



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

NHPC inks pact with APGENCO for developing green power projects

NHPC and Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to develop pumped storage hydropower and other renewable energy projects in Andhra Pradesh.

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Andhra Pradesh CM lays foundation stone for Central Tribal University in Vizianagaram

Chief Minister (CM) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan laid the foundation stone for INR830 crore Central Tribal University at Chinamedapalli in Vizianagaram.

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AP CM lays foundation stone for 3 green power projects

Chief Minister (CM) Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has laid the foundation stone for three renewable power projects. These projects will together add a capacity to generate 5,314 MW and will entail an investment of INR25,850 crore.

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APFPS signs MoU to set up solar dehydration units in Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Society (APFPS) and Bank of Baroda have signed an MoU for the expansion of the solar dehydration units in the state. As part of the agreement, 5,000 solar dehydration units will be installed across the state by December 2023.

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Bihar

Bihar govt to develop Marine Drive in Patna

The Bihar government is planning to transform the seven-km section between Digha and Gandhi Maidan as the Patna Marine Drive. The proposed development calls for the creation of lush flora and a variety of parks that would border the JP Ganga Path.

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660 MW power plant inaugurated at Barh, Bihar

A 600 MW power plant has been inaugurated at Barh in Bihar. It is the second unit of NTPC Limited's Barh Super Thermal Power Project. It will help to meet the growing power demand in the state as well as the country.

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Gujarat

Shell Energy India to invest on setting up renewable energy project

Shell Energy India will invest INR2,200 crore to set up a renewable energy project in Banaskantha, Gujarat. The company inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the state government.

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Gujarat to get another Vande Bharat train on Udhna-Indore route

Gujarat is likely to get another Vande Bharat train on Udhna-Indore route. The proposed train will pass through Vadodara. It will be operated daily, barring Tuesdays. Furthermore, the train will have halts at Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam and Ujjain.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt to set up institute for disaster management

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to set up a state institute for disaster management. The decision has been taken in view of the recent damage caused to human life and property by a series of rains & cloudbursts.

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Himachal Pradesh govt to set up new recruitment commission

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to set up a new recruitment commission which will replace the disbanded Himachal Pradesh State Staff Selection Commission (HPSSC). The new commission will focus solely on merit-based selection, eradicating concerns about paper leaks and other irregularities.

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Himachal Pradesh govt approves construction of ropeway in Mandi

The Himachal Pradesh government has approved the construction of a ropeway from national highway (NH)-21 to Mata Baglamukhi Temple in Mandi district. The development aims to bring in a mode of transportation similar to the Alpine region of Europe and minimise the cutting of mountains for the construction of roads.

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Centre approves INR200 crore for rain-battered Himachal Pradesh

The Centre has approved the release of INR200 crore as advance assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for Himachal Pradesh. The amount will help the rain-battered state undertake relief measures for affected people.

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Haryana

Haryana govt to come up with electronics waste recycling policy

The state government has decided to bring an electronics waste recycling policy. The proposed policy is aimed at ensuring proper recycling of old and defective electronic items in the state.

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Haryana CM approves GMDA's annual Budget worth INR2,570 crore

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar approved the INR2,570 crore annual Budget for the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) for the financial year 2023-24.

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Haryana govt to establish industrial township in Mothuka

The Haryana government has decided to establish an industrial township in Mothuka village of Tigaon Assembly constituency. The information was shared by state deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand govt signs MoU with TCPL Green Energy Solution Private Limited

Jharkhand government signed an MoU with the TCPL Green Energy Solution Private Limited (TGESPL). As part of it, the TGESPL will establish the country's first hydrogen fuel industry in Jamshedpur.

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NH-522 in Jharkhand set to be expanded and reconstructed

The Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has decided to expand and reconstruct national highway (NH)-522 in the Giridih & Hazaribagh districts of Jharkhand. It was stated that there is a plan to widen the road to have four lanes with paved shoulders.

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JREDA invites bids for 8,000 off-grid solar pumping systems in Jharkhand

The Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA) has invited bids for the installation and commissioning of 8,000 off-grid solar pumping systems of different capacities. The successful bidder will also have to take care of the operation and maintenance of the project for five years.

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Karnataka

Karnataka SBWL approves execution of 288-km Satellite Town Ring Road project

The Karnataka State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) approved the execution of the 288-km Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project. The cost of the project, which aims to decongest roads, has been pegged at INR17,000 crore.

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Karnataka emerging as major Lithium-ion battery manufacturing hub

Karnataka is emerging as a major lithium-ion battery manufacturing hub with at least four major lithium-ion battery and cell manufacturing units proposed in and around Bengaluru in the past year.

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Kerala

Centre to launch second Vande Bharat Express in Kerala

The Centre will soon launch the second Vande Bharat Express in Kerala. For this purpose, staff training, including that of loco pilots, is ongoing in Chennai. The decision has been taken following the success of the initial Vande Bharat service.

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Kerala's first AI school inaugurated in Thiruvananthapuram

Former President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Kerala's first artificial intelligence (AI) school at Santhigiri Vidyabhavan in Thiruvananthapuram. It is an innovative learning method that ensures international standards and quality learning opportunities for students with the help of AI technology.

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Kerala govt sanctions development projects worth INR177.5 crore

The Kerala government has sanctioned development projects worth INR170 crore in the ayurveda, yoga & naturopathy, unani, siddha and homeopathy (AYUSH) sector for financial year 2023-24. As part of this, four new AYUSH integrated hospitals will come up in the state.

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Kerala govt launches INR2,400 crore 'Maatam' project

Kerala government launched the 'Maatam' project worth INR2,400 crore. The state-of-the-art waste management system aims to ensure that all urban local bodies (ULB) in the state have world-class facilities for solid waste management.

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh CM lays foundation for 'Hanuman Lok' corridor

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stone for 'Hanuman Lok' corridor in Chhindwara district. The corridor will come up on 10.5 hectares of land at Jam Sanwali temple. The cost of the development has been pegged at INR310 crore.

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Foundation stone laid for Datia Airport in Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia laid the foundation stone for the Datia Airport in the state. The airport is being developed at a cost of around INR50 crore and is expected to be complete by Feb 2024.

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INR500 crore being invested in redeveloping Gwalior railway station

The Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that a total of 1,300 railway stations, including Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, are being redeveloped and modernised under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'.

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Madhya Pradesh CM inaugurates, lays foundation for projects worth INR670 crore

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development works worth INR670 crore in Panna district.

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Maharashtra

Centre provides INR200 crore to boost health infrastructure in Maharashtra's Nashik

The central government has provided INR200 crore to Maharashtra's Nashik under the NHM since 2020-21. The funds have been used in the construction of maternity hospitals and strengthening hospitals, primary health centres & field hospitals in rural areas.

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Maharashtra govt to set up facilitation centre for new industries

The Maharashtra government has decided to set up a facilitation centre as a single-window clearance for new industries. The information was shared by state deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis.

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North-East

Meghalaya Cabinet approves proposal to set up 3 medical colleges

The Meghalaya Cabinet approved a proposal to set up as many as three medical colleges in the state over the next few years. These medical colleges will come up in Shillong, Tura and Ri Bhoi.

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Mizoram becomes first state in India to operationalise ABDM microsite project

Mizoram has become the first state in India to operationalise Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission's (ABDM) microsite project. As part of this, all healthcare facilities including private clinics, small hospitals & labs in the region will be made ABDM-enabled and will offer digital health services to the patients.

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NFSU to open off-campus facility in Guwahati, Assam

The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) has decided to open an off-campus facility in Guwahati, Assam. The Union ministry of home affairs has published a notice of this in the Gazette of India.

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Nagaland's first women rehabilitation centre set up at Sensolikum

Nagaland's first women rehabilitation centre has been set up at Sensolikum. It would provide a range of essential services to women struggling with substance abuse. These include detox, rehabilitation, counselling, outreach programmes and vocational classes.

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NHAI signs pact with Assam govt to increase forest cover along NH

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an agreement with the Assam environment and forest department to increase forest cover along the national highways (NH) in the state.

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NHPC inks MoU with RITES to build railway siding for 2,880 MW Dibang Project

NHPC inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with RITES to construct railway siding at Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) for NHPC's 2,880 MW Dibang Multi Purpose Project. As a Project Management Consultant, RITES will provide comprehensive and efficient solutions for developing rail infrastructure facilities for NHPC Dibang and other upcoming projects in Arunachal Pradesh.

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Odisha

Centre to establish inland waterway worth INR12,000 crore in Odisha

The Centre is planning to establish an inland waterway worth INR12,000 crore on the Brahmani river in Odisha. The development will facilitate the transportation of goods from four industrial clusters to the ports of Paradip and Dhamra.

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Odisha CM sanctions INR100 crore for 3 bridges in Malkangiri

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik has sanctioned a sum of INR100 crore for the construction of three bridges in Chitrakonda block of Malkangiri district.

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Odisha govt approves 9 projects worth INR870 crore

Odisha government approved as many as nine new projects worth INR 870 crore. The decision was taken at the SLSWCA meeting chaired by chief secretary PK Jena.

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Centre sanctions INR11.68 crore for development of 14 schools in Odisha

The Centre has sanctioned a sum of INR11.68 crore for the infrastructure development of 14 schools in Odisha. These include Talcher's Handidhua Government Primary School, Brajanath Badajena High School, Ranapratap High School, Bhubana Panchayatiraj School, Mahendragiri Municipality High School, Alanahaat High School, etc.

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Rajasthan

Union minister inaugurates 33 Khelo India Centres in Rajasthan

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurated 33 Khelo India Centres in Rajasthan. He further announced that a National Centre of Excellence will be established in the state.

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Rajasthan CM launches 'Rajasthan Mission 2030'

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot launched the 'Rajasthan Mission 2030'. The aim is to bring the state to the front row of developed states in the next seven years.

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Rajasthan govt approves INR700 crore for strengthening canal system

The Rajasthan government has approved a sum of INR700 crore for strengthening the canal system and other related works.

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Tamil Nadu

SkillsDA Training Institute inaugurated in Tamil Nadu's Chennai

SkillsDA Training Institute was inaugurated in Tamil Nadu's Chennai. It has designed cyber security programmes for school & college students and working professionals.

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Tamil Nadu to set up 'India Centre for Advanced Manufacturing' in Chennai

The state government has decided to set up the 'India Centre for Advanced Manufacturing' in Chennai in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF). The development aims to elevate the state's manufacturing sector to higher value-add segments.

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Tamil Nadu CM launches Green Fellowship Programme

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin launched the Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme (CMGFP). Under the two-year initiative, the selected green fellows will receive a monthly stipend of INR60,000, a travel allowance of INR15,000 and a laptop.

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Telangana

Coca-Cola to invest additional INR640 crore in Telangana

Coca-Cola has decided to invest an additional INR640 crore in Telangana. The amount will be utilised to install new lines in the Siddipet plant, which is expected to be completed by December 2024.

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Telangana govt approves allocation of additional land for Mamnoon Airport expansion

The Telangana Cabinet has approved the allocation of additional land to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for the Mamnoon Airport expansion. Currently, the AAI possesses 281.6 hectares of land, but for the airport's re-operation, a total of 384 hectares is required.

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Telangana govt added additional 800 MW of hydropower in 9 years

The Telangana government has added an additional 800 MW of hydropower in the last nine years. As per a study conducted by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) during 2017-23, the assessed hydropower potential of the state from major and medium schemes, having capacity above 25 MW, stood at 1.3 GW.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt plans 3 hydropower projects totaling 3,250 MW

The Uttar Pradesh government has planned as many as three hydropower projects totaling 3,250 MW in the traditionally underserved eastern region. These include Sonbhadra, Chandauli and Mirzapur.

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Uttar Pradesh govt to give 6 dairy plants on lease for 10 years

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to give six dairy plants on lease for 10 years. The decision has been taken in order to guarantee fair prices for the state's milk producers and ensure accessibility of high-quality milk to the public.

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Hotel companies line up for heritage projects in UP

Hotel companies are looking to acquire heritage properties in Uttar Pradesh (UP) as the state government looks to develop the kothis and havelis into premium heritage hotels. The government has reportedly selected nine properties to be developed into heritage hotels.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Cabinet approves expansion of runway at Pantnagar airport

The Uttarakhand Cabinet has approved a proposal to expand the runway at Pantnagar airport from the existing 1.3-km to three-km. The move aims to develop the airport as an international one.

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Dehradun-Haridwar-Rishikesh Metro Corridor to be completed by 2024

The Uttarakhand Metro Rail Corporation (UKMRC) is developing the 73-km-long Dehradun-Haridwar-Rishikesh Metro Corridor. The initiative is expected to improve connectivity and enhance the pedestrian footfall between Rishikesh & Haridwar.

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Centre urged to allocate 400-450 MW of energy to Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami met Union energy minister RK Singh in Delhi. During the meeting, the former urged the latter to permanently allocate around 400-450 MW of energy from coal-based plants to the state.

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Union Territories

Delhi LG approves 10.1 hectares each for 2 universities

Delhi LG VK Saxena approved the allotment of 10.1 hectares each for the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU) and Delhi Teachers' University (DTU) in Narela.

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J&K LG inaugurates, lays foundation for projects in Budgam

Jammu & Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various developmental projects in Budgam. The projects inaugurated include public & children parks around Charar-e-Sharief Shrine; renovation works for Bairam Hill Cave; Jogger's Park at MC Chadoora; water supply scheme in Harinoo and primary health centre in Choon.

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J&K to get investments worth INR80,000 crore

Jammu & Kashmir is likely to get investments to the tune of INR80,000 crore soon. It will provide employment to 500,000 people. The union territory (UT) administration is keen to establish an industrial ecosystem that will help the local youth achieve their dreams.

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Foundation stone laid for ACB headquarters at Sidhra, J&K

Jammu & Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha laid the foundation stone of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) headquarters at Sidhra. The infrastructure comprises of basement, six storeys, parking area and police station central.

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West Bengal

WBSEDCL floats tender for 10 MW solar power plant in Uttar Dinajpur

The WBSEDCL has floated a tender for a 10 MW solar PV power plant in Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. The scope of work includes procurement, fabrication, galvanisation, supply, delivery, installation and fixing of solar PV module, array junction box, etc.

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West Bengal govt to announce various policy decisions to attract more investment

The West Bengal government will announce various policy decisions to facilitate and attract more investment during the Bengal Global Business Summit to be held in November 2023. The information was shared by Amit Mitra, principal chief advisor to CM Mamata Banerjee.

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