



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Granules India AP facility clears USFDA inspection

The inspection concluded in 'zero' 483 observations by the US drug regulator. Granules India informed that its unit V facility located at Anakapally, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India underwent a United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) inspection.

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Andhra Pradesh government sends proposal to Tesla to set up plant

The Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has initiated efforts to attract leading electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla to set up a unit in the state. The state government has sent proposals inviting Tesla to establish their manufacturing plant in AP, with officials confirming that two emails have already been sent to the company.

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Flipkart opens grocery fulfilment centre in Visakhapatnam

E-commerce company Flipkart has expanded its footprint with the launch of its grocery fulfilment centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, offering next-day grocery deliveries to local consumers. This is the second such centre for the company after Vijayawada.

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AP MSME Corporation CEO Proposes Industry Cluster at Sri City

Adarsh Rajendran, CEO, Andhra Pradesh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Corporation, has proposed establishing a cluster of small and medium-sized industries in and around Sri City.

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Bihar

Maize takes centre stage as Bihar ramps up biofuel production

Bihar aims to increase its maize-based ethanol production after the central government approved 47 ethanol plants in the state, of which at least 32 are grain-based. With the increase in demand for ethanol, the price of maize has increased in the state.

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More than 40 rivers have dried so far in Bihar, even as summer is yet to peak

Even as summer is yet to peak across the country, over 40 rivers in India's second most populous state have already dried, according to officials of the Bihar Water Resources Department (WRD). Water is also vanishing from other sources in the state such as reservoirs and canals. Groundwater levels are also dipping.

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Goa

Goa to promote sustainable travel, regional airline Fly91 to boost tourism

At the GITM 2024, various entities held discussions to establish new standards for the future of tourism in Goa. The event brought together the government, leaders in the travel and tourism industries and enthusiasts under an umbrella for Goa's evolution in the tourism landscape.

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Westin Goa appoints Sharoni Sharma as director of operations

Westin Goa announced the appointment of Sharoni Sharma as its new director of operations. With a career spanning over 15 years, Sharma brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her new role.

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Gujarat

RIL to lead INR1 lakh crore investment in green hydrogen and ammonia units

RIL, L&T, Greenko Group, and Welspun New Energy are planning to establish green hydrogen and green ammonia units at Gujarat's Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Kandla, according to informed sources. The project, estimated to attract investments up to INR1 lakh crore, marks one of the largest investments in India's energy infrastructure.

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Mundra Petrochemicals places chlor-alkali project order with Nuberg

Nuberg EPC announced Mundra Petrochemicals has commissioned the global EPC and turnkey project management company to set up a capacity of 2,200 tonnes per day chlor-alkali project in Gujarat.

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Gujarat tycoon donates INR200 crore fortune for monkhood

A businessman family from Gujarat has donated their entire lifetime earnings of INR200 crore. Bhavesh Bhai Bhandari, residing in Himmatnagar, along with his wife, has decided to embark on a monk's life, leaving behind the luxuries of material life..

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Lupin gains as Gujarat unit clears USFDA inspection

Lupin rose 1.19 per cent to INR 1,624.65 after the company said that its API manufacturing facility located at Dabhasa, Gujarat has completed the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) inspection with no observations. The USFDA conducted a good manufacturing practices (GMP) inspection.

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Punjab

JTL Industries acquires majority stake in Punjab-based Nabha Steels & Metals

JTL Industries has strategically acquired a controlling stake of 67 per cent in Nabha Steels and Metals, situated in Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab. This grants JTL ownership of an advanced steel product manufacturing facility.

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Punjab govt gives post-facto approval to hospitals for procurements

The Punjab Cabinet gave post-facto approval for the procurement of hospital material and consumables worth INR 152 crore by the departments of Health and Family Welfare, for effective COVID management in the state.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Seamless receives order worth INR 674 crore from ONGC

Maharashtra Seamless rallied 2.62 per cent to INR 920.70 after the iron & steel company announced that it has received order with basic value of INR 674 crore from ONGC.

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Adani Group acquires 25 acres from Finolex in Pune to set up data center

Adani Group's flagship company Adani Enterprises entered a 50:50 joint venture with EdgeConneX to develop and operate data centers throughout India. The joint venture will focus on building a network of hyperscale data centers across the country.

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Haryana

DLF to invest INR2200 crore to build shopping mall in Gurugram

DLF has a retail footprint of around 42 lakh square feet comprising nine properties, including malls and shopping centres, mainly across Delhi-NCR. Around 3.4 lakh square feet of retail portfolio is under DLF Ltd and the rest under the DLF Cyber City Developers Ltd (DCCDL), a joint venture between DLF and Singapore sovereign wealth fund GIC.

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Uno Minda rises on securing 94 acre land parcel in Haryana

Uno Minda gained 1.95 per cent to INR 739.85 after the firm bagged an allotment of 94.32 acres strategic land parcel at IMT Kharkhoda, Haryana HSIIDC, to fuel its ongoing and future expansions.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt adds more special planning areas

The Himachal Pradesh government has expanded special planning areas to include Hatkoti in Shimla district, and Manikaran and Naggar in Kullu district. This is to control development and protect the environment.

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Himachal Pradesh's Manali gets new cultural theme park

A new cultural theme park, called 'Devlok Manali', has been opened in Himachal Pradesh's Manali to honour the rich cultural heritage of the state. It is a first-of-its-kind attraction spanning 8.4 hectares which is built in the ancient kathkuni style blending in well with the surrounding beautiful deodar-covered mountains.

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Himachal Pradesh govt sets target to achieve INR2800 crore from liquor sale

The Himachal Pradesh government aims to achieve INR2800 crore from liquor sales this year. The new liquor policy introduces stringent measures to regulate pricing and combat overcharging.

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Karnataka

Lenskart seeks land for 'mega factory', Karnataka minister's '5 min response'

Peyush Bansal got an instant response to his request for land for 'mega factory' near Bengaluru airport. Bansal said that the company is in search of 25-acre of land for a 'mega factory' within 60 km of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

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Flipkart opens third grocery fulfilment center in Karnataka

Indian online retailer Flipkart has inaugurated a new grocery fulfilment centre in Hubli, its third in the Indian state of Karnataka. The 60,000ft² facility is equipped to handle 9,000 orders daily, serving Hubli and neighboring areas in the state of Goa.

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Karnataka Bank joins hands with FISDOM to offer stock broking services

The private lender announced that it has expanded its collaboration with FISDOM to offer 3-in-1 through the bank's mobile banking app, KBL Mobile Plus. The bank said that this strategic association is all set to enhance the current value proposition of enabling customers to invest in stocks and mutual funds.

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Kerala

KSEB floats tenders for additional power supply on short-term basis

Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) floated tenders seeking 500 megawatts (MW) power supply on a short-term basis to meet evening peak-hour demand from 14 April 2024 to 30 June 2024. It received 11 bids in response to the tenders floated.

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Kerala police start patrolling to curb cyber attacks

The Kerala police have started patrolling to curb cyber attacks and crimes prevalent on social media platforms. Online security teams have been formed for the purpose. These panels will function under the range deputy inspector general of police (DIG) and the district police chiefs.

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KSRTC to induct 33 more e-buses in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram

The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has decided to induct 33 more electric buses (e-buses) into its fleet for city services in Thiruvananthapuram. Some buses, such as those sponsored by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), will be distributed to depots outside the corporation limits.

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Kerala likely to get another Vande Bharat Express

Kerala is expected to get another Vande Bharat Express. The state's third such train is likely to operate service between Ernakulam and Bangalore. Reportedly, the rake is currently stationed at Kollam due to space constraints in Ernakulam.

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Rajasthan

Craftsman automation plans new plant in Rajasthan

Tamil Nadu's Craftsman Automation is setting up a new green field plant in with an initial investment of about INR150 crore. The Coimbatore based company with a consolidated turnover of about INR4,000 crore has diversified businesses in powertrain, aluminium products and industrial engineering.

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Hartek Power bags INR 474 crore order for 300 MW solar project in Rajasthan

Hartek Power secures a INR474 crore order for a 300 MW solar project in Rajasthan from a global renewables independent power producer. The project covers 1,209 acres and emphasizes sustainability and renewable energy advancement.

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Madhya Pradesh

Indore admin in MP unlikely to procure 350,000 MT of wheat

The Indore administration is unlikely to achieve its target of procuring 350,000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat this rabi season. This is because of farmers showing less interest in selling their crops at the minimum support price (MSP) despite the state government offering them a bonus of INR 125 per quintal.

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Trident commissions solar project in Madhya Pradesh

Trident Limited successfully commissioned a 1.1 MWp-solar power project in Budhni, Madhya Pradesh. The total installed capacity of the roof top plant at the same facility reached 29.5 MWp. The power generated will be consumed captively for manufacturing facilities at Budhni and will help reduce the carbon footprint for the company.

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Odisha

Sustainability grants given to 11 CoEs in Odisha

The Odisha State Higher Education Council has given sustainability grants to as many as 11 research centres of excellence (CoEs) of five public universities. These funds will be used to advance their operations and provide internships to undergraduate & graduate students.

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Odisha's Sambalpur to get C-Band Doppler Weather Radar station

Odisha's Sambalpur district is set to get the state's first C-Band Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) station. It will be up and running within the next three months. The development aims to enhance weather monitoring and forecasting capabilities in the state.

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TPWODL to establish 900 BSKs in 9 districts of Odisha

The TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) has decided to establish 900 Bidyut Seva Kendras (BSKs) across nine revenue districts of Odisha. The aim is to enhance the electrical infrastructure in the western region of the state and ensure customer satisfaction.

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TPNODL takes various steps to ensure quality power supply in Odisha

The TPNODL has taken various steps to ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply in Odisha. The TPNODL caters to more than two million consumers and is expecting peak demand to reach 1,393 megavolt-amperes (MVA) this summer.

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Tamil Nadu

MoU signed between Tamil Nadu's TNAU & university in South Korea

An MoU was signed between the food process engineering department at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) and Kyung Hee University in South Korea. The pact seeks to provide pathways for research collaborations and support faculty & student interactions.

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Tamil Nadu's peak power demand reaches 20,125 MW

Tamil Nadu's peak power demand was recorded at 20,125 MW. It surpassed the previous peak demand of 19,580 MW, as per the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO).

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Tamil Nadu forest dept installs 3 AI-based thermal cameras in Coimbatore forest division

The Tamil Nadu forest department has installed three artificial intelligence (AI)-based thermal cameras at three different places in the Coimbatore forest division. The move aims to reduce man-animal conflicts and provide round-the-clock monitoring of sensitive areas.

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Telangana

Telangana govt releases INR100 crore for drinking water

The Telangana government has released a sum of INR100 crore to all district collectors for drinking water. They have been allowed to use INR1 crore from the 15th Finance Commission funds for each of the 119 Assembly constituencies towards emergency work to ensure that drinking water is available in all towns, cities and villages throughout summers.

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Telangana govt establishes 5,923 paddy procurement centres

The Telangana government has started buying paddy from farmers and established 5,923 procurement centres across the state for the same. The authorities concerned will soon make 1,226 more procurement centres operational.

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Telangana's Hyderabad to get state-of-the-art facility for Press Club

Telangana's Hyderabad is set to get a state-of-the-art facility for the Press Club to ensure that journalists have access to top-notch amenities. A promise in this regard was made by state roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy.

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North-East

NFR plans to operate special trains to facilitate travel for waitlisted passengers

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is planning to operate special one-way trains to facilitate travel for waitlisted passengers from north-east (NE) and North Bengal regions, particularly those heading towards southern India.

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SJVN Green Forms JV with Assam DISCOM to Develop Renewable Projects

SJVN Green Energy (SGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN, has signed a joint venture and shareholders agreement with Assam Power Distribution Company (APDCL) to execute renewable energy projects/parks within the APDCL or SJVN jurisdiction areas and on a pan-India basis.

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Sikkim govt opens road connecting Lachen and Chungthang

The Sikkim government has announced the opening of the road that connects Lachen in Mangan district with Chungthang. However, the movement of tourists to Lachen will not be allowed. The road was closed since 4 October 2023 due to flash flood in the Teesta river.

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Union Territories

New hospital complex inaugurated at Northern Command in J&K Udhampur

Army chief general Manoj Pande inaugurated a new hospital complex at the Northern Command in Jammu & Kashmir's (J&K) Udhampur district. It has been built at a cost of INR 270 crore. The 650-bedded hospital, which has provision for an additional 200 beds.

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FSSAI launches programme on food safety in Delhi

The Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched a comprehensive programme in Delhi to spread awareness and sensitise consumers against contaminants in food products, including pesticide residues. The programme was launched initially at the Khan Market and INA Market areas in the national capital.

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HDFC becomes first private bank to open branch in Lakshadweep

Private lender HDFC Bank opened a branch at Kavaratti Island in Lakshadweep, making it the only private sector bank to have a branch in the Union Territory. This branch is aimed at upgrading the banking infrastructure in the Union Territory.

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Uttar Pradesh

UP govt increases wheat procurement centres to 6,400

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has increased the number of wheat procurement centres by 10 per cent to more than 6,400. The move is part of its efforts to achieve the procurement target of six million tonnes (mt) in the rabi marketing season of 2024-25.

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Conclusive report for 72.3 km RRTS-cum-metro corridor

The NCR Transport Corporation has presented its conclusive report for the 72.3 km Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)-cum-metro corridor stretching from Ghaziabad rapid rail station to Noida International Airport (NIA). This corridor aims to significantly reduce the travel time between various destinations.

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Uttar Pradesh govt releases INR250 crore under RTE Act

The Uttar Pradesh government has disbursed funds exceeding INR250 crore for the education expenses of more than 325,000 underprivileged children attending private schools within the state.

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RCRSIL to commence production of BESS with gigawatt capacity in UP

RCRSIL said it will commence the production of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in a new manufacturing unit by August this year. The new unit, located in Uttar Pradesh will have an initial capacity of one gigawatt and will manufacture BESS units in 500 KW.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand to get commercial facility for recycling of lithium-ion batteries & e-waste

The Technology Development Board (TDB) has decided to construct a commercial facility for the recycling of lithium-ion batteries and electronic waste (e-waste) in Uttarakhand. The project will be taken up in collaboration with startup Remine India.

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Thomas Cook partners with Uttarakhand tourism for spiritual tours

Thomas Cook Limited's shares were up by 0.81 per cent after the company with its Group Company, SOTC Travel, joined hands with the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board to introduce aerial yatras to Dev Bhoomi, covering Adi Kailash and Om Parvath.

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