



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### AP's Visakhapatnam gets 80 KW solar power facility

Andhra Pradesh's (AP) Visakhapatnam collector A Mallikarjuna inaugurated an 80 KW solar power facility at the Government Victoria Hospital for women and children. The monthly output of this solar project is expected to range from 8,000 to 9,000 units.

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### Andhra Pradesh's Eluru gets Alekhya Heal AI Centre

Andhra Pradesh's Eluru district has got an artificial intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence (CoE), named 'Alekhya Heal AI Centre'. It has been developed on the campus of Health and Education for All (HEAL) at Thotapalle village of Agiripalli mandal.

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### Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool collector inaugurates neuro ICU

Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool collector G Srujana inaugurated the first-of-its-kind neuro intensive care unit (ICU) at the Kurnool Government General Hospital (GGH). The facility has 12 beds along with an in-house anaesthetist & neurologist to provide round-the-clock service to patients.

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### AP CM launches distribution of registered conveyance deeds for house pattas

Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy has launched the distribution of registered conveyance deeds for house sites to over 31 lakh beneficiaries across the state under the 'Navratanalu-Pedalandariki Illu' scheme.

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## Bihar

### Bihar govt signs MoU with SIDBI to boost startup ecosystem

The Bihar government has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with an aim to boost the startup ecosystem in the state. The objective is to create a conducive environment for startups and transform the state into a startup hub.

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### Bihar Cabinet to extend benefits of AB-PMJAY to all ration cardholders

Bihar Cabinet decided to extend benefits of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all ration cardholders of the state. They will be given free medical treatment of up to INR500,000 every year.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Chhattisgarh govt to revive aluminum park in Korba

The state government has decided to revive an aluminum park in Korba to promote small-scale industries. An initial provision of INR5 crore has been made for the state industry department in the Budget proposal for the financial year 2024-25 to meet the much-awaited demand for the park.

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### Chhattisgarh govt to frame new industrial policy for 2024-29

The Chhattisgarh government has decided to frame a new industrial policy for 2024-29. The information was shared by state commerce & industry minister Lakhanlal Dewangan. The policy will be organised to attract more ventures and projects in the state.

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## Haryana

### Haryana CM presents INR1.89 lakh crore state Budget for 2024-25

CM Manohar Lal Khattar presented the state Budget for the financial year (FY) 2024-25, entailing an outlay of INR1.89 lakh crore. No new taxes have been proposed in the Budget.

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### Haryana aims to install 6,000 MW of solar energy by 2030

The state government plans to achieve this goal by installing 1,600 MW of rooftop solar systems, 3,200 MW from ground-mounted solar plants and an additional 1,200 MW from the solarisation of irrigation pumps.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh govt allocates INR60 crore to PWD

The Himachal Pradesh government has allocated INR60 crore to the state public works department (PWD) for procurement of machines such as tipper trucks and excavators. Of the equipment slated to be procured, one tipper would be provided to Shimla division.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt to implement mental health policy

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to implement a mental health policy. The information was shared by state health minister Dhani Ram Shandi. The decision has been taken as nearly six per cent of the state's population is under mental stress.

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## Gujarat

### PM inaugurates 5 dairy projects in Gujarat

The PM has inaugurated five dairy projects in Gujarat. These projects are estimated to have a total cost of INR120 crore. The PM also said that the Indian dairy market was growing at 6 per cent as compared to a 2 per cent growth in the global dairy sector.

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### Gujarat's SUDA approves Budget worth INR931 crore for 2024-25

Gujarat's Surat Urban Development Authority (SUDA) has approved its Budget worth INR931 crore for 2024-25. Nearly INR470 crore income and INR450 crore expenditure has been projected.

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### PM unveils 2 new domestically-developed reactors in Gujarat

PM Narendra Modi unveiled two new domestically-developed reactors at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant in Gujarat. The move aims to advance the country's use of nuclear power. The new unit 3 and unit 4 reactors, each having capacity to produce 700 MW of electricity, have been built by the NPCIL at a cost of over INR 22,500 crore.

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## Goa

### Goa govt signs MoU with MakeMyTrip to propel tourism

The Goa tourism department has signed an MoU with MakeMyTrip to propel tourism in the state. The pact outlines a series of innovative initiatives that are aimed at showcasing the state's lesser-known inland treasures, its rich cultural tapestry and delectable culinary traditions.

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### PFC signs agreement with Goa government

Power Finance Corporation has signed an agreement with the Goa government to support green initiatives. PFC will fund climate projects such as renewable energy, green hydrogen, electric vehicles, waste-to-wealth technology and nature-based solutions leading to energy transition.

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### NSE, Goa govt ink pact to facilitate fund raising for MSME sector

NSE said it has collaborated with the Goa government to spread awareness among MSMEs of the state regarding fundraising through the IPO mechanism using its platform.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt tables supplementary Budget worth INR4,980 crore

The Budget session of the Jharkhand Assembly began. State finance minister Rameshwar Oraon presented the supplementary Budget worth INR4,980 crore. The amount is aimed at addressing the state's urgent needs and strengthening key sectors.

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### Jharkhand CM launches 'Mukhya Mantri Gram Gadi Yojana'

Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Champai Soren launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Gram Gadi Yojana (MMGGY)'. The rural transport scheme aims to facilitate bus services in far-flung areas. The broader objective is to establish connectivity between blocks, subdivisions and district headquarters.

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## Karnataka

### Union minister inaugurates, lays foundation for NH projects in Karnataka

Union road transport & highways minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid foundation stones for national highway projects (NH) in Karnataka. As part of this, projects worth INR6160 crore have been unveiled in Shivamogga and the cost of the projects in Belagavi has been pegged at INR7290 crore.

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### Karnataka's HDMC presents Budget worth INR1,570 crore for 2024-25

Karnataka's Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) has presented Budget worth INR1,570 crore for 2024-25. A whopping INR1,030 crore has been earmarked for capital expenditure, prioritising infrastructure development across the city.

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### Karnataka govt to unveil new Biotech Policy

The Karnataka government has decided to come up with a new Biotech Policy in order to improve the state's biotechnology sector. The new version of the policy will facilitate better fiscal incentives to boost the growth of the sector.

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### PM inaugurates KV in Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated a building of the Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) in Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru. The school has been built on four hectares of land at a cost of INR27 crore.

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## Kerala

### Kerala CM inaugurates Cyber Sports Arena in Kozhikode

CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the state-of-the-art Cyber Sports Arena at Government Cyberpark in Kozhikode. The state government is planning to set up a playground in every ward of local bodies in the state.

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### Kerala's Technocity to get MSME technology centre

Kerala's Technopark Phase-IV (Technocity) is set to get a MSME technology centre. The facility will come up on 3.8 hectares of land. The technology centre will focus on supporting industries by providing access to advanced manufacturing technologies.

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## Odisha

### Odisha SLSWCA approves 27 industrial projects worth INR6130 crore

Odisha state level single window clearance authority (SLSWCA) approved as many as 27 industrial projects which will be taken up across 10 districts. These are Sambalpur, Kandhamal, Jagatsinghpur, Khurda, Jajpur, Rayagada, Puri, Sundargarh, Keonjhar and Angul.

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### Odisha govt inks pact worth INR11750 crore with Kalyani Steel Ltd

Odisha government signed an MoU with the Kalyani Steel Limited to set up a manufacturing facility with an investment of INR11,750 crore. The facility will come up at Gajamara, Dhenkanal. It will manufacture titanium metal, aerospace & automotive components and advanced specialty steel.

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### Odisha amends Odisha Semiconductor Manufacturing & Fabless Policy

Odisha Cabinet amended the Odisha Semiconductor Manufacturing and Fabless Policy. The move aims to increase the number of investors in the electronics sector. It will help rope in investors to establish facilities related to semiconductors and electronic chip manufacturing.

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### Odisha govt signs MoU to develop creative & technological landscape

The Odisha government has signed an MoU with Gamitronics to establish a state-of-the-art training facility. This has come to develop the creative and technological landscape of the state. The objective is to upskill and expand opportunities in the eastern belt, leveraging the state's rich cultural heritage and technological potential.

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## Punjab

### Punjab Cabinet approves setting up of MSME wing in industries department

Punjab Cabinet approved a proposal to set up a micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) wing in the state industries department. The move would help address diverse challenges faced by MSMEs.

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### Punjab's Ludhiana committee gives approval to 11 new industries

Punjab, gave in-principle approval to 11 business houses for setting up manufacturing units under the Punjab Right to Business Act. Committee head DC Sakshi Sawhney said that the industrialists had applied through Business First Portal.

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## Maharashtra

### NMMC in Maharashtra approves Budget worth INR4,950 crore for 2024-25

The Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) in Maharashtra has approved a Budget of INR4,950 crore for 2024-25. There has been no hike in taxes and emphasis is laid on public welfare & civic development.

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### Maharashtra to get specialist AI research, innovation hub

The Maharashtra government has joined hands with the University of Birmingham to set up a specialist research and innovation hub to tackle challenges in key state priority areas using artificial intelligence (AI).

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### Maharashtra's MUHS to launch India's first foundation course for digital health

The Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) has decided to launch the country's first foundation course for digital health. The university oversees 450 medical colleges and 40,000 medical students.

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### Maharashtra govt implements new rooftop solar panel subsidy programme

The Maharashtra government has implemented a new rooftop solar panel subsidy programme, which lowers the cost of installation for homes and businesses. Depending on the panel size, the subsidy changes.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu govt to construct new film city in Chennai

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to construct a new film city in Chennai. A sum of INR 500 crore has been sanctioned for its construction. The new film city will have a five-star hotel in addition to cutting-edge facilities.

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### Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore to get IT park worth INR1,100 crore

Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore administration has decided to come up with an information technology (IT) park worth INR1,100 crore. Besides this, Salem will get an integrated textile park and Neo-Tidel Park. A four-storey industrial complex at Kurichi, an incubation centre that doubles as a library & knowledge facility.

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### SR to redevelop 32 railway stations in Tamil Nadu

The Southern Railway (SR) has decided to redevelop as many as 32 railway stations in Tamil Nadu under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. These include Chennai Beach, Guindy, Ambattur, Mambalam, Park, St Thomas Mount and Sullurpeta, among others.

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## Telangana

### Telangana govt to encourage establishing renewable energy resources

The Telangana government will encourage establishing renewable energy resources, especially solar and wind power. Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has instructed officials to identify locations, including water bodies, in order to set up floating solar power plants.

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### Telangana govt to develop 64 ITIs as skill development centres

The Telangana government has sanctioned INR2000 crore to develop 64 industrial training institutes (ITIs) as skill development centres. The objective is to create a pool of skilled workforce. According to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, plans are underway to set up skill universities.

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### Telangana CM lays foundation stones for projects in Kodangal

Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy laid foundation stones for a slew of projects worth INR4,370 crore in the Kodangal Assembly constituency. The development works include the Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme, 220-bedded hospital, double lane roads etc.

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## North-East

### MoU signed between NHM, Assam, & Piramal Swasthya Management

MoU was signed between the National Health Mission (NHM), Assam, and Piramal Swasthya Management & Research Institute for Village Health Outreach Programme.

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### Arunachal Pradesh govt to develop spiritual tourism in Lumla

The state government plans to develop spiritual tourism along the escape trail used by Dalai Lama in Lumla. The state plans to build monoliths at each of the stops of Dalai Lama's journey from Tibet to India.

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### Arunachal Pradesh CM flags off 26 '1098 Child Helpline' vehicles

CM Pema Khandu flagged off as many as 26 '1098 Child Helpline (CHL)' vehicles. The move aims to give a filip to child protection activities in the state. The '1098 CHL' seeks to support and sustain children in difficult circumstances.

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### Nagaland to get longest tunnel in Dhansiri-Kohima New Railway Line project

Nagaland is set to get the longest tunnel in the Dhansiri-Kohima New Railway Line project. It spans over a length of 6,610 metres. The project will cover 82.5-km with eight new stations.

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### Tripura CM inaugurates inland waterway terminal in Srimantapur

CM Manik Saha inaugurated a new inland waterway terminal and a permanent jetty in Tripura's Srimantapur. Small boats and ferries capable of carrying 50 tonnes of goods are scheduled to start moving through this route to Bangladesh.

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### PM inaugurates campus of Central Sanskrit University at Lembucherra, Tripura

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the permanent campus of the Central Sanskrit University developed at Lembucherra in Tripura. The university has been established at a cost of INR100 crore.

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### Union minister unveils projects worth INR300 crore in North-East India

Union ports, shipping and waterways minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled several projects worth INR300 crore to boost inland waterways in NE India. These include a passenger-cargo terminal at Bogibeel near Assam's Dibrugarh.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt seeks centre's approval for 16 ropeways

The state government plans to develop ropeways in 12 districts Rajsamand, Bundi, Jaipur, Sawai Madhopur, Udaipur, Sikar, Jodhpur, Dausa, Baran, Banswara, Ajmer and Chitorgarh.

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### Rajasthan CM Sharma flags off mobile veterinary units for urgent medical services

CM Bhajanlal Sharma flagged off 21 mobile veterinary units to provide urgent medical services to animals. Another 159 units were inaugurated in functions at the district level.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### SJVN establishes 50 MW Gujrai solar station in UP

SJVN has commissioned the 50 megawatts (MW) Gujrai solar power station in Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh. The solar power station was constructed at a total cost of INR280 crore.

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### PM launches, lays foundation stones for projects in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones of projects worth INR13,000 crore in Varanasi. The inaugurated projects include the Sigra Sports Stadium phase-I, LPG bottling plant in Sewapuri, Banas Kashi Sankul milk processing unit and silk fabric printing common facility centre for weavers.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand govt to create venture capital fund of INR200 crore for startups

The Uttarakhand government has decided to create a venture capital fund of INR200 crore to promote startups in the state. With this, young entrepreneurs will be able to get funds at the government-level.

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### Union minister inaugurates Doppler radar at Uttarakhand's Lansdowne

Union earth sciences minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated a Doppler radar installed at Uttarakhand's Lansdowne. It is aimed at monitoring the weather in Pauri and several other neighbouring districts of the state.

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## Union Territories

### J&K admin approves new Startup Policy

The J&K administration has approved a new Startup Policy. The aim is to set up 2,000 startups in the union territory (UT) by 2027. The policy provides for entrepreneurship facilities to students & women and support to entrepreneurs.

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### 7 new industrial estates to come up in J&K

The J&K administration has approved the setting up of seven new industrial estates at a cost of INR300 crore. They will be developed at Sempora Medicity & Khunmoh-Panthachowk in Srinagar; Banderpora in Budgam; Bhagthali in Kathua; Karandi in Samba; Trenz in Shopian; and Hariparigam Tral in Pulwama.

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### Puducherry LG inaugurates INR5.82 crore project

LG Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated INR5.82 crore project for an urban entertainment and culture centre on the Old Port grounds. It has been executed by the public works department (PWD) under the tourism infrastructure components of the Smart City Mission.

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### J&K admin receives investment proposals of over INR90,000 crore since 2021

J&K administration has received investment proposals of more than INR90,000 crore since 2021. The information was shared by union territory (UT) Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal CM inaugurates 25 life-saving ambulances, 2 mobile dental clinics

West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee has inaugurated 25 life-saving ambulances and two mobile dental clinics. Of the total, five ambulances would be deployed in Howrah, while the rest would be reserved for other districts.

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### WBSEDCL seeks bids for 10 MW solar power project in Uttar Dinajpur

The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) has sought seeking bids for the installation of a 10 MW solar power project along the Teesta Canal bank in Uttar Dinajpur district, West Bengal.

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