



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh CM releases INR97 crore for beneficiaries

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday released INR97.76 crore towards bi-annual disbursement of financial assistance, benefitting 68,990 beneficiaries who were left out of various welfare schemes from July to December 2023.

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60,000-litre capacity overhead storage tank inaugurated in Allavaram

Andhra Pradesh transport minister Pinipe Viswaroop inaugurated a 60,000-litre capacity overhead storage tank at Godi and Tummalapalli village in Allavaram, Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema district.

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Bihar

Bihar govt forms separate sports dept

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar (CM) has approved the new Bihar Information Technology (IT) Policy. The policy seeks to attract investments in the IT and electronic system design & manufacturing (ESDM) sectors.

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Bihar CM approves new IT policy

The Union ministry of new & renewable energy has approved the Bihar government's proposal under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme Component C.

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Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh govt to develop 5 'Shaktipeeths'

The Chhattisgarh government has decided to develop as many as five 'Shaktipeeths' in the state on the lines of Char Dham pilgrimage. Under the Shaktipeeth project, an action plan will be prepared for the development of various facilities in the state.

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Chhattisgarh govt to launch 'Shri Ramlala Darshan Scheme'

The Chhattisgarh Cabinet approved a proposal to launch the 'Shri Ramlala Darshan Scheme'. Under the initiative, people of the state will be taken to Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya free of cost for a visit to the newly-constructed Ram temple.

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Goa

Goa Cabinet gives nod to recruit medical staff for ICUs in 2 district hospitals

The Goa Cabinet gave a green nod to recruit doctors and nurses on contract for intensive care units (ICU) at the Hospicio South Goa District Hospital and North Goa District Hospital.

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Goa govt to create dedicated cell for implementation of central schemes

The Goa government will create a dedicated cell for the overall implementation of centrally-sponsored and central sector schemes in the state. The cell will function from the directorate of planning, statistics & evaluation and will have one planning adviser & two project officers appointed on a contractual basis initially for a period of one year.

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Gujarat

NDB signs MoU for providing USD500 million loan to Gujarat govt

New Development Bank (NDB) signed an MoU for providing a USD500 million loan to the Gujarat government. The project loan will be provided for the state's Mukhayamantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

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Gujarat govt signs 4 MoUs with Torrent Group

The Gujarat government has signed as many as four MoUs with the Torrent Group entailing a total investment worth INR47000 crore. The first pact comprises the setting up of 3,450 MW of solar projects and 1,045 MW of hybrid power projects.

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NGEL inks MoUs with GSPC, GPPL for green hydrogen

NTPC Green Energy (NGEL) inked two separate memorandum of understandings (MoUs) with Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) and Gujarat Pipavav Port (GPPL) for green hydrogen projects at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit.

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Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2024 sees MoUs inked for investments worth INR26.33 lakh crore for 41,299 projects

The tenth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2024 witnessed signing of memoranda of understanding for 41,299 projects worth Rs 26.33 lakh crore. A majority of the MoUs are understood to have been signed in emerging sectors like semi-conductors, e-mobility, green hydrogen, and renewable energy

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Himachal Pradesh

HP Cabinet takes key decisions

The Himachal Pradesh (HP) Cabinet has cleared a draft of the Mukhyamantri Vidhva Avam Ekal Nari Awas Yojana. Under the scheme, INR150,000 each will be provided for the construction of houses of widows and single women.

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Himachal Pradesh Cabinet gives nod to restructure state taxes & excise dept

The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet has given its nod to the restructuring of the state taxes and excise department. The restructuring involves the creation of two distinct wings, including the excise wing and the GST & Allied Taxes wing.

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HP govt inaugurates Kiratpur-Bilaspur-Mandi-Kullu-Manali-Keylong green corridor

The Himachal Pradesh (HP) government has inaugurated the Kiratpur-Bilaspur-Mandi-Kullu-Manali-Keylong green corridor. The move marks a significant leap towards fostering sustainable transportation in the region.

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Haryana

Haryana CM lays foundation of Sarasvati Vatika project in Kurukshetra

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar laid the foundation stone for the Sarasvati Vatika project in Kurukshetra. It will come up near Pipli in three phases at a cost of INR3.68 crore.

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Haryana CM unveils 'Mission 60,000'

CM Manohar Lal Khattar unveiled the 'Mission 60,000'. Under the initiative, the state government aims to provide employment opportunities to 60,000 young individuals with an annual family income of less than Rs. 180,000 within the next few months.

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Haryana CM invites Japanese, American corporate entities to invest in state

CM Manohar Lal Khattar held a series of discussions with representatives of Japanese & American corporate entities and invited them to invest in the state. He said that the state government will establish a joint collaboration cell for the convenience of Japanese investors.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand govt launches CM Fellowship Scheme

The Jharkhand government has launched the Chief Minister (CM) Fellowship Scheme along with other educational initiatives. The move aims to boost academic excellence in the state.

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Jharkhand govt rolls out initiative to bring back students skipping school

The Jharkhand school education and literacy department has rolled out a unique programme, called 'Prayas-Siti bajao, school bulao'. The move aims to bring back students skipping classes for over a month.

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Punjab

Punjab govt releases INR29.14 crore for SCs under Ashirwad scheme

The Punjab government has released a sum of INR29.14 crore for Scheduled Castes (SC) under the Ashirwad scheme. The move has benefitted around 5,715 SC people.

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Punjab govt transfers INR19.83 crore to 17,007 farmers

the Punjab government transferred INR19.83 crore into the bank accounts of 17,007 farmers who had opted for direct sowing rice (DSR) in kharif season 2023.

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Kerala

Union minister inaugurates 3 projects in Kerala

Union minister for road transport & highways Nitin Gadkari announced a greenfield corridor project aimed at enhancing road connectivity in Kerala. He virtually inaugurated three projects and laid the foundation stone for nine national highway projects totaling 105 km and costing INR1,464 crore under the Bharat Pariyojana scheme.

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Kerala govt to launch phase-II of Aardram-Arogyam project

The Kerala government has decided to launch the second phase of the Aardram-Arogyam project under which screening of risk factors for lifestyle diseases will be undertaken. At least 18.1 per cent among the 15.3 million people were screened for lifestyle disease in the first phase.

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Karnataka

Karnataka Cabinet takes slew of decisions

The Karnataka Cabinet approved the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development (Amendment) Ordinance. Following this, commercial establishments, industries, hospitals, institutions and organisations will have to have 60 per cent Kannada on the signboards & nameplates.

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Karnataka govt approves 73 projects worth INR3,900 crore

The Karnataka government approved as many as 73 projects worth INR3,900 crore. These projects are expected to generate nearly 15,000 jobs across the state.

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700,000 farmers in Karnataka get INR475 crore crop insurance amount

Around 700,000 farmers in Karnataka have received INR475 crore crop insurance amount for having lost their crops. The information was shared by state agriculture minister N Cheluvaryaswamy on 12 January 2024.

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Karnataka govt evaluates policy to monetise assets available with rural local bodies

The Karnataka government is evaluating a policy to monetise assets available with rural local bodies. The plan is to figure out how additional resources for panchayats can be generated.

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Odisha

Union minister inaugurates Nuagaon-Dasapalla railway line in Odisha

Union railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the Nuagaon-Dasapalla railway line and Dasapalla railway station in Odisha's Nayagarh district. Furthermore, he flagged off as many as four train services at the aforementioned station connecting up to Khurda Road.

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Odisha CM inaugurates 389 schools in 5 districts

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik inaugurated as many as 389 schools in five districts in the state. These include 149 schools in Ganjam, 11 in Jharsuguda, 57 in Jagatsinghpur, 112 in Kendrapara and 60 in Bargarh. The facilities have been equipped with smart classrooms, computers and laboratories with the latest equipment offering an ideal environment for students to learn.

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh CM releases INR1,576 crore under Ladli Behna Yojana

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav transferred INR1,576 crore into the bank accounts of 1.29 crore beneficiaries of the State's Ladli Behna Yojana – one of the flagship schemes initiated by his predecessor, Shivraj Singh Chouhan..

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CM transfers money for tribals' food scheme

Reiterating the BJP State Government's commitment to tribal welfare, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav today transferred a sum of INR29.11 crore under 'Aahaar Anudaan Yojana' for tribals.

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Maharashtra

PM inaugurates Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link worth INR17,840 crore

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link (MTHL), named the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewari-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu, in Maharashtra.

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Maharashtra govt to grant INR52 crore to 400 textile processing units

The Maharashtra government has decided to grant INR52 crore to 400 textile processing units. The amount will be given to units from the Ichalkaranji Powerloom Megacluster for upgradation and buying new machinery.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates completed smart city projects

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin inaugurated completed smart city projects. These include a knowledge centre-cum-library on Addis Street built at a cost of INR2.5 crore.

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Tamil Nadu CM launches 'Enathu Gramam' scheme

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin launched the 'Enathu Gramam' scheme. This will enable the Tamil Diaspora to invest for the development of their native villages. He has encouraged them to take their children to see massive excavation sites at Keeladi in Sivaganga district and Porunai or Thamirabarani river.

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North-East

Tripura govt hikes constituency development fund for each MLA to INR75 lakhs

The Tripura government has hiked the constituency development fund for each MLA from INR50 lakhs to INR75 lakhs. The decision has come in response to the long-standing demand of the MLAs to increase the funds for their respective constituencies.

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Arunachal Pradesh CCI approves 2,816 project proposals under SIDF

The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) has approved around 2,816 project proposals under phase-I of the State Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF) during 2023-24.

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Union minister launches 4 integrated public health laboratories in Tripura

Union health & family welfare minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Tripura Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha jointly inaugurated four integrated public health laboratories (IPHLs) in three districts of the state. These include North Tripura, Gomati and Unakoti.

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2 integrated public health laboratories to be established in Nagaland

Nagaland is set to get two integrated public health laboratories (IPHL) funded by the Prime Minister's Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM ABHIM). The IPHLs have been conceptualised to provide comprehensive services under one roof.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan CM to provide sufficient electricity for crops during rabi season

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Bhajan Lal Sharma has directed the state power department to provide sufficient electricity for crops during the rabi season. He also asked the central government to purchase millets from farmers for other states.

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Rajasthan CM flags off 2,100 cooking oil drums for Ram temple in Ayodhya

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Bhajan Lal Sharma flagged off 2,100 cooking oil drums and a 'Ram Durbar' procession, heading to 'Sita Rasoi' in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The oil will be used for cooking the food to be served to devotees attending the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple from 22 January 2024.

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Union Territories

Puducherry admin to raise INR200 crore more from open market

The Puducherry administration is set to raise INR200 crore more from the open market. The amount will be obtained by selling 12-year dated securities in the form of stock to the public.

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19.5 per cent of EVs sold in Delhi in Dec 2023

According to the Delhi transport department, a record 19.5 per cent of vehicles sold in the city in December 2023 were electric. As of now, it is the highest in any state across the country.

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NABARD unveils credit potential of INR37,446.04 crore for J&K

In a significant stride towards fostering inclusive growth and rural development, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Jammu and Kashmir, has projected an estimated credit potential of INR37,446.04 crore under the priority sector for the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25.

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Delhi govt launches 'Sugamya Sahayak' scheme for PwBDs

The Delhi government has launched the 'Sugamya Sahayak' scheme to empower persons with benchmark disabilities (PwBDs). Such people will be provided with aids and appliances such as smart canes, hearing aids, wheelchairs, motorised tricycles & artificial limbs to enable them to overcome physical barriers.

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Uttarakhand

Centre approves plan worth INR1,658.17 crore for Joshimath in Uttarakhand

The Centre has given green light to a comprehensive recovery and reconstruction plan worth INR1,658.17 crore for Joshimath in Uttarakhand. The approved plan allocates INR1079.96 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as central assistance.

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Uttarakhand govt to build check dams

The Uttarakhand government has decided to build check dams in the state. This will help deal with the problem of water shortage during the summer season due to the absence of water harvesting system.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt procures 3.5 mt of paddy

The Uttar Pradesh government has procured 3.5 million tonnes (mt) of paddy in the 2023-24 kharif marketing season. It is targeting seven million tonnes in direct paddy procurement from farmers.

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12 Madhava temples being restored in Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh government is restoring 12 Madhava temples and the Bade Hanuman temple in Prayagraj ahead of the Maha Kumbh 2025. A 125-km-long spiritual circuit for the temples is being developed for devotees.

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UP RERA asks promoters to file backlog of quarterly progress reports

The Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UP-RERA) has asked promoters of all real estate projects in the state to file upto date quarterly progress report (QPR) of their projects, including the backlogs on the authority's website within 15 days.

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5 more airports to come up in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh is set to get as many as five more airports in the next one month. The information was shared by Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on 11 January 2024. These airports will come in Azamgarh, Aligarh, Moradabad, Chitrakoot and Shravasti.

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West Bengal

Kolkata Metro to adopt ATO system between Salt Lake Sector to Sealdah

The Kolkata Metro is going to adopt Automatic Train Operation (ATO) system in between Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah stretch of the East-West Metro. According to the Metro Railways authority, necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has been received for commissioning this system on this stretch.

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West Bengal gets its first NG electric ferry

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers has launched (NG) electric ferry, named 'Dheu', in West Bengal. With the help of this vessel, diesel-engine-powered ferries are expected to eventually be replaced by green platforms that run solely on solar & battery power.

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