



# Regional Developments

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## Haryana

### Haryana achieves target of 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' mission

Haryana has achieved the target of supplying clean tap water in every household of the state under the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' mission. With this, Haryana has also been ranked among the top three best performing states in the country under the mission.

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### Haryana set to become first 'Lal Dora-free' state

Haryana is set to become the first 'Lal Dora-free' state in the country, with the completion of land parcel mapping using drone technology in nearly 6,286 'Lal Dora' villages.

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### Haryana govt signs FFC with EIC to bolster trade and investment ties

The Haryana government has signed the Framework of Collaboration (FFC) with the Ethiopia Investment Commission (EIC). The key objective of the meeting was to bolster trade and investment ties between the state and the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates, lays foundation for several projects at Sulah, Kangra

On 8 April 2022, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated 26 projects worth Rs. 783.6 million in the Sulah constituency of Kangra district. Besides this, he laid the foundation stone of 25 developmental works to be completed at a cost of Rs. 1.5 billion.

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### Himachal Pradesh emerges best-performing state in education sector

Himachal Pradesh has emerged as the best-performing state in the education sector in the country. The state government is undertaking several initiatives for strengthening the education sector.

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### Foundation stone laid, schemes inaugurated in HP's Sujampur & Bhoranj

On 10 April 2022, Union minister for information and broadcasting and sports Anurag Thakur laid the foundation stone and inaugurated schemes worth Rs. 400 million in Himachal Pradesh's (HP) Sujampur & Bhoranj Assembly constituencies.

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## Punjab

333 urban wellness centres to come up in urban, semi-urban areas of Punjab

The Punjab government has decided to set up nearly 333 urban wellness centres in urban and semi-urban areas across the state.

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PSPCL increases power supply as demand increases

To meet the surge in demand, the Punjab State Power Corporation (PSPCL) has made more power available in the last nine days of April 2022 as compared to the year-ago period. PSPCL has made 16,085 lakh units power available from 1-9 April, which is substantially more in comparison to 11,206 lakh units made available during the year-ago period.

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Punjab govt to announce plan to provide free power for consumers

The Punjab government has started working out a formula for the implementation of its promised 300 units of free power to consumers in the state.

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## Gujarat

ABB India expands manufacturing capacity of its facility in Vadodra

ABB India has expanded the manufacturing capacity of its digital substation products and digital systems factory in Vadodara, Gujarat. The new factory will help the company meet the growing demand for digital products and solutions in India and in more than 50 countries.

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Union home minister inaugurates Indo-Pak border viewing point in Gujarat's Banaskantha

On 10 April 2022, Union home minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Indo-Pak border viewing point at Nada Bet in Gujarat's Banaskantha district. The facility has been built on the lines of the Wagah-Atari border of Punjab.

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PM inaugurates hostel & education complex of Shri Annapurnadham Trust in Gujarat

The Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the hostel and education complex of Shri Annapurnadham Trust at Gujarat's Adalaj, on 12 April 2022. The structure has 150 rooms with lodging & boarding facility for 600 students and other facilities such as e-library, conference room, sports room, among others.

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## Maharashtra

Godrej Properties to develop 700,000 square feet residential project in Mumbai

Realty developer Godrej Properties has signed a pact with Mumbai-based property developer Shivam Realty to develop a residential group housing project, off Akurli crossroad at Hanuman Nagar of Mumbai's Kandivali suburb.

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Maharashtra's Mumbai becomes 1st city to vaccinate adult population against COVID-19

Maharashtra's Mumbai has become the first major city across the globe to have administered both doses of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine to the entire eligible adult population.

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'Water for all policy' to be implemented in Maharashtra's Mumbai from 1 May

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will implement its 'water for all policy' in Maharashtra's Mumbai from 1 May 2022. The policy seeks to improve water availability in areas that do not get any supply from the civic body.

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## Jammu & Kashmir

J&K admin to fully implement NEP from current academic session

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has decided to fully implement the new National Education Policy (NEP) from the current academic session. The UT administration will also adopt a uniform academic calendar which in turn will be synchronised to the national academic calendar.

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3,500 households in J&K's Srinagar benefit under PMAY

As many as 3,500 households in Jammu & Kashmir's (J&K) Srinagar have benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since the programme's inception in 2015. Of this, nearly 2,600 beneficiaries' houses are in various stages of development and are expected to be completed soon.

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6 J&K districts among 30 top-performing districts in PMGSY implementation

As many as six districts of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) have been included in the list of 30 top-performing districts at the national level in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2021-22.

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## Madhya Pradesh

MPMKVCL invites bids for 20 MW of residential rooftop solar systems in Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited (MPMKVCL) has invited tenders to empanel vendors for 20 MW of residential rooftop solar systems in Madhya Pradesh. This is a part of phase-II of the Centre's Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar Programme.

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MPUVNL issues RfP for installing 10.7 MW of rooftop solar systems in Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (MPUVNL) has issued a request for proposal for installing 10.7 MW of grid-connected rooftop solar systems at various locations in MP.

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Madhya Pradesh govt approves irrigation projects worth Rs.9 billion

The Madhya Pradesh government has approved irrigation projects worth more than Rs.9 billion in three districts - Rewa, Burhanpur and Singrauli.

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## Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt to prioritise employment of MNP workers under MGNREGA

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to give preference to former Makkal Nala Paniyalargal (MNP) or village-level workers and their legal heirs in providing them employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) with enhanced wages.

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Tamil Nadu to get 5 bridges in Chennai

Tamil Nadu's Greater Chennai Corporation has decided to build bridges at five locations in the state. These include Valluvarkottam, Korukkupet, Chinna Nolambur, Jeevan and Kilpauk Garden. The move aims to ease traffic congestion in the region.

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Tamil Nadu CM flags off 133 mobile medical units

On 8 April 2022, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin flagged off as many as 133 mobile medical units that will provide diagnosis and treatment services to the poor in remote areas. These mobile units cost Rs. 1.8 million each.

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## Andhra Pradesh

### 3 medical colleges to come up in Andhra Pradesh

As many as three medical colleges have been approved in Andhra Pradesh under phase III of the centrally-sponsored scheme for 'establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt proposes to increase medical procedures under Aarogyasri

Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy inspected the information kiosk model which is to come up in the Aarogyasri hospitals. The state government has also proposed to increase medical procedures under Aarogyasri so as to cater to a large number of people covering a wide range of medical treatments.

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### APERC allows discoms to regulate power supply

Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) has approved a request by the state power distribution companies to regulate the power supply to industrial consumers amidst power shortage.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt comes up with State Heatwave Action Plan

The Karnataka government has come up with a State Heatwave Action Plan, aiming toward the effective management of heatwave conditions in the state. As per the plan, the state government will make arrangements to identify vulnerable districts, people & animals and identify ways to beat the heat as the temperature is expected to soar in the coming months.

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### Hines ties up with DNR group to develop office space in Bengaluru

US-based real estate firm has tied up with DNR Group to develop a premium commercial project in Bengaluru. This project will comprise of two million square feet of leasable area.

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### Karnataka govt extends scholarship scheme for children of weavers, fishermen

The Karnataka government has extended the 'Raitha Vidya Nidhi' scholarship scheme for the children of weavers and fishermen. Under the scheme, scholarships are distributed to girl students from class VIII to the postgraduate level.

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## Telangana

### Telangana to get EV charging points at existing fuel outlets

Telangana is set to get electric vehicle (EV) charging points at its existing fuel outlets, in a bid to provide major boost to the green energy push.

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### Telangana & Thailand govts sign pact to promote trade, investments

On 11 April 2022, the Telangana and Thailand governments signed an MoU to explore the possibility of potential trade & investments in several key sectors. The agreement will also focus on areas of mutual interest for cooperation and collaboration, including the development of small & medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups.

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### India believes Hyderabad's pharma city will smash China's grip on industry

A vast patch of arid shrub-land in Hyderabad is becoming a testing ground for a model that would help the world reduce its reliance on Chinese drug ingredients.

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## Delhi

### Delhi Jal Board to install ozone-based units at 2 water treatment plants

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has decided to install ozone-based units to treat high ammonia levels at two water treatment plants at Chandrawal and Wazirabad, which draw water from the Yamuna.

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### Delhi govt launches summer action plan to curb pollution

The Delhi government has launched a month-long summer action plan and a drive to curb road & dust pollution from 15 April 2022. As part of it, the authorities concerned will develop four world-class city forests, informed environment minister Gopal Rai.

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### Delhi's DDCCD signs MoU with EPIC Electronics Product Foundation

On 11 April 2022, the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDCCD) signed an MoU with the EPIC Electronics Product Foundation to attract investment and jobs associated with the design, manufacturing, sale & after-sales services of electronic equipment in the city.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### IR launches 2-wheeler paid packaging service in Uttar Pradesh

The Indian Railways (IR) has launched a two-wheeler paid packaging service in Uttar Pradesh in order to facilitate passengers to safely carry their personal mode of transport with them.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt plans to launch 'One District One Sport' scheme

The Uttar Pradesh government is mulling to launch the 'One District One Sport' scheme, on the lines of 'One District One Product' initiative. The move aims to promote indigenous sports through this new scheme.

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### All Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh to get 100-bedded hospitals

Each of the 403 Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh will get a 100-bedded hospital and all development blocks will have 25-bedded primary health centres (PHC) soon. The move aims to ensure that people of the state receive proper & accessible healthcare and medical facilities without any discrimination.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt to provide relaxations to private developers to build homes for elders

The Rajasthan urban development and housing department has decided to provide several relaxations in the township policy to private developers who will build homes for senior citizens in the state. The objective is to promote housing schemes for senior citizens in the state.

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### Record output of natural gas by Rajasthan in 2021-22

Rajasthan has witnessed a record output of natural gas in the year 2021-22. Revenues from natural gas production by companies like Cairn India, Focus Energy, and Oil India surged nearly four-fold in 2021-22 in the state as compared to 2018-19.

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### Land-use plan drafted for scrapped greenfield airport at Rajasthan's Shivdaspura

Rajasthan's Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) has drafted a land-use plan for the scrapped greenfield airport at Shivdaspura. The civic body has earmarked the area for residential, institutional, commercial and mixed-use purposes.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal govt constitutes panel to examine NEP

The West Bengal government has constituted a 10-member committee to examine the new National Education Policy (NEP). The panel would also assess the need for a state-level policy on education. Furthermore, it will evaluate steps taken by the Maharashtra and Kerala governments in the education sector, besides examining the recent University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines.

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### West Bengal secures top rank under rural Awas Yojana

West Bengal has secured the top rank across the country in rural Awas Yojana by completing over 3.2 million houses under the scheme so far.

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## Bihar

### Bihar's Dobhi to get industrial park soon

The Bihar government is in the process of developing an industrial park on 809.3 hectares of land near Dobhi. This will facilitate big industries to set up their units. The information was shared by district magistrate (DM) Thiyagarajan SM on 12 April 2022. The concerned officials have been asked to coordinate and encourage self-employment as part of the project.

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### Bihar to get data centres worth Rs. 8.1 bln

The Bihar government has received an investment proposal of Rs. 8.1 billion for setting up data centres across the state. Investor and data management firm VueNow will develop a four-tier data centre of 100 racks in Patna and four other centres will come up in Dharbhanga, Bhagalpur, Purnea and Buxar in the first phase.

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### Bihar CM Nitish Kumar opens Rs 550-crore soft drink bottling plant at Begusarai

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated beverage plant worth Rs 550 crore in Begusarai on Friday. He also announced that 17 ethanol units, cleared by the Centre, would soon open in the state.

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## Odisha

### Odisha CM inaugurates SJMCH in Puri

On 11 April 2022, Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik and state health & family welfare minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Shri Jagannath Medical College & Hospital (SJMCH) in Puri.

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### Odisha govt signs MoU for growth of green energy

On 11 April 2022, the Odisha government and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) signed an MoU to take steps towards the rapid growth of green energy in the state.

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### Odisha govt releases seed production incentive for seed growing farmers

The Odisha government has released seed production incentive worth more than Rs. 90 million to the Odisha State Seeds Corporation (OSSC). The corporation has started transferring the incentive to beneficiaries' accounts via real-time gross settlement (RTGS).

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## North-East

### Centre assigns Rs.20 bn to develop airport infrastructure in NE region

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said that a sum of Rs.20 billion is allocated for the development of airport infrastructure in the northeastern (NE) regions. He further said that the central government is working to connect seven northeastern states with the rest of the country and also with the world.

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### NHAI approves Rs. 16.7 bln for construction of 2 stretches in Assam's Dima Hasao

The National Highway Authority of India has approved a sum of Rs. 16.7 billion for the construction of two stretches in Assam's Dima Hasao district, under Bharatmala Pariyojana on Hybrid Annuity Mode.

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### Assam Cabinet approves Health System Strengthening Project

The Assam Cabinet gave approval to the Assam Health System Strengthening Project to improve access to quality tertiary level healthcare. The project, which will be funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency, will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 38 billion.

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## Jharkhand

### Skill India Gives A Boost To Entrepreneurship In Jharkhand

In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Skill India gives a boost to entrepreneurship in the state of Jharkhand.

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## Kerala

### Kerala's Kozhikode admin to install weather stations in 18 schools

Kerala's Kozhikode administration has decided to set up weather stations in 18 schools, under a novel project of Samagra Shiksha Kerala (SSK). The move would enable school students to have a deeper knowledge of weather conditions as climate change.

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### RR package for families to be evicted for Gift City project in Kerala gets nod

The land revenue commissioner has approved the rehabilitation and resettlement (RR) package for the families to be evicted for the proposed Gift City project at Ayyampuzha, Kerala. The Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) has already sanctioned Rs. 8.5 billion for the land acquisition, which is expected to be released next week.

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### 28 new fast track courts likely to come up in Kerala

As many as 28 new fast track courts are likely to come up in Kerala, exclusively to hear the protection of children from sexual offences (POCSO) cases. The new courts will come up in Thiruvananthapuram, Neyyattinkara, Varkala, Kattakada, Kollam, Kottarakkara, Cherthala, Chengannur, Erattupetta and Devikulam, among others.

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