



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh's VMC council passes INR1419 crore Budget for 2023-24

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) council passed a INR1410 crore Budget for 2023-24 fiscal year. As per the budget, the estimated revenue income of the civic body has been pegged at INR850 crore, which is INR160 crore more than the previous year's estimate.

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### Andhra Pradesh's APFPS signs MoU with Flipkart

The Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Society (APFPS) has signed an MoU with the Flipkart India at the Global Investors Summit-2023. The partnership is aimed at helping Farmer Producers Organisations (FPOs) grow sustainably and accelerate their growth.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt signs MoU with GAVL to set up edible oil refining plant

Andhra Pradesh government signed an MoU with Godrej Agrovet Limited (GAVL) on the sidelines of the Andhra Pradesh Global Investors Summit (APGIS) 2023. As part of the pact, the company has proposed to invest INR100 crore to set up a manufacturing facility for an edible oil refinery and solvent extraction plant.

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### Power Grid Corporation approves 2 projects worth INR4,070 crore in Andhra Pradesh

The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has approved two projects worth INR4,070 crore in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. One of the projects, costing INR520 crore, will be undertaken at Kolimigundla and will become operational by November 2025.

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### AP govt signs pact with One97 Communications

Andhra Pradesh government has signed a pact with Paytm's parent company One97 Communications. The MoU aims to promote mutual cooperation in the areas of industrial development, financial inclusion, public health, cyber security and prevention of financial frauds in the state.

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### 15 GW renewable power projects to be developed in Andhra Pradesh

Around 15 GW of renewable power projects will be developed in Andhra Pradesh by the Adani Group over the next few years. The information was shared by Karan Adani chief executive officer of the Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones (APSEZ) during the state global investors summit.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Chhattisgarh to get 4 new medical colleges, 2 mental hospitals

Chhattisgarh will get as many as four new medical colleges and two mental hospitals. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel. The medical colleges will be set up in Manendragarh, Geedam, Janjgir Champa and Kabirdham.

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### Chhattisgarh CM announces projects worth INR1,000 crore

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel has announced projects worth INR1,000 crore for boosting the state's infrastructure sector.

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## Gujarat

### Union minister inaugurates projects worth INR154 crore in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Union home minister Amit Shah inaugurated development projects worth INR154 crore in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The projects include smart schools in Chandkheda, Sabarmati, Shela, Thaltej & Sarkhej regions.

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### Startups Portal to support young industrialists-startups launched by Gujarat

The state government launched the updated startup Gujarat portal which proposes to bring various stakeholder on single platform, promoting innovation research and latest technologies of the state's young industrialists - startups.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### NHAI approves four-laning of 2 roads in Himachal Pradesh

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has approved four-laning of the Shimla-Matour and Pathankot-Mandi roads. The road project from Shimla to Matour will cost INR10,000 crore and the one from Pathankot to Mandi will cost INR12,000 crore.

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### AG Poly Packs to set up new manufacturing unit in Himachal Pradesh

AG Poly Packs will be investing INR42 crore to set up a new manufacturing plant in Parwanoo, Himachal Pradesh. The plant will be making flexible tubes for the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries.

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## Haryana

### HSIIDC plans to expand Barwala Industrial Area

The HSIIDC has given three options for land acquisition to farmers. Apart from Barwala block, farmers and landlords of Raipur Rani block can also give their land to the HSIIDC to develop it under the industrial and commercial schemes.

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### BrightNight, ACEN ink pact for India renewables buildout

BrightNight and ACEN will partner to develop and build differentiated hybrid wind-solar projects, with a calibrated use of energy storage, that operate around the clock, with a focus to serve the specific demand from high credit rated central and state utilities as well as commercial and industrial offtakers.

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## Karnataka

### 3 Special Investment Regions to come up in Karnataka

As many as three Special Investment Regions (SIR) are being developed in Karnataka where all permissions to start business activities will be decentralised.

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### Karnataka govt plans to set up aircraft manufacturing unit

The Karnataka government has been planning to set up an aircraft manufacturing unit in the state. The information was shared by state Chief Minister (CM) Basavaraj Bommai. He informed that most of the spare parts of Airbus, Saffron and other companies are manufactured in the state.

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### Karnataka govt to set up fodder-producing unit in Haveri

The Karnataka government has decided to set up a fodder-producing unit in Haveri. The facility will help increase dairy farming in the district, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. He inaugurated the UHT milk processing plant at Jangamanakoppa village.

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### TPREL signs PPA for 510 MW hybrid project with TPDDL

Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL) has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Tata Power Delhi Distribution (TPDDL) to supply electricity from its 510 MW hybrid project. It is located in Karnataka and is one of the largest hybrid projects in the country with the capacity bifurcation of 170 MW solar and 340 MW wind power.

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## Kerala

### Kerala to get CoE for vegetables and floriculture

Kerala is set to get a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for vegetables and floriculture at Wayanad's Ambalavayal. The centre is being set up by the State Horticulture Mission (SHM) in association with the Regional Agriculture Research Station (RARS) and state agriculture dept.

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### Kerala Tourism makes a strong pitch at Berlin fair

Kerala Tourism has made a strong presence at the ITB-Berlin tourism trade fair, showcasing diverse experiential products and initiatives catering to the demands of travellers in the post-COVID-19 period.

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## Maharashtra

### MoU signed to set up Maharashtra Virtual Incubation Centre

The Maharashtra government has signed an MoU with 91Springboard Business Hub for setting up the Maharashtra Virtual Incubation Centre (MVIC). The centre aims to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the state by providing a supportive ecosystem for startups to grow and scale their businesses.

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### Centre urged to approve new airports in Maharashtra's Palghar, Fardapur

Former Maharashtra minister Aaditya Thackeray has urged Union minister for civil aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia to approve new airports in Palghar and Fardapur.

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### Tenders worth INR320 crore finalised for proposed Paud Phata-Balbharati link road

Tenders worth INR320 crore have been finalised for the proposed Paud Phata-Balbharati link road by the civic administration. The tenders will be issued in a couple of weeks. The proposed road will be 2.1-km-long and 30-metre-wide, including six metre pedestrian path.

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### Maharashtra's renewable capacity grows 9 per cent

The installed renewable energy capacity in Maharashtra rose by nine per cent on a y-o-y basis so far in the financial year 2022-23. According to the state economic survey for 2022-23, the installed renewable energy capacity stood at 11,400 MW in the current year compared to 10,502 MW in 2021-22.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Company proposes INR300 crore investment in MP's Dhar

An energy company has proposed to invest INR300 crore in Jetapur in Dhar for setting up an unit. The proposed employment by the company to the industry department.

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### GR Infraprojects rises 3 per cent on getting completion certificate for Madhya Pradesh project

GR Infraprojects received a completion certificate for Madhya Pradesh-based project awarded under the Bharatmala Pariyojana on EPC mode.

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## North East

### Assam govt gives final approval to master plans of 15 towns

The Assam housing and urban affairs department has given the final approval to master plans of 15 towns of the state. These include Tinsukia, Chabua, Doomdooma, Makum, Digboi, Dhekiajuli, Nalbari, Tihu, Titabor, Teok, Narayanpur, Bihpuria, Barpathar, Sarupathar and Gossaigaon.

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### Advanced cancer research centre to come up at Amingaon, Assam

A world-class facility for fundamental and advanced cancer research, named South Asia Cancer Research Centre, is likely to come up at Amingaon in Assam's Kamrup district. It would be one of the topmost cancer research centres with an attached paediatric oncology hospital for child-related cancer treatment.

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### Neiphiu Rio sworn in as CM of Nagaland

Neiphiu Rio was sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by state Governor La Ganesan.

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### Nagaland to get 14.7-km highway from Dimapur to Kohima

The Centre has decided to undertake a significant infrastructure development project in Nagaland. As part of this, a 14.7-km-long four-lane highway will be constructed from Dimapur to Kohima.

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## Odisha

### Odisha CM inaugurates, lays foundation for 647 projects

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik inaugurated and laid foundation stones for as many as 647 projects in Sundargarh. The total cost of these projects has been pegged at INR960 crore.

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### Odisha to get IOCL's mega dual feed cracker unit at Paradip

The Odisha Cabinet has given nod for the setting up of Indian Oil Corporation Limited's (IOCL) mega dual feed cracker unit at Paradip. The cost of the project has been pegged at INR58,040 crore.

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### Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation bags 2 coal blocks in Odisha

Mining PSU Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) has emerged as the highest bidder for two coal blocks in Odisha in the recently concluded commercial mine auction. The PSU won the bids for Burapahar block having a geological reserve of 548 million tonnes (MT) and the Baitarani (West) block having geological reserve of 1,152 MT.

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## Punjab

### Punjab budget: Economic survey predicts 3.7 per cent growth in agricultural and allied sector

The Economic Survey has revealed that agriculture-based industries in the state represent 7.67 per cent of the total food processing industries registered in the country. The state has the fourth-highest share of food processing industries, surpassed by Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. The potential for agro-processing units in the state is high due to the agricultural productivity in the state.

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### IBM launches world-class skill programmes at LTSU Punjab

With an intent to focus on new-age skills under the New Education Policy and aimed at transforming Indian youth into Industry-Ready professionals, IBM, the World's leading MNC which is incubating Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab (LTSU) as an anchor partner is launching world-class new age skill programmes in the field of Computer Science Engineering.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt to revamp 4 medical colleges

The Rajasthan government had decided to revamp as many as four medical colleges in the state with new equipment, furniture and books.

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### RAI signed MoU with the Rajasthan Government to support MSME retail businesses

The Government of Rajasthan and the Retailers Association of India (RAI) have signed a MoU for the promotion of retail businesses in the state and evaluate sourcing opportunities from Rajasthan. RAI will also participate in and support the first-of-its-kind international expo organised by the Rajasthan Export Promotion Council in Jodhpur from 20th - 22nd March.

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## Telangana

### Bids invited to install 50 MW rooftop solar projects in Telangana

The Telangana State Renewable Energy Development Corporation (TSREDCO) has invited bids to empanel vendors to install 50 MW of grid-connected residential rooftop solar projects under phase-II of the Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme.

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### Centre gives nod for constructing 63-km four-lane road in Telangana

The Centre has given nod for the development of about 63-km of road into four lanes from Telangana's Bellampalli to Maharashtra's Gadchiroli. The stretch is a part of the proposed 568-km Hyderabad-Raipur Economic Corridor.

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### Telangana's TSCOST signs MoU with RGUKT for solving local-specific problems

The Telangana State Council of Science & Technology (TSCOST) has signed an MoU with the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, for transferring technologies from lab to land for solving local-specific problems in the state.

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### Telangana to develop 72 industrials parks

The Telangana government plans to develop 72 industrial parks spreading over 12,140 hectares in the next five years. State information technology and industries minister K. T. Rama Rao mentioned this during the 'Accelerating Telangana Growth Momentum' conference that was held in Hyderabad.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu Cabinet clears 6 industrial projects

Tamil Nadu Cabinet cleared six industrial projects which are expected to bring INR40,000 crore in investments to the state. It also approved policies for logistics and piped cooking gas supply in metropolitan areas.

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### Centre approves setting up of 8 floating jetty projects in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka

The Centre has given its approval to set up as many as four floating jetty projects each in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka under the Sagarmala programme.

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### Tamil Nadu ministers lay foundation for 3 new bridges in Chennai

Tamil Nadu ministers KN Nehru and Udhayanidhi Stalin laid the foundation stone for three new bridges in Chennai. These will come up at Kodambakkam, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar and Tondiarpet zone. The structures will be constructed at a cost of INR360 crore.

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### Tamil Nadu CM lays foundation for special hospital in Kolathur

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin laid the foundation stone for the construction of a special hospital at the Government Peripheral Hospital campus in Kolathur.

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### TN to set up Space Industries Park in Thoothukudi

The Tamil Nadu government plans to set up a Space Industries Park and Propellants Park in Thoothukudi district. The state intends to take advantage of the Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport that the Centre has planned to build in southern Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has floated a request for proposal to appoint a consultant to prepare a feasibility report.

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### Tamil Nadu minister lays foundation for ITI at Virupatchi

Tamil Nadu food and civil supplies minister R Sakkarapani laid the foundation stone for the construction of an industrial training institute (ITI) at Virupatchi in Oddanchatram. The facility will come up at a cost of INR37 crore. It will comprise classrooms, library and workshops on the ground floor and classrooms on the first floor.

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## Union Territories

### Saurabh Bharadwaj takes oath as Delhi health minister

The Delhi government has allocated the health, urban development, water and industry departments to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj. Apart from this, Atishi Marlena Singh will handle education, public works department (PWD), power and tourism departments.

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### NHM proposes to establish State Health System Resource Centre in J&K

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) National Health Mission (NHM) has proposed to establish a State Health System Resource Centre in the union territory (UT). The aim is to provide technical assistance to the UT health department as well as the NHM so that people are provided quality healthcare services.

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### J&K admin to launch 350 modern health infrastructure projects

As many as 350 modern health infrastructure projects will soon be launched in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The move comes as part of the union territory (UT) administration's efforts to strengthen the health sector.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### UP CM approves infrastructure projects in Ayodhya

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved world-class infrastructure projects worth INR460 crore in Ayodhya.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand CM inaugurates 11-km-long Mahakali river

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated an 11-km-long Mahakali river from Charan Mandir located on Tanakpur-Jauljibi road to Boom in Tanakpur. Besides this, he also launched hot air balloon and para motor adventure activities at Kiroda Nala.

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### Uttarakhand govt to set up 13 hostels exclusively for orphans

The Uttarakhand government has decided to set up 13 hostels exclusively for orphans. The hostels would cater to the educational, health and moral needs of over 850 children.

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