



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt inks pact with edX

Andhra Pradesh government signed a pact with the edX. The aim is to enable students from the state to pursue courses for free. The pact would benefit 1.2 million students in the state to learn from more than 2,000 modern and emerging courses.

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AP's Visakhapatnam gets food processing & standardisation laboratory

Visakhapatnam Mayor G Hari Venkata Kumari has inaugurated a food processing & standardisation laboratory at the campus of the Andhra University. The development has been undertaken at an investment of INR5 crore.

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Andhra Pradesh minister lays foundation for 8 industrial projects

Andhra Pradesh industries minister G Amarnath laid foundation stones for as many as eight projects. These projects are a part of the deals signed during the Global Investors Summit held at Visakhapatnam in March 2023.

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Andhra Pradesh govt approves formation of AP SMC ISM

The Andhra Pradesh government has approved a proposal for the formation of the AP State Medical Council for Indian System of Medicine (AP SMC ISM). The proposal was submitted by the ayurveda, yoga & naturopathy, unani, siddha and homeopathy department.

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Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh govt to introduce anti-conversion Bill

The Chhattisgarh government is planning to introduce an anti-conversion Bill in the state Assembly. The Bill will be aimed at stopping illegal religious conversion in the state. Moreover, religious teachings will be imparted in schools so that the students can remain connected with their culture.

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Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co reports standalone net profit of INR88.72 crore in the December 2023

Net profit of Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co reported to INR88.72 crore in the quarter ended December 2023 as against net loss of INR 69.87 crore during the previous quarter ended December 2022.

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Bihar

Bihar govt tables INR2.7 lakh crore Budget for 2024-25

The Bihar government has tabled INR2.7 lakh crore Budget for the financial year 2024-25. A smart agriculture roadmap has been prepared to improve the rural economy. A sum of INR 1.2 lakh crore will be spent on agriculture and allied sector by 2028.

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Hartek to build 75MW solar plant in Indian state of Bihar

Hartek Power Private has won an order from state-owned renewable developer SJVN Green Energy to build a 75MW solar PV plant in the eastern Indian state of Bihar.

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Gujarat

AGEL commissions 551 MW solar power capacity at Khavda in Gujarat

Adani Green Energy (AGEL) commenced power generation from a 551 MW solar power unit set up at its renewable energy park in Khavda, Gujarat. The company plans to develop 30 GW of renewable power generation capacity at the site.

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CM inaugurates & lays foundation stone for projects worth INR700 crore

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendra Patel inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth INR700 crore in areas falling under the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha (LS) constituency.

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Haryana

PM lays foundation for development projects worth INR9750 crore in Haryana

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth more than INR9750 crore in Haryana. These include the Gurugram Metro Rail project, which will be developed at a cost of about INR5,450 crore.

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MBPL to supply 800 MW electricity to Haryana

The Mahanadi Basin Power (MBPL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the state government of Haryana to supply 800 MW of electricity. Tariffs are fixed at INR4.4 per unit. Managing director, Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam, Saket Kumar, and Debasish Nanda from Coal India Limited signed the memorandum, in the presence of CM, Haryana.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh CM tables Budget worth INR58,440 crore for 2024-25

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has tabled the state Budget worth INR58440 crore for 2024-25. Revenue receipts have been estimated at INR42150 crore and revenue expenditure at INR46,660 crore.

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Himachal Pradesh govt develops 6 green corridors on national, state highways

The Himachal Pradesh government is developing six green corridors on national and state highways. This strategic initiative aims to create a comprehensive network of roads and highways equipped with charging infrastructure, battery facilities and advanced technology.

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Himachal Pradesh govt to formulate new sports policy

A new comprehensive sports policy for state is in the pipeline. It will offer bigger financial incentives to athletes who bring glory to the state on the international stage.

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Kerala

Kerala fisheries dept prepares DPR for INR160 crore project

The Kerala fisheries department has prepared the detailed project report (DPR) for the development of the Muthalapozhi harbour. The cost of the project has been pegged at INR160 crore. The plan recommends increasing the length of the breakwater on the south side of the fishing harbour by 425 metres.

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Kerala among top states for EV adoption

Kerala emerged as a frontrunner in adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in India, trailing only Maharashtra in lapping up electric cars like Tata Tiago EV to MG Comet. Tata Motors and MG Motor India are reporting high demand for electric cars from this tiny southern state that accounts for only about four per cent of all passenger vehicles sold in India.

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Kottarakara to host Kerala's first campus industrial park and R&D centre

As part of efforts to promote 'work near home' (WNH) culture and create high-end technical jobs in rural areas and Tier III cities, the Kerala Startup Mission and Institute of Human Resources Development are setting up the State's first campus industrial park and R&D centre at the College of Engineering, Kottarakara.

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Karnataka

Karnataka to formulate new textile policy

The Karnataka state government is set to formulate a new textile policy 2024-2029 for the development of the textile and weaving sector. With the new policy, the state government aims to attract capital investment of INR10000 crore and create employment opportunities for 200 thousand individuals.

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Karnataka CM presents INR3.71 lakh crore state Budget for 2024-25

Karnataka Chief Minister (CM) Siddaramaiah presented a revenue-deficit state Budget with an estimated outlay of INR3.71 lakh crore for 2024-25 financial year. The revenue deficit has been pegged at INR27350 crore, while fiscal deficit is estimated to be INR82980 crore.

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Odisha

Odisha CM lays foundation for 3 projects

CM Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone for three major projects worth INR87500 crore. These include the JSW Utkal Steel Limited's mega integrated steel facility, Re-New E-Fuels Private Limited's green ammonia plant and Silox India Private Limited's chemical factory.

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Odisha CM inaugurates Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Centre

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Centre and Research Institute in Bhubaneswar. It is a 750-bedded comprehensive cancer hospital built on 8.9 hectares of land.

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Odisha CM lays foundation for textile park in Chowdwar

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone for a textile park in Chowdwar. The integrated textile manufacturing facility and warehousing complex will be set up by the Wellspun Group with an investment of INR3050 crore.

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Union minister inaugurates, lays foundation for 28 NH projects in Odisha

Union road transport & highways minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 28 national highway (NH) projects in Odisha. These include a 79-km four-lane road between Baharagora & Singhara on NH-49 and a 78-km six-lane road from Chandikhol to Bhadrak on NH-16, among others.

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh govt to bring over 10,000 MSME units on TReDS platform

The state government has decided to bring over 10,000 MSME units in the state on the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform.

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MPIDC to create new industrial zones in the tribal region

The Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) is considering to create new industrial zones in the tribal region of the state. The MPIDC is taking steps to identify land parcels in Alirajpur, Jhabua and surrounding areas.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt allocates INR160 crore for Lakshyavedh scheme

The Maharashtra government has allocated INR160 crore for the Lakshyavedh scheme. The objective is to prepare 3,740 sportspersons for Olympic Games. In the first phase, 12 sports, including athletics, badminton, boxing, shooting, rowing, sailing, lawn tennis and table tennis will be covered.

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Maharashtra to get 264 new colleges in 2024-25

Maharashtra is set to get 264 new colleges under 13-non-agricultural state universities from the 2024-25 academic year. While most of them will offer courses in traditional arts, commerce & science, many will offer skill-oriented and specialised courses under the conventional nomenclature.

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Maharashtra govt sanctions Budget of INR1.887 crore for NMRDA

The Maharashtra government has sanctioned a Budget of INR1887 crore for the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority (NMRDA). A major chunk of INR710 crore is dedicated to laying down new sewer lines across 25 villages.

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Maharashtra Cabinet approves setting up 6 govt nursing colleges

Maharashtra Cabinet gave nod for setting up as many as six government nursing colleges in the state. These colleges will have an intake of 100 students each and will be affiliated with Government Medical Colleges in Latur, Jalgaon, Baramati, Sangli (Miraj), Gondia and Nandurbar.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt to merge RLBs with adjoining ULBs

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to merge rural local bodies (RLB) in the state with the adjoining urban local bodies (ULB). This will be done only after getting the consent of the respective village panchayats.

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Tamil Nadu's first Mini-TIDEL park to open doors at Villupuram

Chief Minister M.K.Stalin will be inaugurating Tamil Nadu's first Mini-TIDEL park in Villupuram. This project is situated on a built-up area of 63,000 sq ft spread across a five-acre land parcel at Thiruchitrabalam village, Vanur Taluk, and entails investments to the tune of INR31 crore.

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Telangana

Telangana minister inaugurates Bharosa Centre in Medak

The Telangana health minister Damodar Raja Narasimha inaugurated a Bharosa Centre in Medak. It will provide comprehensive assistance to survivors of crime against women and children.

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Telangana govt approves INR78,910 crore to meet essential expenditure

The Telangana Assembly has passed the Telangana Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill and Telangana Appropriation Bill. With this, approval has been given for INR78,910 crore to meet the essential expenditure for April-July 2024.

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Foundation stone laid for Komuravelly Railway Station in Telangana's Siddipet

The foundation stone for the Komuravelly Railway Station in Telangana's Siddipet district was laid. Once the project is completed, it will immensely benefit thousands of pilgrims who visit the Mallikarjuna Swamy temple. It will also facilitate students, businesspersons, daily labourers and other regular travellers.

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Telangana govt to develop educational hubs with all necessary infrastructure

The Telangana government has decided to develop educational hubs with all necessary infrastructure in all constituencies across the state for social welfare, tribal welfare and minorities welfare institutions.

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North-East

Arunachal Pradesh CM inaugurates 18 projects worth INR160 crore in Namsai's Namgo

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu recently inaugurated 18 projects worth INR160 crore in Namsai's Namgo village. The projects are from various sectors such as road & bridge, health and education.

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Meghalaya govt aims to make state USD10 billion economy by 2028

The Meghalaya government is aiming to make the state a USD 10 billion economy by 2028. The information was shared by Governor Phagu Chauhan. He added that the state government has set an ambitious target to double the state GDP by 2028.

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Meghalaya CM launches projects worth INR400 crore

Meghalaya Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K Sangma launched projects worth INR400 crore as part of the Meghalaya Next initiative. These include MegARISE, Meghalaya State Organic Mission, Green Meghalaya, 12 processing units and three cold storages.

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Tripura CM launches 'Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana'

Tripura Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha launched the 'Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana (CMJAY)'. The objective is to provide medical benefits of up to INR500,000 to people eligible for the same. The scheme is a significant step towards ensuring health-security for all segments of the state's population.

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Sikkim CM launches INSPIRES programme

Sikkim Chief Minister (CM) Prem Singh Tamang launched the Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Revising Economics (INSPIRES) programme. Over the next five years, the World Bank-assisted initiative will engage with nine government departments to mark a significant step toward fostering the economic growth of women and youth.

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Assam govt to establish INR25,000 crore semiconductor packaging plant

The Assam government has decided to establish a INR25,000 crore semiconductor packaging plant in partnership with the Tata Group. The information was shared by state electronics and information technology (IT) minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

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Rajasthan

Foundation stone laid for 300 MW solar power plant in Rajasthan

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for 300 MW solar power plant in Barsingsar, Rajasthan. It will come up at a cost of INR1750 crore and be ready for operation by September 2024. The project will produce an impressive 750 million units of green power annually.

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Escorts-Kubota plans to invest INR4,500 crore towards new unit in Rajasthan

Escorts-Kubota is planning to set up a tractor and agri-machinery manufacturing facility in Rajasthan. The new plant is expected to generate job opportunities for 4,000 people directly and for 10,000 people indirectly.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt launches 10 eco-tourism projects

Uttar Pradesh tourism and culture minister Jaiveer Singh and environment & wildlife minister Arun Kumar Saxena launched as many as 10 eco-tourism projects. These include the tourism development of Shikohabad tehsil's Rapti Wildlife Sanctuary in Firozabad and signage installation at the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary in Mihinpurwa.

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Uttar Pradesh government to develop 8 renewable energy projects

The UP government plans to develop eight renewable energy projects worth INR67000 crore, according to media reports. These projects will be coming up in Sonbhadra, Chandauli and Mirzapur. These projects will have a total capacity of 13,250 megawatt (Mw).

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MoU signed for strengthening forensic science expertise in Uttar Pradesh

The Centre for DNA Fingerprinting & Diagnostics and Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences (UPSIFS) have signed an MoU to strengthen forensic science expertise in Uttar Pradesh. This will also enable quicker and more accurate crime investigations.

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UP to present investment opportunities worth INR1,249 crore in Budelkhand

The UP government will present investment opportunities worth INR1,249 crore for tourism in the Bundelkhand region. The region includes seven districts Jhansi, Banda, Chitrakoot, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Lalitpur, and Mahoba with several cultural tourism opportunities.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand CM lays foundation stone for INR450 crore irrigation project

CM Champai Soren laid the foundation stone for INR450 crore Palamu pipeline irrigation project. The project aims to connect rivers in the area and small dams in different blocks of the drought-hit Palamu district through pipelines to ensure water availability across all seasons.

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Jharkhand CM distributes INR825 lakh crore under JSLPS

CM Champai Soren distributed financial assistance worth INR825 crore under the Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society(JSLPS). The amount has been released with an aim to help self-help groups (SHGs) in the state.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand govt approves new excise policy for 2024-25

Uttarakhand government approved the new excise policy for the 2024-25 financial year. The revenue target for the upcoming fiscal has been set at INR4440 crore. The target is 11 per cent more than that of the current financial year which stood at INR4000 crore.

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Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) to start in Uttarakhand

India's first HEMS is set to be started in Uttarakhand. A helicopter will be stationed under the service at the AIIMS. It will be sent anywhere within a radius of 150-km to airlift anyone who has met with an accident to the medical facility.

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INR24 crore allocated for establishing 21 cluster schools in Uttarakhand

The Uttarakhand government has approved the establishment of 21 cluster schools in Uttarakhand. In the first phase, three schools each will come up in Rudraprayag & Uttarkashi, four each in Dehradun & Tehri and seven in Pithoragarh.

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Uttarakhand CM inaugurates, lays foundation of NH projects in Tanakpur

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated and laid foundation stones of eight national highway (NH) projects worth INR2,200 crore in Tanakpur, Champawat. The projects will give new strength to the road connectivity, accelerating the socio-economic development of the state.

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Union Territories

233 PM SHRI Schools to be developed across J&K

J&K school education department has taken steps to ensure clean drinking water for students by installing water purifiers in 233 PM SHRI Schools across Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The decision is expected to benefit approximately 55,000 students in the UT.

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Chandigarh to get 100 new e-buses by May

Chandigarh is set to get around 100 new electric buses (e-buses) by May 2024. This can be said as the Centre has started the tender process for the same under the 'Prime Minister (PM) e-Bus Sewa' scheme.

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Delhi CM flags off 350 e-buses

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena flagged off as many as 350 electric buses (e-buses) in the national capital. Following this, the government's e-bus fleet will increase to 1,650.

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Puducherry admin to install rooftop solar modules on 50,000 households

The Puducherry administration is looking to install rooftop solar modules on 50,000 households annually, reaching a total of 150,000 households by December 2026. This endeavour intends to achieve a combined capacity of 225 MW over three years, commencing in April 2024.

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West Bengal

West Bengal CM lays foundation for 10th private medical college

West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee has laid the foundation stone for a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) college by the Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata. This will be the 10th private medical college in the state.

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Gail (India) Limited pipeline to reach Kolkata in 3 months

A part of Gail's Jagdhispur-Haldia pipeline is expected to reach Kolkata in the next three months, according to Anupam Mukhopadhyay, CEO of Bengal Gas Company Ltd., a joint venture between GAIL and Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation Limited.

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