



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Development works worth Rs. 5.7 bln to be taken up in Haryana's Sirsa

On 29 May 2022, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar announced development works worth Rs. 5.7 billion for Sirsa district.

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Haryana's Faridabad to get 3 real-time noise level monitoring stations

The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) is planning to set up the state's first three real-time noise level monitoring stations in Faridabad by August 2022-end. This comes in the wake of the growing concerns over noise levels breaching permissible limits.

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Haryana's first petrol, diesel, CNG filling station inaugurated in Kurukshetra

On 31 May 2022, Haryana's first petrol, diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station was inaugurated as a pilot project on the premises of the district jail at Kurukshetra. This has come as part of an initiative of reformation and integration among the inmates for their welfare.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh CM lays foundation stone for 6 projects worth Rs. 15.1 mln

On 27 May 2022, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur laid the foundation stone for six developmental projects worth Rs. 15.1 million.

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Himachal Pradesh govt announces free domestic water supply in rural areas

The Himachal Pradesh government has announced that consumers in rural areas of the state will be provided free domestic water supply. As part of it, no bill will be charged from them for domestic water supply after 1 May 2022. The decision would benefit about 1.1 million consumers. The move will put an annual burden of Rs. 2.5 billion on the state exchequer.

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PM releases Rs. 210 bln for farmers in Himachal Pradesh under PM KISAN

On 31 May 2022, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi disbursed Rs. 210 billion to more than 100 million beneficiary farmers from Himachal Pradesh, under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN) scheme.

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Punjab

TDI Infratech to invest Rs.6 billion in Punjab over next 3 years

TDI Infratech will invest Rs.6 billion in Punjab over the next three years as a part of its expansion plans. An amount of Rs.1.5 billion will be spent on its project Parkstreet on PR-7, which will come at Sector 118 in TDI City, Mohali. Another Rs.2 billion will be invested in TDI's commercial project South Ex-II, which will have built-up SCOs and SCO plots.

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Construction work begins on greenfield alignment road in Punjab

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has begun construction work on the greenfield alignment road in Punjab. The 32-km road is expected to ease traffic in Chandigarh and Mohali. The cost of the project has been pegged at Rs. 7 billion.

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Punjab's Mohali to get 2 more sports stadiums by July

Punjab's Mohali will be getting two more sports stadiums by July 2022. The municipality will first take over the stadium of phase-VII and phase-XI. A discussion on whether the civic body will run these stadiums on its own or on a contract basis is underway.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt extends 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Incentive Return' scheme for residents for 2 months

The Gujarat government has extended the 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Incentive Return' scheme for residents for two more months, starting June and July 2022. The decision has been taken with an aim to facilitate and encourage the residents to pay municipal taxes, including property tax, general water tax, special water tax, light tax and sewerage tax, among others.

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7,523 health & wellness centers set up in Gujarat

As many as 7,523 health and wellness centers have been set up in Gujarat under the Ayushman Bharat project. The state government had fixed a target of establishing 7,006 such facilities in 2021-22, reported The Times of India. Under the initiative, people are given services related to pregnancy & childbirth, neonatal & child healthcare and family planning. In addition, facilities like management of infectious diseases, diagnosis of non-infectious diseases and emergency medical services are also provided at these centres.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt to generate 12,000 MW of renewable energy in 6 years

The Maharashtra government has decided to set up 12,000 MW of new solar power generation plants over the next six years. The move will ensure that there is no shortfall in electricity supply due to growing demand for power, especially during summer.

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Maharashtra govt clears credit plan of Rs. 26.3 trillion for 2022-23

On 30 May 2022, Maharashtra's state level bankers' committee (SLBC), chaired by Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Thackeray, cleared the credit plan of Rs. 26.3 trillion for 2022-23, as against Rs. 18.1 trillion in 2021-22.

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1.9 mln houses to be established in Maharashtra under PMAY

As many as 1.9 million affordable houses will be established in Maharashtra under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). These houses will come up in Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Ambarnath, Ulhasnagar, Badlapur and Dombivali.

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Jammu & Kashmir

J&K administration unveils progress report

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has released a report on the development initiatives in the union territory. The report titled 'Jammu & Kashmir-Towards Peace, Progress Prosperity'. The report highlights the development on different parameters including governance, power sector, Covid management, education, agriculture growth etc.

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BSF developing counter drone, anti-tunnel tech: DG Pankaj Kumar Singh

The Border Security Force is continuously working to develop counter-drone and anti-tunnel technologies to effectively check cross-border drugs and arms smuggling and terrorist infiltration bids along the India-Pakistan border.

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh govt to take measures for welfare of farmers

On 29 May 2022, Madhya Pradesh agriculture minister Kamal Patel inaugurated the 'Soya Mahakumbh' in the state. The move is expected to benefit around 2,500 farmers and other stakeholders of the soybean industry such as scientists & officials from development departments.

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NTPC Renewable Energy invites bids for 100 MW of wind energy projects in Madhya Pradesh

The NTPC Renewable Energy has floated tenders for setting up 100 MW of state transmission utility (STU)-connected wind energy projects in Madhya Pradesh.

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Madhya Pradesh minister inaugurates various development projects at Narela

On 30 May 2022, Madhya Pradesh medical education minister Vishvas Sarang inaugurated various development projects at Narela. The total cost of these projects has been pegged at Rs. 20 million.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt approves allocation of Rs. 3.9 bln for flood restoration work in coastal districts

The Tamil Nadu highways department has accorded approval for allocating Rs. 3.9 billion for carrying out permanent flood restoration works in coastal districts of the state.

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Tamil Nadu records 3% growth in FDI during 2021-22

By the end of the 2021-22 fiscal, Tamil Nadu recorded a foreign direct investment (FDI) of USD 2.8 billion. This has shown a rise of about three per cent from Rs. 2.2 billion in 2020-21

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Tamil Nadu govt launches initiative to provide free bus rides to kids up to 5 years of age

On 29 May 2022, the Tamil Nadu government rolled out an initiative to provide free bus rides to children up to five years of age across the state. The revised norm will be applicable in buses of the State Express Transport Corporation (SETC), Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) and six corporations of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) Limited.

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh's APERC asks discoms to promote energy-efficient home appliances

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) has advised the power distribution companies (discoms) and Andhra Pradesh State Energy Efficiency Development Corporation (APSEEDCO) Limited to prepare modalities for launching a project for the promotion and sale of energy-efficient home appliances.

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Stainless steel FOB inaugurated in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

On 30 May 2022, Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker T Seetharam inaugurated stainless steel foot-over-bridge (FOB) at Srikakulam road railway station in Srikakulam district. The move aims to provide a more comfortable journey to the public.

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Sagarmala project in Andhra Pradesh to be completed by 2035

The Sagarmala project, which is being undertaken in Andhra Pradesh, is expected to be completed by 2035. The project aims to take cargo handling in the country to 105 million tonnes from 16 million tonnes.

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt to provide free electricity up to 75 units/month to all SC, ST families

The Karnataka government has decided to provide free electricity up to 75 units every month to all Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) families living below poverty line (BPL) in the state, with effect from 1 May 2022.

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Karnataka CM introduces health and wellness app, called 'AAYU'

On 29 May 2022, Karnataka Chief Minister (CM) Basavaraj Bommai introduced a health and wellness app, called 'AAYU'. The app aims to address and help heal chronic diseases & lifestyle disorders through yoga and meditation.

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Karnataka govt approves Arogya Sanjeevini scheme

The Karnataka government has approved the Karnataka Arogya Sanjeevini scheme for its employees. The cashless treatment scheme aims to remove disparities in the salary of the state government employees this year.

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Telangana

Telangana records second-highest growth rate of GSDP at current prices in 2021-22

Out of 17 states, Telangana has reported the second-highest growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at current prices at 19.1 per cent in 2021-22.

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HHRDA launches 'Janatha Clinics' in Telangana

On 30 May 2022, the Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association (HRDA) launched 'Janatha Clinics' in Telangana. The aim is to counter dishonest medical practices in rural parts of the state.

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Telangana's IT, ITeS exports witness 26.1% growth in 2021-22

The Telangana government collected Rs. 1.8 trillion in terms of information technology (IT) and information technology enabled services (ITeS) exports in 2021-22, as compared to Rs. 1.4 trillion in 2020-21. The state also witnessed a rise in employment in the IT sector by 23.7 per cent, reaching 778,121 in 2021-22 from 149,506 jobs in 2020-21.

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Delhi

Rs. 160.3 mln approved for strengthening 12 roads across Delhi

The Delhi government has approved Rs. 160.3 million for redeveloping, strengthening and beautification of 12 roads across the national capital. These include Dr. Kundan Lal Marg, Rajouri Apartment Road, Shanti Devi Marg, Prem Nagar Gurudwara Road, Shaheed Mangal Pandey Marg and Bhai Kanheya Ji Marg, among others.

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MCD to commission new waste-to-energy plant at Delhi's Tehkhand

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has decided to commission a new waste-to-energy (WTE) plant at Tehkhand. The project aims to accelerate disposal of municipal waste collected from neighborhoods.

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Delhi govt to deploy 300 electric mini-buses on small feeder routes

The Delhi government has decided to deploy 300 electric mini-buses on small feeder routes where the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and Cluster Scheme buses do not run.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt launches 2 schemes for fishermen in 2022-23

The Uttar Pradesh government rolled out as many as two new schemes in the financial year 2022-23 for the welfare and economic well-being of the fishermen community in the state. These include the Mukhyamantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and Nishadraj Boat Subsidy Yojana.

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Uttar Pradesh govt to come up with agroforestry app

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to develop an agroforestry app to provide farmers knowledge about various tree species. It will also facilitate them in agroforestry plantation.

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PM inaugurates third Uttar Pradesh Investors Summit

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the ground-breaking ceremony of the third Uttar Pradesh Investors Summit today. He laid the foundation stone for 1,406 projects worth more than Rs. 800 billion.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan grants 'industry' status to tourism & hospitality sector

The Rajasthan government on 28 May 2022 accorded 'industry' status to the tourism and hospitality sector. Reportedly, the grant of industry status will enable electricity tariff and some other taxes levied on tourism and hospitality operators to be at par with other industries rather than much higher commercial rates.

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Each district of Rajasthan to get medical college

The Rajasthan government is focusing on strengthening healthcare infrastructure, besides ensuring free treatment for all patients through public health system. The information was shared by state health minister Parsadi Lal Meena on 29 May 2022. He further informed that the Centre had allocated 75 medical colleges in the country, of which the state got 20. Following this, a medical college will come up in each district. All districts will have a nursing college as well, said the minister.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt asked to identify work for unpaid MGNREGA job cardholders

The West Bengal government has been asked to identify work under state schemes for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) job cardholders who have not been getting wages from the Centre for the last five months.

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Centre allocates Rs. 100 bln for railway projects in West Bengal: Ashwini Vaishnaw

The Centre has allocated Rs. 100 billion for railway projects in West Bengal, which is the biggest ever allocation for such projects. The information was shared by Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on 31 May 2022.

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West Bengal govt to introduce 1,200 e-buses in Kolkata

The West Bengal government has decided to introduce around 1,200 electric buses (e-buses) in Kolkata, in the next three years. The move aims to reduce carbon emission and increase the green footprint of the state.

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Bihar

India's largest gold reserve to be explored in Bihar's Jamui district

The Bihar government has decided to allow the exploration of the country's largest gold reserve in Jamui district. The decision comes after the Geological Survey of India (GSI) survey revealed that around 222.8 million tonnes of gold reserve, including 37.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore, are present in the district.

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Bihar's direct selling sector records Rs. 13 bln sales during 2020-21

The direct selling sector in Bihar generated Rs. 13 billion sales during 2020-21, according to an annual survey report released by an industry body. This translates into an increase of over Rs. 815 million in sales as compared to Rs. 12.1 billion collected in 2019-20.

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Bihar govt to conduct caste-based Census soon

The Bihar government has decided to conduct a caste-based Census in the state soon. The exercise would be called 'Jaati Aadharit Ganana', said the CM.

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Odisha

14 colleges in Odisha plan to offer Integrated Teacher Education Programme

Around 14 colleges in Odisha are planning to offer the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP), which will be launched by the Union ministry of education on a pilot basis from 2023-24 academic session.

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Odisha police launches 'Swaagat' initiative

The Odisha police have launched an information technology (IT)-based initiative, called 'Swaagat', as part of the state government's 5T initiative. The development aims to further improve its citizen-centric services at police stations.

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Odisha CM inaugurates 532 transformed govt high schools

On 1 June 2022, Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik dedicated 532 transformed government high schools in five districts of the state to the people, under the high school transformation programme.

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North-East

Various JICA-funded projects being implemented in north-east

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has granted Rs. 191 billion assistance for construction of various projects in the north-east. The agency is planning to provide aid for social development projects in order to strengthen medical infrastructure and enhance livelihoods, said JICA chief representative in India Mitsunori Saito.

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Central rail, road & air connectivity projects underway in NE

The Centre has been executing various rail, road and air connectivity projects worth Rs.1.3 trillion across the north-east (NE) for the holistic development of the region.

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Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet takes slew of decisions

On 30 May 2022, the Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet passed the Arunachal Pradesh Startup Policy. It aims to promote startups and add necessary stimulus to the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state.

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Jharkhand

Pritpal CanSupport Home Palliative Care Service launched in Jharkhand

On 1 June 2022, the 'Pritpal CanSupport Home Palliative Care Service (PCHPCS)' was launched in Jharkhand's Jamshedpur. It is the state's first-of-its-kind free home palliative-care service which would provide psychosocial and nursing support to cancer patients.

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J'khand to add 320MW of power through 4 solar parks

Four solar parks of 80MWs each have been planned to be installed in Garhwa, Palamu, Simdega, and Deoghar. Tender has been floated to invite parties to conduct topography survey, geo-technical investigation, hydrological study and assessment of social and environmental impact over the plots selected for these solar parks.

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Kerala

Kerala Feeds launches project to cultivate maize

Kerala Feeds (KFL) has launched a project to cultivate maize, an important ingredient in cattle feed production at Muthalamada in Palakkad. As per media reports, the project seeks cultivation of raw materials for cattle feed within the state as a part of the government's efforts to help dairy farmers by reducing the prices of cattle feed using different measures.

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Kerala govt to sanction Rs. 999.5 mln for implementation of KSHEC's projects

The Kerala government has decided to sanction Rs. 999.5 million for the implementation of various projects taken up by the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC). Of the total, Rs. 200 million each has been provided for the council's initiative to form an e-Journal consortium of universities and the ongoing digital enablement scheme 'Let's Go Digital'.

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RFID system for cattle launched in Kerala

On 30 May 2022, Kerala animal husbandry minister J Chinchurani launched the radio-frequency identification (RFID) system for cattle by distributing microchips and readers. The aim is to create a vast database of livestock and improve the traceability of animals.

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Kerala govt collects Rs. 20.6 bln as GST in May

The Kerala government collected Rs. 20.6 billion as GST in May 2022. Its earnings for the last month are 80 per cent more than Rs. 11.4 billion collected in May 2021.

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