



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Haryana minister lays foundation for 4 development works in Yamunanagar

Haryana deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala laid foundation stones for as many as four development works worth about Rs. 235.7 million in Yamunanagar. These include widening, strengthening and renovation of four roads under the Naraingarh provincial division of the state public works department.

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Haryana CM inaugurates, lays foundation stones of several projects in Jhajjar

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of several development works worth Rs. 784.7 million in Jhajjar. The CM further informed that a museum would be built in the district at a cost of Rs. 1 billion. It will be helpful to researchers in archaeological research work, as per The Tribune.

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Haryana's Panchkula civic body approves land pooling policy proposal

the Municipal Corporation Panchkula approved the land pooling policy proposal for the development of 24 new sectors in Panchkula, Haryana. As part of this, land will be acquired through the land pooling scheme, on the lines of a Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) policy in Mohali.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh aims to become India's first green state: CM Jai Ram Thakur

Himachal Pradesh will become India's first green state with its commitment to meet 100 per cent of its energy requirements through renewable and green energy sources said the state chief minister, Jai Ram Thakur. Out of the 12,000 million units of power consumed by the state, only 2,000 million units are met by thermal power

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Himachal Pradesh gets multipurpose rainwater harvesting dam in Una

Himachal Pradesh has got its first-ever multipurpose rainwater harvesting dam in Una district. The dam has been constructed in the Samoor Khad area near village Samoor at a cost of Rs. 163.8 million. It can store the rainwater in a massive reservoir collected from the catchment area of 1,000 hectares and will ensure water supply to 5,580 people living in water-deficient areas during dry seasons.

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Punjab

Punjab govt to come up with 2 flyovers in Zirakpur

The Punjab government is planning to come up with two flyovers in Zirakpur, for the purpose of decongesting roads between Zirakpur and Ambala. Out of these, one flyover shall come up near Singhpura Chowk, while the other would be established near Ghaggar river. The project is estimated to cost a sum of Rs. 480 million.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt to provide additional annual grant of Rs. 12.5 mln to women MLAs

The Gujarat government has decided to provide an additional annual grant of Rs. 12.5 million to women MLAs in the state. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendra Patel on 8 March 2022. These funds will be utilised for carrying out development work in their respective constituencies. He also disbursed assistance cheques to beneficiary women of the Mahila Swavalamban Yojana.

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Union minister approves setting up of WHO GCTM Global Centre in Gujarat

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, has approved the setting up of a World Health Organization (WHO) Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) at Jamnagar in Gujarat. The agreement would help in positioning ayurveda, yoga & naturopathy, unani, siddha and homeopathy (AYUSH) systems across the globe and provide leadership on global health matters pertaining to traditional medicine. The aim of the development is to enhance cooperation in the field of medical sciences and health research.

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Gujarat govt inks MoU with Pappaya LITE to provide ed-tech solutions

The Gujarat government has inked an MoU with the Pappaya LITE for providing enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions in all state-run schools. The objective is to improve the performance of such schools by bringing uniformity and reducing paperwork & lengthy management procedures. The state-of-the-art platform will help in ensuring efficiency & transparency along with seamless handling of large amounts of data.

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Maharashtra

Two new power transmission lines for Mumbai

Two new transmission lines between Kharghar and Vikhroli, and Kudus and Aarey Colony are expected to commission in December 2022 and December 2026, respectively. With these, the transmission capacity of Mumbai will expand to around 4.3 GW from 2.3 GW at present.

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Maharashtra GSDP to grow at 12.1%: State economic survey

The Gross State Domestic Product in Maharashtra is being anticipated to grow at 12.1 per cent in 2021-22, as against the negative eight per cent recorded in 2020-21. The nominal GSDP is likely to be Rs. 31 trillion and real GSDP at constant prices will be Rs. 21.1 trillion.

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PM inaugurates Pune Metro rail project in Maharashtra

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pune Metro rail project, including two priority stretches of 12-km. The project is being built at a total cost of more than Rs. 114 billion. Besides this, he also unveiled a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the Pune Municipal Corporation.

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India's first refinery to produce ethanol from bamboo to come up in Maharashtra

India's first refinery for ethanol production from bamboo will come up in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli and Nandurbar districts. It will have a capacity to produce 30,000 litres of ethanol per day.

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Goa

Goa govt notifies Mining Dump Policy

The Goa government has notified the Mining Dump Policy, permitting handling of low-grade iron ore generated between 23 November 2007 and 11 September 2012. The policy allows handling of mining dumps outside & inside leases through auctioning by the state government and allows lessees to handle the dumps.

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Goa govt stops COVID-19 testing at entry points

On 7 March 2022, the Goa government allowed all activities to be carried out at full capacity, including schools, casinos, cinema halls, multiplexes, theatres and swimming pools, among others, while adhering to coronavirus (COVID-19) protocols. The state government has also stopped COVID-19 testing at state borders, airports, railway stations and ports.

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Madhya Pradesh

MPUVNL floats tenders for 440 MW of solar power projects in Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam (MPUVNL) has floated tenders for setting up 440 MW of grid-connected solar power projects in Madhya Pradesh under Component A of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja evam Uttan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) programme.

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Madhya Pradesh finance minister presents Rs. 2.7 tln state Budget for 2022-23

Madhya Pradesh finance minister Jagdish Devda tabled the state's Budget for 2022-23, entailing an outlay of Rs. 2.7 trillion, today. As per the highlights of the Budget, no new tax has been imposed, fiscal deficit has been pegged at 4.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), industrial parks will be set up at Bagrod & Berasia in Bhopal and solar plants will be installed in Sagar, Shajapur & Ujjain.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu minister unveils insurance scheme for construction workers

Tamil Nadu housing & urban development minister S Muthusamy rolled out a welfare and insurance scheme for around 100,000 construction workers in the state. Besides this, the minister also unveiled the 'Real Estate Vision 2030' document, with an aim to increase investment opportunities and woo bigger players into the city.

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Tamil Nadu govt launches urban employment scheme

The Tamil Nadu government launched its urban employment scheme, on 7 March 2022. The aim is to improve the livelihood of people residing in urban areas. As part of this, a pilot programme will be implemented in two zones of the Chennai Municipal Corporation and one zone each in other corporations across the state, besides seven municipalities & 37 town panchayats. The project cost has been pegged at Rs. 1 billion.

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Tamil Nadu CM lays foundation for furniture park at Thoothukudi

On 7 March 2022, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin laid the foundation stone for the country's first international furniture park on the outskirts of Thoothukudi. The park will come up on an area of 465.3 hectares at a cost of Rs. 10 billion. The development would attract an investment of Rs. 45 billion and generate at least 350,000 jobs, besides improving the livelihood of people in southern districts.

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Andhra Pradesh

ECR flags off all-women crew special train from Andhra Pradesh

On 8 March 2022, an all-women crew special train was flagged off from Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam to Odisha's Rayagada by the East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ECoRwWO) president Parijata Satpathy. This is the first time the East Coast Railway (ECR) will be running an all-female crew-manned passenger train.

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Port development: Andhra Pradesh government in acquisition mode

The State government will acquire 183 acres of land at an estimated cost of Rs 100 crore to begin the first phase of port works in Machilipatnam, said Minister for Transport Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani).

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt approves 48 industrial projects worth Rs. 20.6 bln

The Karnataka government has approved as many as 48 industrial projects worth Rs. 20.6 billion in the state. These projects are expected to generate 6,393 additional job opportunities. The proposed investments were cleared at the recently-held state-level single window clearance committee (SLSWCC) meeting.

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Karnataka govt proposes Raitha Shakti scheme to promote farm mechanisation

The Karnataka government has proposed the Raitha Shakti scheme to subsidise fuel costs for farmers, entailing an outlay of Rs. 5 billion. As part of the initiative, a diesel subsidy of Rs. 250 per acre, subject to a maximum of two hectares, will be given through direct benefit transfer. The move comes in a bid to encourage farm mechanisation to boost productivity, besides reducing the fuel expenditure burden, said Chief Minister (CM) Basavaraj Bommai.

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Karnataka CM inaugurates Regional Forensic Science Laboratory in Hubballi

Karnataka Chief Minister (CM) Basavaraj Bommai recently inaugurated the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) in Hubballi. The lab is equipped with facilities to analyse deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), audio-visual footage, computer files and digital footprints. The division will soon have the necessary technology to analyse narcotic substances as well, said the CM.

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Telangana

Telangana govt to set up STPs in 20 state-run hospitals

The Telangana government has decided to set up sewerage treatment plants (STPs) in as many as 20 state-run hospitals. An amount of Rs. 683.1 million has been sanctioned for the same.

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Telangana finance minister tables Rs. 2.5 trillion state Budget for 2022-23

Telangana finance minister T Harish Rao presented Rs. 2.5 trillion state Budget for 2022-23 in the state Assembly, today. Of the total, revenue expenditure has been pegged at Rs. 1.8 trillion, while capital expenditure accounts for Rs. 297.2 billion.

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Telangana govt's revenue rises to Rs. 1 trillion for 2021-22 fiscal

The Telangana government's revenue rose to around Rs. 1 trillion by January 2022-end. This is a significant jump from Rs. 860.5 billion at the end of the October-December 2021 quarter. The state registered revenue receipts of Rs. 108.8 billion during January 2022.

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Delhi

Delhi Development Authority launches web portal to display layout plans of various regions

On 7 March 2022, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) launched a web portal to display layout plans of various regions in the national capital. The authority has collected 40-70 years old layout plans from 17 planning zones of the city for an area of 148,300 hectares.

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Delhi govt to make PUCC compulsory at pumps

The Delhi government is working on a draft policy to make Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCC) mandatory for fuel at pump stations. Violation of directions by fuel stations may include imprisonment up to five years and/or fine which may extend up to Rs.0.1 million.

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SDMC inaugurates Eco Mitra Park at Sarita Vihar in Delhi

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has inaugurated an 'Eco Mitra Park' at Sarita Vihar in Delhi. The move aims to create awareness and encourage waste segregation, home composting, use of cloth bags for shopping and use of recycled products.

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Uttar Pradesh

PNC Infratech bags Rs 864-cr road project in Uttar Pradesh

Infrastructure development and construction company PNC Infratech on Wednesday said it has been declared the lowest bidder for a 54.43-km road project of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Uttar Pradesh. The project pertains to improvement and upgradation of the section of NH-731 to four-lane with paved shoulders in Hardoi district on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM), it said in an exchange filing.

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Rajasthan

Public hearing system in Rajasthan's village panchayats to be strengthened

The Rajasthan government has decided to strengthen the public hearing system in village panchayats. This will ensure that grievances are redressed at the initial level, thereby obviating the need for people to spend time and energy in approaching the higher authorities. Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot has instructed the concerned officials to take steps in this regard. According to him, platforms such as the Sampark portal, helpline and hearings at the CM's residence should be fully utilised.

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Rate contract tender issued for net and solar meters in Rajasthan

The Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Limited (REIL) has issued a notice inviting tender for rate contract of energy net meters and whole current solar meters. Successful bidders must submit a performance bank guarantee of 10 per cent of the invoice value.

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Rajasthan gets country's first night sky astro tourism model

Rajasthan has become the first state across the country to launch the night sky astro tourism in all its 33 districts. Capital city Jaipur has four famous star gazing venues including Jantar-Mantar, Amber Fort, University of Maharaja and Jawahar Kala Kendra.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt suspends internet services in 7 districts

The West Bengal government has suspended internet services in seven districts of the state for eight days. The restriction will be imposed in Malda, Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur, Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Birbhum and Darjeeling on 7-9, 11-12 and 15-16 March 2022. The move aims to avoid unlawful activities and is a preventive measure to keep illegal activities in check. No restriction is being imposed on voice calls, SMS and newspapers.

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West Bengal govt signs USD 125 mln loan agreement with Centre, World Bank

On 10 March 2022, the West Bengal government signed a USD 125 million loan agreement with the Centre and World Bank for social welfare schemes in the state under the 'Jai Bangla' initiative. As part of the pact, the Centre and World Bank will support efforts of the state government to help poor & vulnerable groups access social protection services.

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Bihar

NGPC commissions 3rd unit in Aurangabad, Bihar

The National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) commissioned the third unit of the Nabinagar Power Generating Company (NPGC) in Bihar's Aurangabad, on 6 March 2022. The plant has an installed capacity for generating 660 MW of thermal power. This will raise the total capacity of NPGC from 1,320 MW to 1,980 MW. It will entail an additional expenditure of Rs. 194.1 billion.

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Bihar govt seeks Centre's help in setting up chemotherapy units in 6 cities

The Bihar government has sought the Centre's assistance in setting up chemotherapy units in Patna, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Bhagalpur and Purnia, as part of the National Health Mission. Besides this, the state government has also launched a preliminary screening and awareness drive against cancer in 14 districts.

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Bihar Cabinet okays amendments in Prohibition & Excise Act

On 8 March 2022, the Bihar Cabinet accorded approval for amending the Bihar Prohibition & Excise Act. Following this, punishment for first time offenders and those caught carrying liquor in smaller quantities will be reduced. Meanwhile, small non-commercial vehicles caught carrying alcohol will also be released after payment of penalties.

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Odisha

IFFCO to set up biggest nano fertiliser project in Odisha

Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) managing director Dr. U S Awasthi has laid the foundation stone of the biggest nano fertiliser project and a new sulphuric acid plant-III at its Paradeep unit in Odisha. Besides this, he also inaugurated a new oxygen unit at the IFFCO plant which aims to mitigate effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Odisha govt to develop special economic corridor from Paradip to Barbil

The Odisha government is planning to develop a special economic corridor from Paradip to Barbil, in collaboration with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The objective is to accelerate the transportation of minerals in the state.

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Odisha govt to work on export plan for non-Basmati aromatic rice

The Odisha government is preparing to export non-Basmati aromatic rice. The state agriculture & farmers' empowerment department has been directed to constitute a resource team and frame a realistic work plan for the same.

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North-East

Cargo ship to Assam via Bangladesh completes pilot voyage

MV Lal Bahadur Shastri, an Inland Waterways Authority of India vessel, completed its pilot voyage from Bihar's Patna to the Pandu Port via Bangladesh. The vessel, which covered a distance of 2,350 km, ferried 200 MT of food grains for Food Corporation of India (FCI).

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Mizoram govt to develop multi-million inland waterway transport project

The Mizoram government has decided to develop a multi-million inland waterway transport project across a 23-km stretch on the state's Khawthlangtuipui-Tuichawng rivers. The move aims to cater to the needs of the southern districts.

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Union minister inaugurates, lays foundation for 30 AYUSH hospitals in Mizoram

Union minister of ayurveda, yoga & naturopathy, unani, siddha and homeopathy (AYUSH) Sarbananda Sonowal & Mizoram CM Zoramthanga inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 30 AYUSH hospitals in the state. Besides this, they also announced a slew of measures to boost the AYUSH sector in the region.

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Jharkhand

Bids invited to conduct site survey for 80 MW solar park in Jharkhand

The Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA) has invited bids to select an intermediary for conducting a topographical survey, geotechnical investigation and hydrological study for an 80 MW solar park in the state.

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Jharkhand CM launches vocational skill training centre in Dhanbad

Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren launched a vocational skill training centre in Dhanbad under the Tejaswini project. The initiative aims to improve the completion of market-driven skills training and secondary education across 17 districts for adolescent girls & young women in the 14-24 age group. The objective is to empower women through various schemes.

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IR's first 'Gati Shakti' cargo terminal commissioned in ER's Asansol Division

On 8 March 2022, the railway ministry informed that the Asansol Division of Eastern Railway (ER) has successfully commissioned private siding of Maithan Power at Thaparnagar, Jharkhand. The chairman and CEO, Railway Board, V K Tripathi said that the requirement of coal to the power project was being made through road which is expected to convert into 120 inward coal rakes per month.

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Kerala

Kerala govt to increase procurement price of raw cashew nut

The Kerala government has decided to increase the procurement price of raw cashew nut (RCN). The decision was taken at a meeting attended by industries minister P Rajeev and cooperation minister VN Vasavan, based on the report of the price fixing committee. As part of it, the Kerala Bank will provide Rs. 350 million to the Cashew Board for procuring RCN from domestic farmers, while cooperative societies will be in charge of procurement.

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Kerala finance minister presents Budget for 2022-23

Kerala finance minister KN Balagopal presented the first-ever paperless state Budget for 2022-23, today. The state government has earmarked Rs. 20 billion to arrest price rise and ensure food security in the state. Besides this, Rs. 10 billion have been earmarked for acquiring land for the development of various IT parks and another Rs. 10 billion for setting up four science parks.

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