



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh govt plans to collaborate with EPCs to boost international trade

The Andhra Pradesh industries & commerce department is planning to collaborate with various export promotion councils (EPCs) to facilitate the participation of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in international trade fairs.

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### Andhra Pradesh tops in availability of numerical skills

Andhra Pradesh has topped among all states in terms of the availability of numerical skills, as per the India Skills Report. The state has the highest number of internship seekers in the country at 93.5 per cent.

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## Bihar

### Bihar's Mircha rice awarded GI tag

The Mircha rice variety from Bihar's West Champaran district has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It is known for its aroma and palatability. This is expected to further boost the production of Marcha rice and help farmers get a decent price for their produce.

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### Bihar's Samastipur ranks first under Jal Jeevan Survekshan

Bihar's Samastipur district has been ranked at the first position in the country as per the nation-wide ranking released for January 2023 under the Jal Jeevan Survekshan.

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## Gujarat

### Reliance entity to enter ice-cream market soon in Gujarat

Reliance Retail Ventures-backed FMCG company, Reliance Consumer Products, may soon enter the fast-growing ice cream market with a new brand "Independence.

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### Reliance arm to relaunch Sosyo beverages in Gujarat

Reliance had acquired a 50 per cent equity stake in the Surat-headquartered Sosyo Hajoori Beverages in January this year, with the rest (50%) continuing to be held by the founders, the Hajoori family.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Centre approves construction of 4-lane highway in Himachal Pradesh

The central government has approved the construction of a four-lane highway in Himachal Pradesh. The 85-km-long expressway would be developed from Hoshiarpur to Nadaun via Garget, Amb and Neharian.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt to set up one health institution in each Assembly constituency

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to set up one health institution in each Assembly constituency of the state. To be developed as 'Adarsh Swasthaya Sansthan', these institutes will provide 134 types of laboratory tests, latest diagnostic facilities and specialist medical staff.

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### Tourism to boost Himachal Pradesh's economy

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the state government with a view to encourage tourism in a big way is according priority to strengthen this sector in the state.

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## Haryana

### Haryana CM inaugurates 2 projects worth INR32 crore

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated two projects worth INR32 crore. These include railway overbridge from Basai Chowk to Dwarka Expressway and the revamped Sikanderpur water body & watershed complex in Gurugram.

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### Haryana govt constitutes FPO in Sirsa to promote shrimp farming

The Haryana government has constituted a farmer producer organisation (FPO) in Sirsa to promote shrimp farming with the help of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The process of registration has been completed and all the shrimp farmers will be added to the FPO. The state government further aims to build the FPO as an organisation that can emerge with its own brand and processing facilities, as per The Hindu Business Line.

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## Jharkhand

### Adani Power's thermal plant in Jharkhand begins commercial operation

Adani's 800 MW unit at its thermal plant in Jharkhand has begun commercial operations and the second unit of the 1600 MW project is also in an advanced stage of completion.

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### Soren launches TCIL's INR2,000 crore expansion project in Jamshedpur

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren performed the groundbreaking rituals for Tata Group firm Tinplate Company of India Ltd.'s (TCIL) INR2,000-crore expansion project.

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## Karnataka

### 2 railway stations in Karnataka to be upgraded under Amrit Bharat Station programme

Rail infrastructure in the eastern region of Karnataka's Bengaluru is undergoing renovations following the launch of Namma Metro service to Whitefield.

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### IISc signs MoU to work on wastewater transport and treatment projects in Karnataka

In order to work together on projects like water & wastewater transport and treatment, among others in Karnataka, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Gitam University and Water Technology Centre-Water & Effluent Treatment (WET IC) Division of L&T have formed a cooperation.

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## Maharashtra

### LIGO-India to come up in Hingoli, Maharashtra

The Union Cabinet has approved to set up a Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory-India (LIGO-India) in Hingoli, Maharashtra. For this purpose, land has been acquired to the tune of 70.4 hectares.

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### Projects worth INR33,690 crore approved for Mumbai Metropolitan Region

The Maharashtra government has approved rail projects to the tune of INR33690 crore. The projects include fifth and sixth line between Borivali and Virar, the third and fourth line between Kalyan and Badlapur and extension of Harbour line from Goregaon to Borivali.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### CIL to start power generation from 400 MW solar power projects

Coal India (CIL) plans to start power generation from solar power plants with a total capacity of 400 MW in 2023-24. The company aims to expand its solar portfolio to 3,000 MW with an investment of INR15000 crore.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt plans to set up cluster for food, cotton sectors Khargone

The Madhya Pradesh government is planning to set up a cluster for the food items manufacturers and cotton units in Khargone. The District Industries & Trade Centre (DITC) has identified around 14 hectares of land in the district for developing clusters for small and medium industries.

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## North East

### 100-bedded yoga & naturopathy hospital to be set up in Dibrugarh, Assam

A 100-bedded yoga and naturopathy hospital will be set up in Dibrugarh, Assam. The move will strengthen healthcare in the region, said Union ayurveda, yoga & naturopathy, unani, siddha and homeopathy (AYUSH) minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

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### Cross-border road under KMTTP in Mizoram to be completed by June

A cross-border road under the Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project (KMTTP) in Mizoram is expected to be completed by June 2023. The road between Lawngtlai and Zochachhuah is 87.1-km-long.

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### Nagaland receives investment proposals worth INR4,510 crore

Nagaland received investment proposals worth INR4,510 crore from national and international business delegates during the three-day B20 event that concluded on 6 April 2023. Investments to the tune of INR1,000 crore were made in the renewable energy sector for the next three years.

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### MoU signed to enhance trade relations between Bangladesh and Nagaland

The India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) signed an MoU with the Business Association of Nagas (BAN) to enhance trade relations.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt sanctions INR300 crore for Khurda Road-Balangir railway works

The Odisha government has set aside a sum of INR300 crore for the ongoing Khurda Road-Balangir railway project works. The funds will be utilised to lay train tracks from Daspalla in Nayagarh district to Jharatarbha in Balangir.

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### Odisha Cabinet approves INR331 crore for facilitating FPOs

The Odisha Cabinet approved INR331 crore for the implementation of a state sector scheme aimed at supporting farmer producer organisations (FPOs). The funds will be utilised over a period of five years from 2023-24.

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### Odisha receives investment commitments totalling INR26,000 crore

Odisha received investment commitments totalling INR26000 crore across various sectors. These include logistics, steel, green hydrogen and information technology (IT)/information technology enables services (ITeS).

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### NMC approves medical college at Bhawanipatna, Odisha

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has approved the opening of a government medical college at Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district of Odisha. The new medical college will have 100 Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) seats, informed state health and family welfare department secretary Shalini Pandit.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan CM approves proposal to hire 500 new buses

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot has approved a proposal to hire nearly 500 new buses on contract to strengthen transport services in urban areas. These buses will ply in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer and Kota.

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### RIICO launches eight new industrial areas

Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) has launched eight new industrial areas in as many divisions of the state to facilitate local entrepreneurs to establish venture using resources in their areas.

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## Punjab

### Punjab govt offices to operate from 7:30am to 2pm from 2 May to save electricity

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced that starting from 2 May, all government offices in the state will operate from 7:30am till 2pm.

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## Kerala

### Multi-level parking projects in Kerala transferred to Smart City Mission

The funds set aside for the construction of multi-level parking lots at the Putharikandam Maithanam & Medical College in Kerala have now been transferred to the Smart City Mission.

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### Kerala govt steps up to increase millet production

The area devoted to ragi, jowar and other millets in the state has decreased since the early 2000s. Cultivation hit its lowest point in 2016-17 when the total area under ragi was down to 33 hectares and production to 42 tonnes.

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## Telangana

### PM inaugurates various projects in Telangana, Tamil Nadu

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched and laid foundation stones for a range of mega projects in Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

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### 2 more medical colleges to come up in Telangana

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has approved the construction of two more medical colleges in Telangana. These colleges, with an intake of 100 seats each, will come up in Komareddy and Kumurambheem Asifabad districts.

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### 13 railway infra projects worth INR30,062 crore underway in Telangana

13 railway infrastructure projects measuring 2,390 km worth INR30,062 crore were currently under different stages of planning, approval, and execution in Telangana, the railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw informed the Rajya Sabha.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates various development projects

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin inaugurated various development projects in the state. These include the Thiru Vi Ka Park in Shenoy Nagar which was restored by the Chennai Metro Rail Limited at a cost of INR18 crore.

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### Tamil Nadu's MKU to get research park worth INR50 crore

The Madurai Kamaraj University (MKU) in Tamil Nadu is set to get a research park at a cost of INR50 crore. The new park will be built on the lines of the same at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras premises.

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### Tamil Nadu to get 6 more medical colleges

Tamil Nadu is set to get six more medical colleges in different districts including Kancheepuram, Tenkasi and Ranipet, among others. The information was shared by state health & family welfare minister Ma Subramanian.

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### Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates IIT-M initiative

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) initiative. The move would connect 100,000 government school students to electronic devices. Besides this, the CM also distributed electronic kits among government school students which were developed by the IIT-M.

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### Tamil Nadu to get hi-tech manufacturing centre

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to establish a high-tech manufacturing centre in partnership with the World Economic Forum. The aim is to accelerate the transition towards advanced manufacturing and woo global players to the state.

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### 3 godowns to come up in Tamil Nadu to protect foodgrains

A total of three godowns with a capacity of 3,400 metric tonnes (MT) each are set to come up in as many districts of Tamil Nadu to protect foodgrains from getting spoilt. These include Tiruppur, Ariyalur and Tiruppathur. The information was shared by state minister for food and civil supplies R Sakkarapani.

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## Union Territories

### J&K received investments worth INR1,540 crore during Apr 2022-Jan 2023

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) received investments worth INR1540 crore between 1 April 2022 and 31 January 2023. Out of the total, INR500 crore has been proposed by the EMAAR.

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### J&K CS launches 3 online services

J&K chief secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched three online services of the science & technology department on 7 April 2023. These include Sponsored Research & Extension Programme, Support for Innovation & Patent Filing scheme and Science Talent Promotion Scholarship Scheme.

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### J&K admin to invest INR560 crore for creating robust market ecosystem

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has announced INR560 crore investment in agriculture and allied sectors under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh CM lays foundation stone for 2,029 projects

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath laid the foundation stone for 2,029 urban development projects worth INR8,730 crore in Lucknow. As part of this, the CM launched books related to the state's urban digital mission, Progress of Swachh Bharat Mission, Govansh Protection and a manual to protect dogs, among others.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to set up 10 new Sanskrit secondary schools

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to establish 10 new government Sanskrit secondary schools in as many districts. These include Varanasi, Rae Bareli, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Moradabad, Shamli, Jalaun, Etah, Amethi and Hardoi.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to launch Aspirational Cities Programme

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to launch the Aspirational Cities Programme, in a bid to further strengthen the urban bodies and expand their capacity. A sum of INR100 crore billion has been set aside by the state urban development department for the implementation of the scheme.

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## Uttarakhand

### Tenders floated for 500-bedded wards at Doon Medical College Hospital in Uttarakhand

Tenders have been floated for the construction of 500-bedded wards in the Doon Medical College and Hospital at Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The cost of the project has been pegged at INR88.71 crore and is likely to be completed in 18 months.

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### Uttarakhand CM inaugurates Health ATM at state Secretariat

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated a Health ATM at the state Secretariat. The move aims to enable the general public to carry out various health tests on their own such as haemoglobin, blood sugar, blood pressure, uric acid, cholesterol, blood group, etc.

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### Railway line being developed between Uttarakhand's Rishikesh and Karnaprayag

A 125-km broad gauge railway line is being developed between Rishikesh and Karnaprayag in Uttarakhand. The works are being taken up by Rail Vikas Nigam (RVN), a public sector undertaking (PSU).

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## West Bengal

### KMC partners with Tata Power to set up 40 EV charging stations

Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has partnered with Tata Power to install 40 electric vehicle (EV) charging points for electric mobility plying in the city. KMC will provide space for Tata Power to install these charging stations across the city.

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### Bengal Silicon Valley expected to be operational by 2025 end

Bengal Silicon Valley Tech Hub, where top companies such as Reliance Industries (RIL), Adani Enterprises and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) have got possession of plots, is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2025. The state government is now trying to fast-track granting of different statutory approvals to the companies in order to make up for the time lost during the pandemic.

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