



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### AP-ICDA Board headed by Naidu to notify three industrial corridors

The board approved the publication of the draft master plan of the Kopparthy node being developed over an extent of 6,740.44 acre, the APICDA approved the proposal of the department to accord approval of industrial, residential and commercial layouts within these industrial master plans of three nodes by the authority under relevant provisions of the ACT.

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### Second MSME Technology Centre to come up in Amaravati capital city

Government of Andhra Pradesh has approved a proposal for establishing second MSME Technology Centre (TC)-cum-Testing Facility at Amaravati in the CRDA area by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, instead of the previously approved location at Mega Industrial Hub, Kopparthy, Kadapa district, by providing 20 acres of land free of cost.

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### 81 development proposals approved during GVMC in Andhra Pradesh

During the third day of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) council meeting in Andhra Pradesh, 81 development proposals were approved on 26 September 2024. A key resolution has been passed against the privatisation of the VSP, with the council urging the state government to persuade the Centre to merge it with the SAIL.

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## Bihar

### Adani cement unit to invest INR 1,600 crore in Bihar

CM Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone for an INR 1,600-crore cement grinding unit of Ambuja Concrete North Private Limited. The cement will be easily available in the state after the completion of plant. It will create 250 direct jobs and 1,000 indirect jobs. The 6-MTPA project, Adani Group's first venture in Bihar's cement industry, will be executed in phases.

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### Bihar power utility meets all-time high demand of 8,005 MW

The maximum demand which was 700 MW in 2005 has now risen to 8,005 MW, the government is spending INR15,343 crores as a subsidy ensuring that consumers receive electricity at a lower cost, which has contributed to the consistent increase in demand.

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### Bihar's Marhowra locomotive manufacturing plant set to go global

The Marhowra plant employs nearly 600 people and has also stimulated industrial activity in the region. Around 650 locomotives have been manufactured and added to the Indian Railways fleet till date. The Marhowra plant will export standard-gauge locomotives, expand the local supplier network, and create long-term job opportunities.

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## Goa

### Goa Shipyard logs record revenue of INR1,753 crore from operations in FY24

CM Minister Pramod Sawant inaugurated the Goa University Research Park Unit (GURU) initiative under the UniGoa Knowledge and Innovation Foundation and distributed the sanction letters to teams under the Hand Holding and Start-Up Scheme 2023-24. GURU initiative had provided an investment of INR 12.85 crore to support young innovators.

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### Goa govt to set up CoE to understand logistics sector's needs

The Goa government has decided to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at the Goa Institute of Management (GIM) to understand the logistics sector's needs where studies on the functioning of the logistics will be conducted. The facility will also help address infrastructure gaps in the logistics sector.

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## Gujarat

### Tata Electronics partners with Taiwan's PSMC to launch semiconductor Fab

Tata Electronics has finalised an agreement with Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation to build India's first AI-enabled semiconductor Fab in Gujarat. The facility will produce up to 50,000 wafers per month, creating over 20,000 jobs and addressing growing chip demand in various markets including AI and automotive.

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### Zetwerk to supply made-in-India solar modules for NTPC's 1200 MW project

Zetwerk Manufacturing announced that it has secured a substantial order to supply 1515 MWp of ALMM-compliant solar PV modules for NTPC's 1200 MW Khavda Solar project located in Gujarat, Scheduled to be serviced within just 210 days.

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### Bharti Airtel strengthens its network infrastructure in Gujarat

Bharti Airtel announced that it has made a concerted effort to bolster its network infrastructure across the western state of Gujarat, the Company has undertaken a massive deployment initiative, erecting more than 1,700 new cellular towers throughout the region, the Company will expand its coverage to 7,000 villages across the state, impacting over 5 million people.

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### Gujarat to become largest generator of solar waste in India

The Gujarat government is working to make the state the largest generator of solar waste in India. According to a recent study commissioned by the Union ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE), the state is expected to generate 11,528 tonnes of solar waste by 2030. This marks the second-highest projection in India, following Rajasthan, which will generate 13,487 tonnes.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt waives off agricultural loans worth INR400 crore

Jharkhand government waived off agricultural loans worth INR400 crore of 176,977 farmers by transferring the amount through direct benefit transfer (DBT). The development has come ahead of the state Assembly polls. Farmers have been facing various challenges and agricultural work is being affected due to poverty.

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### Jharkhand CM distributes appointment letters among 444 training officers

CM Hemant Soren distributed appointment letters among 444 training officers in 29 trades of Industrial Training Institutes (ITI). "The process of recruitment through Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) and Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) is underway at a fast pace, despite the challenges since formation of the government," Soren said.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka CM launches Knowledge, Wellbeing and Innovation City

CM Siddaramaiah launched the Knowledge, Wellbeing and Innovation (KWIN) City. The KWIN City will cover around 2,347.1 hectares and is located between Dobbaspete & Doddaballapura.

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### Karnataka govt inaugurates state's first gas-based power plant in Yelahanka

Karnataka Power Corporation has inaugurated the state's first gas-based power plant. The YCCPP will generate 236.8 megawatts (MW) of power through a gas turbine generator and about 133.2 MW of power through a steam turbine generator, totalling an annual capacity of around 370.1 MW.

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### Land acquisition process for Bengaluru metro Phase-3 kickstarts afresh

With the land acquisition process for the 44.65-km Phase-3 line of the Metro being abruptly stalled earlier this month, due to the need to incorporate double-decker flyovers along the route, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited restarted the process again. The preliminary notification to acquire 299 properties for one stretch on the Outer Ring Road Line has been submitted to the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board.

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### Karnataka govt launches draft Global Capacity Centres Policy

The Karnataka government launched a draft Global Capacity Centres (GCC) Policy. The policy aims to generate USD50 billion economic output, attract 500 new GCCs by 2029 and create 350,000 jobs. It has been designed to boost investor confidence, promote seamless collaboration with the local innovation ecosystem and position Karnataka as a global leader in artificial intelligence (AI) research & development.

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## Kerala

### Kerala's Kannur International Airport Limited to launch solar project

Kerala's Kannur International Airport Limited (KIAL) is set to launch a four-megawatt (MW) solar project. The aim is to reduce energy costs and its carbon footprint. The initiative aims to cut down the airport's electricity consumption and environmental impact by generating solar power on-site.

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### Kochi green hydrogen valley to come up with INR18,540 crore investment

Kerala's Kochi green hydrogen valley project is likely to set up with total capex investments of INR 18540 crore. Out of this, INR 4160 crore will be spent on electrolyser & ammonia plants and INR 12680 crore on renewable energy. Around INR 660 crore will be required for pilots and an additional INR 5130 crore in the scale-up phase, according to the Kochi Green Hydrogen Valley Roadmap.

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### Kerala minister launches construction of Punnamada-Nehru Trophy bridge

Kerala public works and tourism minister PA Mohamed Riyas launched the construction of the Punnamada-Nehru Trophy bridge in Alappuzha municipality. Once completed, the bridge is expected to end the travel woes of the residents of the Nehru Trophy ward and Naduthuruth in Kainakary gram panchayat.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt puts out single bid for 11,200MW solar and thermal power

Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Ltd (RUVITL), the state power procurement company, invited bids on May 2 this year for setting up 11,200 MW of projects comprising 8,000 MW of solar and 3,200 MW of thermal projects.

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### Coal India forms JV for renewable energy business in Rajasthan

Coal India has entered into a joint venture with Rajasthan Rajya Vidut Utpadan Nigam Ltd to pursue renewable energy projects in Rajasthan. Coal India will hold a 74 per cent stake, while RRVUNL will have 26 per cent. The joint venture will be a private limited company with an initial paid-up share capital of INR10,00,000.

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### Apraava Energy bags transmission project in Rajasthan

Apraava Energy has secured a new interstate transmission project in Rajasthan through tariff-based competitive bidding by the central government. The project includes setting up 200 km of high-voltage transmission lines and a pooling station. It is part of the interstate green energy corridor, facilitating the evacuation of 5.5 GW of renewable power from Rajasthan's Renewable Energy zone Phase IV .

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Foundation stone laid for six-lane highway in Madhya Pradesh

President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone for a six-lane highway between Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain and Indore. To be built at INR 1690 crore, the highway aims to decongest the traffic between the two cities.

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### 3 villages in Madhya Pradesh get 'best tourism village' title

Three villages of Madhya Pradesh have been designated as the best tourism villages by the Centre. These include Pranpur, Sawarvani and Ladbura Khas. According to the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB), Pranpur has been given the title in the craft category.

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### MP govt receives investment proposals worth INR 23,000 crore

Madhya Pradesh (MP) government received investment proposals worth INR 23,000 crore for the Bundelkhand region at the Regional Industrial Conclave (RIC). The major proposals include an INR 3200 crore integrated steel plant in Niwari district by the Pacific Industries and a 100 MW solar plant worth INR 1350 crore by the Bansal Group.

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## Maharashtra

### SJVN signs two MoUs with Maharashtra govt for development of pumped storage projects

State-owned SJVN has signed two agreements with the Maharashtra government to develop pumped storage and floating solar projects worth INR 48,000 crore. The projects include five pumped storage facilities totalling 8100 MW and a 505 MW floating solar project at lower Wardha Dam.

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### PM Modi in Maharashtra to launch projects worth INR22,600 crore

PM is slated to launch projects worth INR22,600 crore some of them are inauguration of Pune Metro and pune metro phase costing around INR1,810 crore and INR2,950 crore , supercomputers for scientific research, laying the foundation stone for the memorial for Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's first girl school at Bhidewada .

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### Maharashtra govt releases draft of new housing policy

The Maharashtra government has released a draft of the new housing policy with a focus on economically weaker sections (EWS), lower income groups (LIG) and middle-income groups (MIG). The aim is to create vibrant and resilient communities by promoting affordable housing, sustainable urban development & inclusive growth, where every individual can thrive.

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## Odisha

### Odisha SLSWCA approves 31 projects worth INR 4,950 crore

The Odisha State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) approved as many as 31 projects worth INR4,950 crore. They cover various sectors such as mechanical & electrical capital goods, food processing, packaging, apparel & textiles, bio-fuel, green energy equipment, steel (ancillary), non-metallic mineral etc.

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### Odisha govt plans to construct national-level stadium in Keonjhar

The Odisha government is planning to construct a national-level stadium in Keonjhar. The initiative is part of a broader strategy to enhance sports facilities throughout the state. He emphasised the state government's commitment to promoting sports at all levels.

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### Odisha to get new NFSU campus

The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) is set to establish a campus in Odisha. The aim is to train students and police officers in combating the increasing cases of cybercrime in the state. The new campus will generate skilled professionals and specialists to tackle cybercrime. It is being planned as a Centre of Excellence (CoE), which will be instrumental in creating trained forensic experts in the state.

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## Telangana

### Telangana minister inaugurates Medical College & Hospital in Narsampet

Telangana health minister C Damodar Rajanarayana inaugurated the new Government Medical College and General Hospital complex in Narsampet. It has been built at a cost of INR180 crore, reported The Hindu. He has announced that the state government is working to make Warangal district a major health hub. The district will get trauma care centres to ensure emergency medical care for accident-victims in the golden hour for saving lives.

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### Telangana's TGSPDCL to provide agricultural connections to farmers

The Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) has decided to come up with a new scheme to provide agricultural connections to farmers for INR5,000. The state government has set aside INR500 crore for the purpose.

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### Telangana CM inaugurates Renova Cancer Centre in Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister (CM) Revanth Reddy inaugurated the Renova Cancer Centre in Hyderabad. The centre is expected to enhance cancer care services in the region. It will provide patients with state-of-the-art facilities and specialised treatment options.

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## Punjab

### Punjab police launches Saanjh Rahat Project

The Punjab police has launched the Saanjh Rahat Project aimed at identifying and supporting victims of domestic violence. The project focuses on empowering such women by providing them with essential psycho-social and legal support to lead violence-free lives. The pilot phase of the project has been launched at the Civil Hospital in SAS Nagar, Mohali, where two dedicated counselors are stationed to identify and assist victims.

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### Bhagwant Mann govt inducts five AAP MLAs as Cabinet ministers in Punjab

The Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab government inducted five MLAs as ministers as it carried out a Cabinet rejig. Governor Gulab Chand Kataria administered the oath of office and secrecy to the new ministers during a swearing-in ceremony at the Raj Bhavan here. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, among other party leaders, was also present.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Cisco inaugurates manufacturing facility in Chennai

In a bid to boost its local production capabilities, Cisco has opened its first manufacturing facility in Chennai, the US multinational technology major announced. With this move, Cisco aims to generate over USD 1.3 billion annually, enhancing both exports and domestic production. The project is expected to create 1,200 jobs in Tamil Nadu.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to build 4-lane road from Srivilliputhur to Rameswaram

The state government has announced plans to build a new four-lane road that will connect Srivilliputhur to Rameswaram. The aim is to cut travel time between the cities by two hours. Once completed, the road will enhance connectivity and reduce travel time, making it easier for pilgrims & tourists to visit the Srivilliputhur Andal Temple and nearby attractions.

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### MoU signed to support Tamil Nadu's creative economy & cultural industries

The British Council and Guidance Tamil Nadu have signed an MoU to support Tamil Nadu's creative economy & cultural industries. The objective is to nurture an environment where young artists and entrepreneurs can thrive, contributing to the state's economic growth and cultural vibrancy. The MoU will identify the growth potential in tech art, festivals, crafts and influencer economy to foster sustainable livelihoods.

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### Tamil Nadu's Panapakkam to get new SIPCOT industrial park

Tamil Nadu's 50th State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) industrial park is set to come up in Panapakkam. The state government has planned to establish 17 additional industrial parks within the next year, including expansions of existing sites.

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## North-East

### Tripura govt inks MoU worth INR692 crores for construction of ropeways

The Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Limited and National Highways Logistics Management Limited have inked an MoU worth INR692 crores for the construction of ropeways in the state. The ropeways will connect the Udaipur Railway Station to Matabari, Maharani to Chabimura, Surmachara and Jampui Hills.

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### Sikkim govt launches tourism department management system

The Sikkim government has launched the tourism department management system. It is a key digital initiative aimed at streamlining tourism operations and enhancing visitor experiences. The system integrates various digital tools that make it easier for tourists to book tours, accommodations and transport options.

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### Tripura CM lays foundation stone for water supply improvement project

Tripura Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha laid the foundation stone for an Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded water supply improvement project. The project aims to upgrade water supply systems in 12 towns across the state. It has been allocated Rs. 5.3 billion by the ADB. It will be executed in three phases over the next three years. Once completed, it will benefit nearly 400,000 people, significantly improving access to clean water.

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### Meghalaya govt to acquire additional land for expansion of 2 airports

The Meghalaya government has approved the proposal to acquire additional land for the expansion of the Shillong Airport and Baljek Airport. The aim is to accommodate larger aircrafts and boost regional connectivity.

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### Sikkim govt to develop fossil park at Namchi

The Sikkim government has decided to develop a fossil theme park in Namchi after the discovery of a 1.5-billion-year-old stromatolite. The park will include an engaging light & sound show on Earth's history, a geological museum with important specimens and displays of significant fossils from around the globe.

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### Arunachal Pradesh govt to upgrade RKMH into 200-bedded facility

The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to establish two more medical colleges in the state under the public-private partnership (PPP) mode. Besides this, the Ramakrishna Mission Hospital (RKMH) in Itanagar will be upgraded to a 200-bedded facility.

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### Mizoram govt launches Mizoram Rahbi 5.0 initiative

The Mizoram government has launched the Mizoram Rahbi 5.0 initiative under the Mizoram Startup Mission (MSUM). The move aims to support startups with potential funding of up to INR 7.5 crore. It will foster innovation and sustainable growth in the state, besides promoting entrepreneurship and job creation.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### MoU signed to support MSMEs in Uttar Pradesh

The UGRO Capital and Rashtriya Jan Udyog Vyapar Sangathan (RJUVS) have signed an MoU to support micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Uttar Pradesh, recognising them as vital to India's economy. As per the plan, seminars and workshops will be conducted across the country. Besides this, markets will be identified and network of micro-enterprises will be mobilised to support these initiatives.

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### Uttar Pradesh CM inaugurates floating hotel in Gorakhpur's Ramgarh Tal

CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated a floating hotel in Ramgarh Tal. The 3 storied facility has an area of 9,600 square feet and can accommodate 150 tourists at a time. The development is expected to elevate the status of the natural lake, making it a major tourist attraction.

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### Uttar Pradesh set to get semiconductor manufacturing unit

Uttar Pradesh is set to get a semiconductor manufacturing unit. The information was shared by Union minister of state for commerce & industry Jitin Prasada. The statement comes days after India and the USA agreed to set up a semiconductor fabrication plant in the country.

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### Shankh Air to be Uttar Pradesh's first scheduled airline

Shankh Air, has received approval from the Civil Aviation Ministry to operate in the country. It will be the first scheduled airline from Uttar Pradesh, with Lucknow and Noida serving as its primary hubs. The airline aims to connect major cities across India, offering both interstate and intrastate routes.

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## Uttarakhand

### CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launches website Pravasi Uttarakhand Cell

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched a website for the Pravasi Uttarakhand Cell to connect with migrant Uttarakhandis. The initiative aims to involve them in the state's development and keep them informed about government policies.

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### Excentia Infra to invest INR650 crore in new high end residential project 'Tatva' in Dehradun

Excentia Infra a major player in real estate, has launched its newest project, 'excentia Tatva', on Rajpur Road, Dehradun. The company will invest an estimated INR650 crore into transforming 7,99,680 SqM of land into a high-end residential complex. Additionally, Excentia Tatva will boast over 20 Plus amenities, focusing on 3 and 4 BHK apartments ranging from 2,000 to 4,600 SqFt. Prices for these luxurious homes start at about INR 2.9 crore.

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## Union Territories

### Delhi Govt signs MoU with NIC to boost public transport safety

The Delhi government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and NIC Services Inc. to enhance the vehicle tracking devices used in the city's public transport system. This initiative aims to implement a new backend system and monitoring center for Vehicle Location Tracking (VLT) and Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) for public transport vehicles.

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### Puducherry admin signs MoU to drive innovation, entrepreneurship

The Puducherry administration has signed an MoU to drive innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development across the higher education institutions in the union territory (UT). The aim is to create structured entrepreneurship skill development programmes, facilitate internships for 100 students annually and implement the 'Train the Trainer' modules for faculty members.

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### Over 4,000 houses ordered to install rooftop solar panels or lose property

The Chandigarh administration has issued notices to 4,000 homes of 500 sq yards or more, mandating the installation of rooftop solar power plants within two months or face property resumption. This move has sparked backlash from residents and criticism from MP Manish Tewari, who termed it coercive.

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### Puducherry admin to reopen ration shops before Diwali

The Puducherry administration is working towards reopening ration shops before Diwali. The aim is to distribute free rice to beneficiaries, said Chief Minister N Rangasamy. Besides this, a target has been set to attract four million tourists annually by 2030.

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## West Bengal

### Reliance Infra wins INR780 crore arbitration case - Damodar Valley Corp

The Calcutta High Court has upheld an INR780 crore arbitration award in favor of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd in a dispute with Damodar Valley Corporation. The award stems from a delayed 1,200 MW thermal power plant project in Purulia. The court dismissed DVC's challenge but made some adjustments to the interest and bank guarantee amounts.

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### West Bengal govt earmarks land to set up GCC in Kolkata

CM Mamata Banerjee announced that land has been earmarked for a global capability centre in Kolkata's semiconductor sector. Discussions with the US Consul General were held, and the project is expected to generate significant employment.

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