility will have the capacity to manufacture 600 passenger coaches, electric multiple units and engines annually.

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## Odisha

### INR12 crore sanctioned to upgrade Paralakhemundi station in Odisha

Paralakhemundi station in Gajapati district is all set to get a facelift. The Ministry of Railways has sanctioned INR12 crore for the development of the station under the Amrit Station scheme..

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### Odisha govt to unveil 'Odisha Yatri' mobility app

The Odisha housing and urban development department has decided to launch an innovative mobility app, called 'Odisha Yatri'. The aim is to enhance urban transportation and promote sustainability. The app is part of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), which seeks to democratise digital transactions for goods and services.

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### Odisha Cabinet clears new civil aviation policy

The new civil aviation policy would significantly enhance air connectivity across the state. The policy offers substantial financial incentives to airlines for launching new domestic and international air routes serving the Biju Patnaik International Airport at Bhubaneswar, Veer Surendra Sai Airport at Jharsuguda and airstrips at Jeypore, Rourkela & Utkela.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu govt approves Perambalur Combined Water Supply Scheme

The state government has approved the Perambalur Combined Water Supply Scheme to provide water from the Kollidam river for drinking and industrial use in Perambalur. The Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage board has allocated INR345.7 crore for the project.

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### State govt proposes to establish industry-based research parks in 3 cities

The Tamil Nadu government has proposed to establish industry-based research parks in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore. The objective is to promote research activities in colleges on par with the latest trends.

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### Trichy corp to repair roads, create new stormwater drains

Trichy corporation has sought INR12 crore from the state government to repair roads that were damaged due to the underground drainage (UGD) project. Recent heavy rainfall has worsened road conditions, prompting Mayor Mu Anbalagan to announce plans for immediate patchwork repairs.

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## North-East

### Tripura govt launches Mukhyamantri Sustho Saishob Sustho Kishore Abhiyan

The state govt. has launched the Mukhyamantri Sustho Saishob Sustho Kishore Abhiyan 7.0 in Dhalai district. The aim is to offer medical assistance to children and adolescents aged 0 to 19 years suffering from issues like diarrhoea, worm infections and anemia.

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### 10 MLAs of Kuki-Zo community in Manipur reiterate demand for separate UT

As many as 10 MLAs belonging to the Kuki-Zo community in Manipur reiterated the demand for a separate administration like that of a union territory (UT) with a Legislative Assembly for the tribals of the state. They said that it is the only option to resolve the over 17-month-long ethnic crisis in the state.

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### Meghalaya govt to finalise relocation of 342 families from Harijan Colony

The Meghalaya government has decided to finalise the relocation of 342 families from the Harijan Colony in Shillong by December 2024-end. The state government has readied its land for relocation, adhering to the original blueprint.

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### Centre sanctions 837.9-km of rural roads in Meghalaya and Nagaland

The Union rural development ministry has sanctioned 837.9-km of rural roads in Meghalaya and Nagaland under phase-III of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The move aims to strengthen connectivity across the north-east (NE) region.

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### ADB approves USD434.2 million loan to increase renewable energy capacity in Assam

The ADB has approved a USD 434.2 million loan to increase renewable energy capacity and improve energy security in Assam. The ADB stated that the Assam Solar Project will construct a grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in Karbi Anglong district.

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### Assam CM lays foundation stone for 25-MW solar power generation project in Dibrugarh

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone for a 25-MW solar power generation project at the premises of the Namrup Thermal Power Station in Dibrugarh district. The project will span 43.7 hectares and is expected to cost Rs. 1.1 billion.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh CM inaugurates 505 development projects in Mahrajganj

CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated 505 development projects worth INR940 crore in Mahrajganj. The projects cover critical sectors, including roads, education, vocational training, healthcare, support for stray cattle, vending zones for street vendors, drinking water facilities, tourism development, police services and fire brigades.

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### State govt allots high-quality breeder sugarcane seeds to various districts

The Uttar Pradesh sugarcane department has allotted 61,505 quintals of high-quality breeder sugarcane seeds and nearly 13 million buds of disease-resistant cane seeds to 45 cane-growing districts across the state.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt rolls out 'Mini Nandini Krishak Samridhi Scheme'

The Uttar Pradesh government has launched the 'Mini Nandini Krishak Samridhi Scheme' to improve the quality and quantity of milk production in the state. With a budget of INR10.5 crore, the scheme aims to enhance the milk yield per animal to meet the national average.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to upgrade 21 warehouses in 10 districts

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to enhance the state's storage capacity by upgrading 21 warehouses in 10 districts. These include Fatehpur, Gorakhpur, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Mahoba, Hardoi, Ghazipur, Shahjahanpur, Bulandshahr and Ghaziabad.

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## Uttarakhand

### Tent-based homestay inaugurated at Kalapin in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh

A tent-based homestay was inaugurated at Kalapin in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district under the Operation Sadbhava. The initiative aims to provide tourists with an authentic experience of the vibrant local culture as part of the Vibrant Village programme of the central government.

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### Uttarakhand CM announces several development projects for Pauri Garhwal

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami announced several development projects for Pauri Garhwal district to boost the region's growth and infrastructure. These include the construction of a six-km stretch of the Nand River road, mini stadium in the Laxman Jhula area and upgrading the Devprayag-Satpuli & Devprayag-Buakhai roads to national highways.

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## Union Territories

### Delhi CM lays foundation for senior secondary school in Dwarka

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) Atishi Marlena laid the foundation stone of a government senior secondary school in Dwarka's Sector-19. The aim is to provide world-class educational facilities to local children.

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### MCD announces INR2.4 crore fund to improve air quality in Delhi

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) announced INR2.4 million fund allocation to 12 zones in Delhi. It is aimed at improving air quality in the national capital. Each zone will receive INR20 lakh to enhance dust control measures, including operationalising sprinklers and hiring the necessary manpower.

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### Puducherry admin to form eviction committee to reclaim encroached lands

The Puducherry administration has decided to constitute an eviction committee to reclaim temple lands under its control that have been encroached upon by individuals and organisations.

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### Delhi govt adopts PM SHRI scheme

The Delhi government has adopted the Prime Minister's Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme two years after its launch. For the purpose, the government has signed an MoU with the Union ministry of education.

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## West Bengal

### State govt evacuates 159,000 residents in anticipation of Cyclone Dana

The West Bengal government has evacuated over 159,000 residents and relocated more than 83,000 individuals to relief camps in anticipation of Cyclone Dana. The state government has implemented extensive evacuation measures, establishing safe zones for fishing trawlers at Mohana in Digha, located in Purba Medinipur district.

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### West Bengal to get 2nd supercritical power plant

West Bengal is set to get its second supercritical power plant. This came after the state Cabinet approved the setting up of a 660-MW supercritical power plant at Durgapur Projects Limited (DPL).

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