



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Floating solar power plant to come up in Gurugram, Haryana

Haryana is set to get its first floating solar power plant in Gurugram. The unit will come up at the Chandu Budhera water treatment plant, which has an area of around 8.9 hectares. If the project turns out to be successful, this would be north India's biggest floating solar power plant.

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Haryana Assembly passes 10 Bills

The Haryana Assembly passed as many as 10 Bills. These include the Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, which is aimed at preventing religious conversions through force, undue influence or allurement. The state Assembly also passed the Haryana Prohibition of Change of Public Utilities Bill.

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Haryana CM approves new draft policy regarding medical PG courses

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar has approved a new draft policy regarding post-graduation courses for the Haryana Civil Medical Service (HCMS)/Haryana Civil Dental Service (HCDS) in the state health department.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Cabinet approves excise policy for 2022-23

On 20 March 2022, the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet approved the excise policy for 2022-23 fiscal. It envisages collection of Rs. 21.3 billion revenue during the year, which will be Rs. 2.6 billion higher than financial year 2021-22.

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Himachal Pradesh's first CAAQMS installed in BBN industrial hub

Himachal Pradesh's first continuous ambient air quantity monitoring station (CAAQMS) has been installed in the industrial hub of the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) region. The station will examine eight ambient air quality parameters, like particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, ozone, ammonia, carbon monoxide and benzene.

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Himachal Pradesh to get Medical Device Park in Solan

Himachal Pradesh is set to get a Medical Device Park (MDP) at Nalagarh in Solan district. In view of this, the state industries department signed as many as 15 MoUs amounting Rs. 8.1 billion with investors, on 21 March 2022.

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Punjab

Punjab govt to regularise services of 35,000 contractual employees

The Punjab government has decided to regularise the services of 35,000 contractual employees in the state. The move will benefit nearly 35,000 group C and D state government employees.

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Area under mustard cultivation increases in Bathinda, Punjab

The area under mustard cultivation in Bathinda, Punjab increased to 3,000 hectares in 2021-22 from around 2,000 hectares in 2020-21. The health benefits of oil extracted from mustard and its remunerative price in the market has drawn many farmers from the region to adopt its cultivation.

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Gujarat

Gujarat CM lays foundation for state's 225th industrial estate

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendra Patel laid the foundation for an industrial estate at Ode in Anand, on 20 March 2022. It will span over an area of 33 hectares and be the state's 225th industrial estate. Industrial estates in Gujarat house more than 70,000 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), making it the most industrialised state in the country, informed the CM.

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SMC inks MoU with Gujarat govt to manufacture EVs & batteries

The Gujarat government signed an MoU with the Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) at the India-Japan economic forum, on 19 March 2022. As part of this, the company will invest Rs. 104.4 billion for indigenous manufacturing of electric vehicles (EV) and batteries.

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Union minister inaugurates air ambulance service in Gujarat

On 21 March 2022, Union aviation minister Purnesh Modi inaugurated the air ambulance service and announced the beginning of the project from the Ahmedabad airport in Gujarat. The air ambulance service will be made available through the 108 service and the fees for hospital to airport will be free for patients.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra to start its own crop insurance scheme

The Maharashtra government has decided to start its own crop insurance scheme due to the complaints received from farmers about companies involved in Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). Currently under the scheme, farmers pay an installment of Rs.1000 for crop insurance and receive a insurance claim between Rs.400-450 in case of crop loss.

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Union minister approves NH projects worth Rs. 22.4 bln in Maharashtra

On 19 March 2022, Union minister Nitin Gadkari approved works worth Rs. 22.4 billion for the construction and expansion of national highways (NH) in various districts of Maharashtra.

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Maharashtra minister launches project to supply piped cooking gas to all houses in Latur

Maharashtra medical education minister Amit Deshmukh recently launched a project to supply piped cooking gas to all the 101 houses in Latur. The project has been initiated by the Latur Municipal Corporation (LMC) on a pilot basis. According to the minister, another project to convert waste into energy will soon be started in the city, which will be used for industrial purposes.

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Goa

TTAG urges Goa govt to permit app-based cab aggregators to operate in state

The Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG) has urged the Goa government to permit app-based cab aggregators to operate in the state. The move is expected to be beneficial for both drivers and customers. The demand has come after complaints that customers are being overcharged by some taxi drivers when travelling to the state's interiors as well as outside starred hotels in South Goa.

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ISL Development League to kick off next month in Goa

Seven Indian Super League (ISL) clubs have confirmed their participation in the first 'Development League' which will kick off next month in Goa. The Development League, organised for the first time by FSDL, organisers of the ISL, will commence on April 15 and conclude on May 20

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Madhya Pradesh

All rural households in Madhya Pradesh to get tap water connections by 2024

All rural households in Madhya Pradesh will get tap water connections under the Centre's Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) by 2024. So far, piped water supply has been given to families in 4,126 villages of the state, reported The Times of India.

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Madhya Pradesh govt constitutes trade promotion council

The Madhya Pradesh government has constituted a trade promotion council to explore international trade opportunities for the state. The aim is to increase the state's share in the national and international trade, besides improving production quality and value addition to create export & employment opportunities.

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MPIDC signs MoU with Flipkart to support small businesses in Madhya Pradesh

E-commerce giant Flipkart said on Thursday it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MP Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) to support small businesses and local artisans under One District One Product (ODOP) initiative in Madhya Pradesh.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt to commence work on Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway

The Tamil Nadu government is preparing to revive the stalled Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Expressway under the PM Gati Shakti program. The 20.6-km-long double-decker corridor will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.57.7 billion.

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Tamil Nadu govt to set up new industrial parks to promote development

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to set up new industrial parks in tier II & III cities and surrounding areas to promote development in the state. These industrial parks would be created to attract investments worth Rs. 500 billion to revive the state's economy.

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39 industries sign MoUs worth Rs. 111 bln in Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor

As many as 39 industries have signed MoUs for a potential investment of Rs. 111 billion in the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor. At present, the actual investment in the corridor is Rs. 22.1 billion.

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Andhra Pradesh

50 e-buses to ply in Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh will soon get 50 electric buses (e-buses), informed state transport minister Perni Venkataramaiah. These buses will ply on the Tirumala Ghat road between Tirupati & Nellore and Tirupati-Madanapalle. Besides this, senior citizens will be given 25 per cent concession in fare in state-run buses.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to resume micro irrigation scheme

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to resume the micro irrigation scheme in order to promote horticulture crops. As part of it, the state government has decided to extend 90 per cent subsidy for the implementation of the drip irrigation systems.

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Andhra Pradesh Assembly passes 2 Bills

On 22 March 2022, the Andhra Pradesh Assembly passed the Andhra Pradesh Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill. It aims to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries derive benefit from the welfare schemes under transparency. Besides this, the House also passed the Andhra Pradesh Mutually Aided Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill.

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Karnataka

Most rail routes in Bengaluru division electrified

South Western Railway (SWR) has completed electrification of major routes in Bengaluru division. Except two sections Chikkabanavara-Hassan and Chikkaballapur-Bangarpet, all lines are electrified, according to Aneesh Hegde, chief public relations officer, SWR.

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Karnataka minister lays foundation stone, inaugurates several projects in Yadgir

Karnataka revenue minister R Ashok recently inaugurated several projects and laid the foundation stone for development works worth Rs. 73.8 million at Devatkal village in Yadgir district.

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Karnataka govt to launch cyber security policy

The Karnataka government is planning to launch a cyber security policy for combating cyber threats in the state. The objective is to encourage the sustainability of the digital economy so as to unlock its potential for innovation.

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Telangana

Telangana govt to add 7 new modules to Dharani portal

The Telangana government has directed the concerned officials to add as many as seven new modules to its Dharani portal. The modifications will permit the farmers to correct clerical errors pertaining to wrong entry of name, survey numbers, the extent of land and other such details.

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Telangana govt takes up pilot project to track inventory of gunny bags

The Telangana government has conducted a pilot project for fixing radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags or quick response (QR) code-enabled system to track the inventory of gunny bags in Jangaon.

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Centre sanctions Rs. 15.5 bln for NH project in Telangana

The Centre has been sanctioning more funds for the expansion of highways in Telangana for the purpose of expediting the ongoing projects. The move aims to improve the road connectivity between districts. A sum of Rs. 15.5 billion has been allocated for the four-laning of existing two lanes from Suryapet to Khammam of national highway (NH)-365 BB.

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Delhi

DDA okays redevelopment project for AIIMS in Delhi

The Delhi Development Authority has approved the redevelopment of 79.7 hectares of land for the expansion of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in the national capital. As part of it, hospital beds will be increased from 2,004 to 5,000 by 2024 at a cost of Rs. 90.5 billion.

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Union Cabinet approves Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act

On 22 March 2022, the Union Cabinet approved the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act. The Act aims to merge the national capital's three municipal corporations, including South, North and East.

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Delhi's GDP goes up by 50% in 5 years

Over the last five years, Delhi's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) went up by 50 per cent. In 2021-22, its GDP on current prices stood at Rs. 9.2 trillion, as compared to Rs. 6.1 trillion in 2016-17. This shows the strong position of the national capital's economy.

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Uttar Pradesh

UP government to extend free ration scheme till 2023-24

The UP government has decided to extend free ration distribution till 2023-24. Under the scheme, nearly 150 million beneficiaries will get 1 kg of whole chana, 1 litre edible oil, 1 kg salt every month along with 5 kg of wheat or rice per family member through 80,000 fair price shops under the Public Distribution Scheme (PDS).

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Uttar Pradesh govt introduces Atta-Masala mill scheme

The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced the Atta-Masala mill scheme. Under the scheme, women will be given Rs. 20,000 each to set up a flour and spice mill unit. Of this, Rs. 10,000 will be provided as grant and the remaining amount as an interest-free loan from special central assistance. The initiative aims to uplift women from underprivileged sections of the society.

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Uttar Pradesh govt announces creation of 5,000 new police posts

The Uttar Pradesh government has announced the creation of 5,000 new posts across several units of the police, including Intelligence, Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Special Task Force (STF). The move comes in order to strengthen the law and order situation in the state..

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan govt to provide irrigation facilities on about 10,000 hectares of land

The Rajasthan government will provide irrigation facilities on about 10,000 hectares of land, at an estimated cost of Rs.6 billion. The information was shared by the state rural development & panchayati raj minister, Ramesh Meena, on 15 March 2022.

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Rajasthan Assembly passes state Budget for 2022-23

On 21 March 2022, the Rajasthan Assembly passed the state Budget for 2022-23 by voice vote. During the session, Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot made several announcements including discontinuation of 10 per cent monthly deduction from the salaries of state employees for the new pension scheme from April 2022.

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Rajasthan govt disburses short-term crop loans worth Rs. 180 bln

The Rajasthan government has disbursed short-term crop loans worth Rs. 180 billion to farmers this year and that of Rs. 200 billion are expected to be sanctioned in the coming year.

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West Bengal

Kolkata airport in West Bengal plans to reduce carbon footprint

The Kolkata airport in West Bengal is phasing out diesel-powered vehicles in its operational area with electric ones. The objective is to make the airport more carbon compliant and ensure that other stakeholders reduce their carbon footprint.

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NMDC, IIT Kharagpur sign MoU for drone-based mineral exploration in West Bengal

The National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Limited has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur in West Bengal, for drone-based mineral exploration.

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West Bengal govt starts deactivating fake ration cards

The West Bengal government has started deactivating the fake ration cards in the state. So far, it has deactivated about 17 million ration cards. The move will help save about Rs. 30 billion annually.

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Bihar

Bihar govt to allot 40,000 tenements under PMAY(U) in April

The Bihar govt is planning to allot as many as 40,000 new housing units under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY(U)) in April 2022. The sanction letter will be given to the selected beneficiaries in the first week itself.

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Centre spends Rs. 56.7 bln for computerisation of gram panchayats in Bihar

The Centre has spent more than Rs. 56.7 billion for the computerisation of gram panchayats in Bihar. The funds have been utilised for delivering basic services and other infrastructural facilities for the people in villages.

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HC: Utilize BIADA land for state industrial development

Patna high court asked the state government to pull up its socks and utilise the land of Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) for expediting industrialisation, which in turn will provide employment opportunities to the people who left Bihar in search of work.

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Odisha

Centre approves 3 solar parks of 340 MW in Odisha: Power Ministry

The new and renewable energy minister, R K Singh stated that the central government has approved three solar parks having a cumulative capacity of 340 MW in Odisha under the solar park scheme.

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Centre sanctions Rs. 8.1 bln for setting up medical colleges in Odisha

The Centre has sanctioned an amount to the tune of Rs. 8.1 billion for the purpose of setting up as many as seven new medical colleges in Odisha. The development will be carried out in a 60:40 fund-sharing formula between the central and state governments.

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Centre sanctions EV charging stations in Odisha

The Centre has sanctioned as many as 18 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for Odisha's Bhubaneswar and 164 others along the Chennai-Kolkata national highway (NH). The move aims to promote the adoption of EVs under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of hybrid and Electric vehicle (FAME) India scheme.

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North-East

Assam Cabinet okays creation of ESZs in and around KNPTR

The Assam Cabinet gave a green nod for the creation of an integrated eco-sensitive zone and delineation of nine animal corridors in the state. These structures will be established in the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve (KNPTR) and adjoining places including seven protected areas & 11 reserve forests.

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Meghalaya govt launches youth engagement & training programme

The Meghalaya government has launched the Meghalaya Youth Engagement and Training Programme under Aspire Meghalaya. It is a flagship initiative aimed at building aspirations, career readiness & life preparedness in youths across the state to capture their voice and gather insights required to develop better youth development strategies.

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'Green-Ag' project to ensure conservation of biodiversity, forests in Mizoram

The 'Green-Ag' project of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation is being implemented in Mizoram to ensure the conservation of biodiversity and forests. The objective is to shift the farmers from the unscientific 'jhum' or slash-and-burn method of cultivation to viable & environment-friendly farming.

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Jharkhand

All gram panchayats in Jharkhand to get medicine shops

The Jharkhand government has decided to set up village medicine shops in all the gram panchayats across the state. The shops would also provide telemedicine and tele consultancy services with support of the state health department 104 helpline number, said additional health chief secretary Arun Kumar Singh.

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Jharkhand govt gets all projects approved under AMRUT 2.0

The Jharkhand urban development department has got all its projects approved by the Centre under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0. With this, the state has become the first one across the country to get a green nod for all its programmes.

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Boost for tribal community as Jharkhand to promote Hodopathy through medicinal gardens

Jharkhand's rural development department has decided to promote 'Hodopathy', a traditional medicinal system practiced by the state's tribal community.

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Kerala

Kerala govt to introduce efficiency-based promotion system from 2023

The Kerala government is planning to introduce an efficiency-based promotion system in state-run offices from 2023. The same has been decided as the employees have already submitted their confidential reports for 2021, and the next ones will be submitted only after January 2023.

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Kerala govt to launch ambulances for veterinary care

The Kerala government has decided to soon press into service ambulances for veterinary care in block-level panchayats across the state. Besides this, the state government would provide 50 per cent subsidy for loans taken by aspiring entrepreneurs in the dairy sector.

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Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development marks 20,900 employment creation in FY22

The Industries Minister of Kerala P Rajeev said that the Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development (KINFRA) has created about 20,900 jobs along with a private investment worth of Rs 1,522 crore in the fiscal year of 2021-22.

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