



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Havells plans to expand overseas markets for Lloyd AC

Havells is planning to expand its export markets in the residential air-conditioner segment after doubling its production capacity. The company has invested around INR400 crore so far in the first phase of its new manufacturing unit at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh.

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### Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation to offer free web course

APSSDC in collaboration with Grab Your Vernacular Imprint (GUVI), an HCL group EdTech Company incubated by IIT-Madras and IIM-Ahmedabad, is all set to launch GUVI's Skill-a-Thon.

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### Andhra Pradesh CM Focusing on North Andhra Development

CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been focusing on development of the north Andhra region, which had remained backward even after 70 years of Independence. When he had taken up his Praja Sankalpa Yatra as an Opposition leader, Jagan Mohan Reddy had for himself seen the pervasive poverty in the region.

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### Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram to get 100-bedded cancer hospital

The foundation stone was laid for the Vijayasree memorial 100-bedded cancer hospital on the premises of the Sri Gurudeva Charitable Trust Vizianagaram district. The objective is to provide services free of cost to the poor as many cancer patients were dying due to the lack of access to medicines & treatment.

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## Bihar

### ONGC to drill well in Bihar

ONGC's exploration plans in Bihar and Ballia for oil and gas aim to impact the energy industry. Challenges in land acquisition persist, requiring support from local authorities for successful drilling operations

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### NABARD projects INR2,43,093 crore credit potential for Bihar in 2024-25

The NABARD has projected INR2,43,093 crore credit potential for Bihar in 2024-25. The likely estimate has been made considering the Reserve Bank of India's priority sector-based guidelines, Central and state government policies and policies for sustainable agriculture and rural development.

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## Gujarat

### Deepak Chem Tech Limited commences its first Fluorination plant at Dahej

Deepak Chem Tech Limited (DCTL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Deepak Nitrite Limited, brings together best-in-class teams, systems, and processes committed to delivering world class solutions to industry.

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### Gujarat govt announces Purchase Policy

Gujarat government announced the Gujarat Purchase Policy. The policy will have special incentives for micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) and women entrepreneurs in the government procurement of goods & services.

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## Goa

### Rooftop solar PV plants to be installed on 300 govt buildings in Goa

The Goa government has approved the installation of 30 MW rooftop solar PV plants on 300 government buildings. The installations are expected to be completed within the next six months. The objective is to generate 45 million units of green electricity for the state.

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### Farmers from Goa's Navelim gear up for cultivation

Farmers from Goa's Navelim, who recently began cultivating barren fields near Saipem Lake, are gearing up for cultivation again this season. They have set a target to double the area, aiming for 20 hectares.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh aims to procure 8.2 mt of grain in 2024-25 rabi season

Madhya Pradesh, which is the second biggest contributor to the central pool wheat stock after Punjab, is aiming to procure 8.2 million tonnes (mt) of grain in the 2024-25 rabi marketing season.

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### CCI procures 635,000 quintals of cotton from farmers in Madhya Pradesh

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has procured around 635,000 quintals of cotton from farmers in Madhya Pradesh during the current season. The CCI had set up 21 procurement centres in the state this season for cotton procurement after prices declined across many centres in the country due to high arrivals and poor global demand.

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## Haryana

### DHBVN invites bids to set up 6.5 MW of solar projects in Haryana

The Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) has invited bids to set up 6.5 MW of ground-mounted solar projects in Haryana. The move has come under Component C of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM).

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### INR500 crore investment planned for energy infra expansion in Haryana

The Haryana City Gas Group (HCG) has announced a INR500 crore investment in Gurugram's energy infrastructure expansion. It will work on expanding piped natural gas (PNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) services in the region. The plan is to establish new PNG connections and add 50 more compressed natural gas (CNG) stations.

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### CM releases compensation of INR87,950 crore to flood-hit cotton farmers

CM Nayab Singh Saini recently released a compensation of INR87,950 crore for farmers from 12 districts that suffered cotton crop damage due to floods. The districts include Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad, Gurugram, Hisar, Jhajjar, Jind, Mahendragarh, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa and Sonipat.

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## Rajasthan

### Farmers in Rajasthan to get financial aid for setting up food processing units

The Rajasthan government has decided to strictly implement the Pradhan Mantri Formulation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. Under the scheme, farmers will be given financial support to establish food processing units in various regions.

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### Rajasthan govt launches 6 projects of Rajasthan Housing Board

The Rajasthan government has launched as many as six projects of the Rajasthan Housing Board (RHB). This shows the state government's dedication to fulfill the housing requirements of people and foster inclusive growth.

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### ACME Collaborates with Cliantech to Set Up Solar Module Manufacturing

In a significant stride towards expanding the solar energy sector, ACME has partnered with Cliantech Solutions and Technologies to establish a cutting-edge solar module manufacturing facility.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt to monitor schools under Project IMPACT

The Jharkhand government has decided to monitor schools in the state under the Project Institutional Development Mentoring for Perfect Amenities and Child Behaviour Transformation (IMPACT).

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### Tata Cummins starts new facility for hydrogen-based engines in Jamshedpur

TCPL has inaugurated a factory in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand which will produce hydrogen-based internal combustion engines for medium and heavy commercial vehicles. The factory was opened within a year of signing of the MoU with the Jharkhand government.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka Bank to raise up to INR600 crore through QIP

Karnataka Bank will raise up to INR600 crore through a qualified institutional placement (QIP), according to a term sheet. The base size of the QIP is INR400 crore with an option to raise up to INR600 crore.

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### Schneider Electric invests INR100 crore in new cooling factory in Bengaluru

Schneider Electric has invested INR100 crore in a new cooling factory in Bengaluru. The company has also earmarked an investment of INR3,200 crore in India by 2026 to expand its presence across the country.

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## Kerala

### Kerala govt sanctions INR130 crore for LIFE housing project

The Kerala finance department has sanctioned a sum of INR130 crore for the LIFE housing project. Besides this, the state government has also approved a government guarantee to obtain a loan of INR 440 crore from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) Limited.

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### Kerala's MSME sector adds over 100,000 ventures in 2023-24

Kerala's micro, small & medium enterprise (MSME) sector added over 100,000 ventures for the second consecutive year in 2023-24. With this, the total number of newly set up units has increased to 240,396 since the launch of the Year of Enterprises in 2022-23.

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## Maharashtra

### Sugar production estimated at 10.3 MT in Maharashtra

A total of 101.2 million tonnes (MT) of sugarcane has been crushed in Maharashtra so far. This has resulted in the production of 10.3 MT of sugar. Sugar recovery also witnessed a marginal increase this season, standing at 10.1 per cent as of 18 March 2024.

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### Maharashtra CM inaugurates Nair Dental Hospital in Mumbai

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde recently inaugurated the Nair Dental Hospital in Mumbai. The hospital has been built at a cost of INR130 crore on 1.7 hectares of land. The 11-storey building has one main auditorium & two smaller ones, a gym, a yoga hall, a seminar space.

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### Gensol Engineering wins INR520 crore solar power project in Maharashtra

Gensol Engineering has secured the largest-ever turnkey EPC order in size and value from a leading power generation utility in the state of Maharashtra. The project involves the development of a 100 MWAC/135 MWp ground-mount solar PV power project across 500 acres in Maharashtra with a total order value of INR520 crore.

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### Reliance to acquire full stake in 2 solar SPVs from MSEB Solar Agro Power

Reliance will buy 100 per cent stake in MSKVY Nineteenth Solar SPV and MSKVY Twenty-Second Solar SPV from MSEB Solar Agro Power. The deal is in accordance with the terms of the tender awarded to the company for setting up of aggregate solar capacity of 128 MW across various sites in Maharashtra under the Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana 2.0.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt aims to attract INR10,000 crore investment in textiles sector

The Odisha government has set a target of attracting an investment of INR10,000 crore in the textiles sector over the next five years. The aim is to bolster the state's economy by creating more than 100,000 job opportunities.

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### Odisha's Kalahandi gets Vedanta Mini Science Centre

Odisha's Kalahandi has got the Vedanta Mini Science Centre at Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir. The innovative centre of learning has been designed to promote traditional teaching methodologies and encourage a more holistic understanding of STEM subjects for students in rural parts of the state.

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## North-East

### Centre approves 3 road construction projects worth INR1870 crore in Arunachal Pradesh

The Centre has approved as many as three road construction projects worth INR1870 crore in Arunachal Pradesh. These include a road from 55.7-km to 113.2-km of the Huri-Taliha section of national highway (NH)-913 to an intermediate lane in Kurung Kume district.

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### Nagaland govt releases new tourism policy

The Nagaland government has released the new tourism policy. It seeks to elevate the state's tourism industry while preserving its unique identity and resources. The policy also aims to facilitate infrastructural development, bolster promotion and marketing endeavors to cultivate tourism awareness.

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### Semiconductor manufacturing plant in Assam will put state on global map

The Tata Group will set up a semiconductor manufacturing plant in Assam's Jagiroad with an investment of INR27,000 crore. The facility will put the northeastern state on the global map, renowned industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata.

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### Manipur CM inaugurates Mini Sports Complex in Imphal East

Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N Biren Singh recently inaugurated the Mini Sports Complex at Akampat SEYO Club Ground in Imphal East. The facility has been constructed at an estimated cost of INR20 crore.

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### Work commences on longest tunnel in Dimapur-Kohima rail project

The construction activities have commenced in portal 1 of tunnel no.7 at Tsiepama village under Medziphema circle of Dimapur district on the Dimapur-Kohima new rail line project. This tunnel measuring 6,610 metre would be the longest tunnel on the new rail line project.

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### Arunachal Pradesh CM inaugurates multiple projects

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu inaugurated multiple projects. These include augmentation and retrofitting of the old existing district collector (DC) office in Longding and 100-bedded girls' hostels of the GHSS Longding & GHSS Pongchau.

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## Punjab

### 518,000 MT of wheat to be procured in Punjab's Jalandhar

Around 518,000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat is estimated to be procured from farmers in Punjab's Jalandhar. All requisite arrangements to maintain cleanliness and provide drinking water, sheds, lights & toilets will be made before the start of procurement at mandis.

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### Punjab govt unveils initiatives to boost agriculture sector

The Punjab government has unveiled various initiatives to boost the holistic development in the agriculture sector. These include allocation of INR 13,780 crore to bolster agriculture productivity & INR40 crore for agricultural research in the state's 2024-25 Budget.

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## Tamil Nadu

### TN govt sanctions INR3100 crore for 1 lakh houses under 'KKI' scheme

TN government has sanctioned a sum of INR 3,100 crore for the construction of 100,000 new houses under the 'Kalaingarinar Kanavu Illam'(KKI) scheme. As part of it, INR310,000 will be provided for each house constructed under the programme.

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### Tamil Nadu govt plans to create 100 integrated townships

The Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission has submitted a draft of the Tamil Nadu Integrated Townships Development Policy to the state housing department. The policy aims to woo INR1 lakh crore in new integrated townships and generate employment opportunities for at least one million people.

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## Telangana

### Nizamabad admin in Telangana to procure 600,000 MT of paddy

The Nizamabad administration in Telangana has set a target to procure 600,000 metric tonnes (MT) of paddy during the rabi season. A total of 462 procurement centres will be set up in the district.

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### Cherlapally railway station in Telangana being revamped

The Cherlapally railway station in Telangana is being revamped at a cost of INR430 crore. The aim is to meet the growing needs of rail passengers in the northeastern side of Hyderabad. A new station building with a modern architectural facade is being constructed.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Day Care Centre inaugurated in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

A Day Care Centre built by the Kanpur Municipal Corporation (KMC) at Tulsi Upvan was recently inaugurated in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. It has a cafeteria, library, yoga class, multipurpose hall, etc. Besides this, many types of indoor games like ludo, chess, table tennis have also been made available.

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### Uttar Pradesh CM inaugurates 51 projects in Gorakhpur

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath recently inaugurated 51 projects and laid foundation stones for 25 others in Gorakhpur. The total cost of these projects has been pegged at INR1,870 crore.

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### Bundelkhand region set to become new energy hub of Uttar Pradesh

The Bundelkhand region is set to become the new energy hub of Uttar Pradesh. Around 10 solar energy projects have been launched in the region, which will generate over 3,000 MW of electricity. The projects will come up in Jalaun, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Banda, Chitrakoot and Mahoba. In Jhansi, a 600 MW solar plant is being established at a cost of INR3,430 crore.

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### Bids invited for operation of 5,000 e-buses in Uttar Pradesh

The UPSRTC has invited bids for the supply, operation and maintenance of 5,000 e-buses on gross cost contract basis. The deployment of e-buses will phase out carbon emitting 12,000 diesel buses from the state public mobility fleet.

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## Uttarakhand

### Centre allocates additional 150 MW of electricity to Uttarakhand

The central government has allocated an additional quota of electricity to Uttarakhand for the period between 1 April and 30 June 2024. This specific allocation of 150 MW will help maintain a stable power supply in summer when the demand peaks up.

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### UltraTech commissions 1 million tonne capacity at unit in Roorkee

UltraTech has invested more than INR50,000 crore over the last seven years. It has acquired several smaller cement units, including the assets of Jaiprakash Associates over the last few years. The company is currently the third-largest producer of cement in the world.

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## Union Territories

### CP Radhakrishnan takes oath as Puducherry LG

Jharkhand and Telangana Governor CP Radhakrishnan took oath as the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Puducherry. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Chief Justice of the High Court (HC) Sanjay Vijaykumar Gangapurwala.

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### Centre set to hold another round of auction for lithium reserves in J&K

The Centre is set to hold another round of auction for lithium reserves in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The decision was taken after the initial auctions saw only two bids being submitted. Notably, as many as seven critical mineral blocks have been put up for auction as composite license in this round.

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### Ladakh admin takes several measures to make UT carbon-neutral

The Ladakh administration has been taking several measures to make the union territory (UT) carbon-neutral. As part of the initiatives, the UT transport sector has started promoting zero-emission vehicles on roads.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal Governor clears Kolkata Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill

Governor C V Ananda Bose has cleared the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill. It will exempt schools from paying property tax. Although the state government covers salaries and other expenses of the employees of these institutes, there is currently no provision for paying property tax.

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### West Bengal Leather Exports to See 10 per cent Growth in FY24

The leather goods industry in West Bengal is set to witness a robust growth of 10 per cent in the fiscal year ending March 2024. This optimistic forecast comes amidst concerns over geopolitical tensions and potential recessions in key markets such as the US and Europe.

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### Sanjay Mukherjee appointed new DGP of West Bengal by ECI

IPS officer Sanjay Mukherjee has been appointed the new West Bengal Director-General of Police (DGP) by the Election Commission of India (ECI), a day after the election body transferred the State's current DGP Rajeev Kumar.

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