



# Regional Developments

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt develops Online Transfer Policy for assistant, associate professors

The Haryana government has developed the Online Transfer Policy for the assistant and associate professors, working in state-run colleges. The aim is to ensure fair and transparent transfers. Once implemented, all transfers will be done under this system only.

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### Haryana govt to build dam at Hathni Kund in Yamunanagar

The Haryana government has decided to build a dam over the Yamuna at Hathni Kund in the Yamunanagar district. With its construction, the state will not only get electricity but also the water supply. The annual power generation capacity of the dam will be 763 million units.

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### Haryana to sign MoU for providing adequate health facilities to workers

Haryana CM announced that an MoU is soon to be signed between the Haryana Health Department and ESIC for providing healthcare facilities of civil hospitals. The aim is to provide for proper labour welfare schemes & common facilities for the workers in Haryana.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh govt constructs 50% link roads under PMGSY

Around 50 per cent of link roads in Himachal Pradesh have been constructed under PMGSY. Presently, more than 39,000-km of roads are providing connectivity across the state. Under the Mukhya Mantri Kanyadan Yojna, financial assistance has been increased to Rs. 51,000.

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### 334,000 families in Himachal Pradesh benefitted under Grihini Suvidha Yojana

Over 334,000 families in Himachal Pradesh have been benefitted under Grihini Suvidha Yojana so far. A total of Rs. 1.3 billion has been spent to facilitate women in the state. Himachal Pradesh has also become the first smoke-free state in the country.

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### Himachal Pradesh CM flags off 10 Mukhya Mantri Mobile Clinic Vehicles

Himachal Pradesh CM flagged off 10 Mukhya Mantri Mobile Clinic Vehicles at Sarahan in Sirmour district. These vehicles will have facilities for checking sugar and blood pressure, besides other diagnostics tests to cater to people in far-flung & remote areas.

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## Punjab

### Punjab govt to offer home delivery of wheat flour to NFSA beneficiary from October

The Punjab government will offer home delivery of wheat flour to each beneficiary registered under the NFSA from October 2022. The scheme will be implemented in a single phase. For this purpose, the state has been divided into eight zones.

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### Punjab CM approves setting up 'Punjab Aviation Museum'

Punjab CM has given nod for setting up the 'Punjab Aviation Museum' at civil aerodrome in Patiala. The museum would showcase the journey of the state in the field of civil aviation for the knowledge and education of coming generations.

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### Punjab govt starts modernising its tax intelligence unit

The Punjab government has started the process of modernising its tax intelligence unit with funding from the World Bank. The aim is to improve compliance and plug loopholes to bolster the GST revenue.

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### Punjab CM launches 75 'Aam Aadmi Clinics'

Punjab CM launched as many as 75 'Aam Aadmi Clinics' in the state. These clinics will provide free medication to patients and offer over 100 different kinds of clinical examinations. Each of these clinics will also have four staff members.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat CM inaugurates 23 new e-buses in Rajkot

Gujarat CM inaugurated 23 new e-buses in Rajkot. These buses have a seating capacity of 27 each and will ply on BRTS corridors as well as certain routes of the city. The CM also unveiled a charging station for these buses.

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### NTPC commissions 56 MW solar power project

NTPC commissioned a 56 MW Kawas Solar PV project in Gujarat, with which its total installed power generation capacity rose to 69,454 MW. NTPC is steadily lowering its carbon footprint by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through installations of renewable energy projects.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra govt offers subsidies to encourage use of rooftop solar panels

The Maharashtra government is offering subsidies to encourage the use of rooftop solar panels across the state. The move will help bring down power tariffs of domestic consumers. The state government aims at installing panels of at least 100 MW by December 2024.

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### AAI to revamp Kolhapur airport in Maharashtra

AAI has undertaken the work of revamping the Kolhapur airport in Maharashtra. The development will enhance the connectivity to the industrial city, thereby boosting tourism in the region, and will also create new employment opportunities for the local community.

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### India's first electric double-decker AC bus launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra

Union minister for road, transport and highways launched electric double-decker bus, 'Switch EiV 22', in Mumbai, Maharashtra. This is India's first and unique electric double-decker AC bus, which has been designed, developed and manufactured in the country.

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### Maharashtra Village Panchayats (Amendment) Act tabled in state Assembly

Maharashtra rural development minister tabled the Maharashtra Village Panchayats (Amendment) Act in the state Assembly. It proposes amendments to enable the direct election of village sarpanch and municipal council heads by voters instead of councillors.

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## Jammu & Kashmir

### Centre approves implementation of Village Defence Guards Scheme in J&K

The Centre has given approval for the implementation of the Village Defence Guards Scheme in J&K. The scheme aims to prevent the incidents of terrorist acts inspired & supported from across the border and boost the security grid in the union territory.

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### Golden joint of Chenab bridge inaugurated on 13 August

The Golden Joint of the world's highest railway bridge - Chenab Bridge - was inaugurated recently. The Chenab bridge forms a crucial link in the 111 km stretch from Katra to Banihal, which is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla section of the Kashmir Railway project.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh govt to launch initiative to identify, rescue street children

The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to launch an initiative aimed at identifying and rescuing all street children in the state. Furthermore, they will be rehabilitated as part of the 'Policy for Rehabilitation of Children in Street Situations'.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt launches 'Mukhyamantri Jan Awas Yojana'

The Madhya Pradesh government launched the 'Mukhyamantri Jan Awas Yojana', that aims to provide house to people living in deprivation and ensure that no one remains homeless. 'Suraaj Colonies' will be developed for the poor on about 21 thousand acres of land.

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### MP ties up with UNESCO for heritage development of Gwalior, Orchha

The MP government has joined hands with UNESCO for heritage-based sustainable urban development of its Gwalior and Orchha cities. The objective of the project is to take the two cities to the heights of development, from a cultural and spiritual perspective.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates 16 new electricity sub-stations

Tamil Nadu CM inaugurated as many as 16 new electricity sub-stations and capacity upgraded transformers in 51 existing sub-stations. The development has come at a cost of Rs. 2.5 billion. Also, around 11 new 110 KV sub-stations were set up at a cost of Rs. 1.4 billion.

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### TIDCO plans to set up testing complex for strategic electronics, drones in Tamil Nadu

TIDCO is planning to set up an integrated testing complex for strategic electronics and drones in Kancheepuram district. The testing complex will come up on around four hectares of land. It will consist of greenfield testing infrastructure including EMI/EMC testing.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to offer financial aid to MSMEs hit by COVID-19 pandemic

As a part of the CARE scheme, the Tamil Nadu industries department has decided to offer financial assistance to MSMEs that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. An amount of nearly Rs. 500 million has been allocated for the scheme in the current fiscal.

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh to get Rs 1.5 tln as investment in 2 years

Andhra Pradesh is expected to get Rs 1.5 trillion as investment in the next 2 years. The aim is to create 56 new industries and offer jobs to 164,000 people. In the last three years, as many as 98 mega industries were set up along with at least 31,000 companies in the MSME sector.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt makes it mandatory for investors to provide 75% employment to locals

The Andhra Pradesh government has made it mandatory for investors setting up industries in the state to provide 75 per cent employment to the locals. Also, phase-I of ATC Tires AP Pvt Ltd at the Atchutapuram SEZ has been inaugurated with an investment of Rs. 12.5 billion.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt starts works on expansion of GGH

The Andhra Pradesh government commenced works on the expansion of the Rs. 3 billion GGH in Anantapur. The state government has also appointed 38,000 doctors and para-medical healthcare workers in order to give a boost to the sector.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt mulls to change sand policy to increase production of M-Sand

The Karnataka government is mulling to change the sand policy with an aim to increase the production of M-Sand in the state. The annual sand demand of the state is 4.5 MMT.

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### Karnataka CM announces new welfare schemes

Karnataka CM announced new welfare schemes related to sanitation, nutrition and for the well-being of farmers, labourers & soldiers of the state. He also announced state's contribution of USD 1 trillion to realize PM's dream of transforming India into a USD 5 trillion economy.

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### 64,000 jobs created in Karnataka with help of garment policy

According to Karnataka handloom & textile minister, the state's garment policy has assisted 544 MSME to expand. This has been possible with an investment of Rs. 7.4 billion. During the previous three years, this provided employment to nearly 64,000 people.

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## Telangana

### India's biggest aqua hub to come up in Telangana

The Telangana government is planning to set up India's biggest aqua hub in the Mid Manair Dam, at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 billion, over an area of 148.5 hectares of land. The hub will boost the fisheries sector by providing employment opportunities to 10,000 people.

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### Telangana govt to install alarms, cameras in TSRTC buses

The Telangana government has decided to install alarms and cameras in all TSRTC buses under the 'iRASTE' initiative. As part of the pilot project, alarms have been put in 12 buses which get activated using AI and ADAS technologies.

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## Delhi

### Union minister inaugurates PSL at IIT Delhi

The Union minister of commerce & industry inaugurated a public systems lab at the IIT- Delhi. As part of the three-year agreement, the PSL will work closely with the UNWFP to identify projects around food systems, management and innovations.

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### Delhi govt releases draft policy paper on privatizing intra-city bus transportation

Delhi government released a draft policy paper on privatizing intra-city bus transportation and having private companies to run AC, electric and CNG buses in NCR. The government aims to encourage a modal shift in public transport by promoting efficient premium bus services.

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### Delhi govt offers incentive of Rs. 1 bln on EVs

The Delhi government has offered an incentive of nearly Rs. 1 billion on EVs under its ambitious EV Policy, which is the highest by any state. Apart from this, the government has also waived road tax and registration fees for all EVs.

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### Delhi CM launches 'Make India No 1' mission

Delhi CM launched 'Make India No 1' mission. The aim is to make India the number one nation in the world by focusing on health, education, agriculture, employment and equal rights to women.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves setting up of Ecotourism Development Board

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the establishment of an Ecotourism Development Board. The board would launch various initiatives for the purpose of developing tourist places across the state. The aim is to attract international and domestic tourists.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to build 18 Atal residential schools for labourers' children

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to build 18 Atal residential schools for labourers' children to offer admissions to them from the next academic session. The project aims to impart quality education to such children who have none to look after them.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt unveils draft of Solar Energy Policy

UP government unveiled the draft of its Solar Energy Policy which suggests the state to target on the generation of 16,000 MW of renewable power by 2026-27. The state government will develop 20 solar cities covering one million households with rooftop installations.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt's next Budget to be dedicated to youths & students: Ashok Gehlot

Rajasthan CM announced that the state's next budget will be dedicated to the youth and students while over one crore women will be given smartphones. While addressing the 'Digifest' programme, CM appealed to the youth to give suggestions for budget proposals.

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### 3 major telecom companies express interest in Rajasthan govt's CM Digital Seva Yojana

Rajasthan government's CM Digital Seva Yojana has attracted interest of 3 major telecom companies in India, under which 1.35 crore women in the state are to be given smartphones.

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### Rajasthan's RCSE signs pact with Sampark Foundation to improve quality of learning

RCSE has signed an agreement with the Sampark Foundation to improve the quality of education in around 65,000 primary schools in the state. The foundation is expected to invest up to Rs. 400 million, which would benefit over 3.7 million children.

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## West Bengal

### 150 more EV charging stations to come up in West Bengal

The West Bengal transport department is planning to set up 150 additional EV charging stations. The aim is to reduce carbon footprint by incorporating more EVs.

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### West Bengal Cabinet approves 18 industrial units, 5 new parks

The West Bengal Cabinet has given nod for the setting up of as many as 18 industrial units and five new industrial parks in the state. The cost of the development, which is expected to generate 4,000 jobs, has been pegged at Rs. 6 billion.

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### Union minister inaugurates revamped shipbuilding facility in West Bengal

Union ports, shipping & waterways minister has inaugurated a revamped shipbuilding facility of Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited in West Bengal's Howrah district. The facility, developed at a cost of Rs. 1.7 billion, will enable economic development in the region.

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### West Bengal govt to set up sports university

The West Bengal government has decided to set up a sports university. The CM announced a grant of Rs. 5 million for the infrastructural development of two century-old clubs, namely East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting.

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## Bihar

### Bihar CM lays foundation for Patna Metro Rail Project's underground construction work

Bihar CM laid the foundation stone of the Patna Metro Rail Project's underground construction work. The cost of the project has been pegged at Rs. 195 billion. Under the project, there will be 26 Metro stations.

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### Govt awards GI tag to Mithila Makhana to boost farmers' income

The Central government has awarded GI tag to Mithila Makhana- a special variety of aquatic fox nut. With this move, growers will get the maximum price for their premium produce. Over five lakh farmers of Mithila region of Bihar will be benefitted from this decision.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt to come up with comprehensive wildlife management plan

The Odisha government has directed the state officials to expedite the process of executing a comprehensive wildlife management plan for the newly-allotted coal block areas. It will focus on mitigating the adverse impact of mining.

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### Odisha govt to launch 'Nutrition at Doorstep' initiative

The Odisha government is planning to launch an initiative, called 'Nutrition at Doorstep', to help children with stunted & wasted growth & anaemic pregnant women, by providing kitchen garden & poultry farms to the beneficiary households in order to get access to nutritious food.

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## North-East

### Arunachal Pradesh govt to set up 17 micro-hydroelectric projects

The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to set up as many as 17 micro-hydroelectric projects in the state. The move aims to provide reliable and non-polluting electricity to remote villages situated along the Indo-China borders.

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### Foreign trade between Bangladesh and Tripura increased to Rs. 10 bln in 2021-22

Foreign trade between Bangladesh and Tripura increased to Rs. 10 billion in 2021-22. Besides this, a loan of Rs. 2.5 billion has been given to 3,926 people under PMEGP, and 8,303 people have been given loans of Rs. 2.2 billion under the Swabalamban scheme.

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### Mizoram CM launches Socio-Economic Development Policy

Mizoram CM launched the family-oriented SEDP. It is the flagship programme of the MNF, aiming to bring self-sufficiency in food items, improve social life and bring happiness to the people. The state government has sanctioned a sum of over Rs. 3 billion for the same.

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### BRO to build steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh

BRO has decided to build steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh on a pilot basis. The steel slag road is the first of its kind project which aims to make durable roadways that can withstand heavy rain and adverse climatic conditions.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand CM lays foundation stone of various roads projects

Jharkhand CM laid the foundation stone of various roads of the state road construction department at a total cost of Rs. 6.6 billion. As many as 3 major road projects have been resolved to get constructed by the Road Construction Department within 20 months.

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### Jharkhand govt uses blockchain technology in agriculture

The Jharkhand government has announced the successful launch of seed distribution to farmers based on blockchain technology. With this, it has become the first state in the country to implement blockchain.

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### Jharkhand govt drafts plan to provide drinking water facilities to 1 mln people

The Jharkhand government has drafted a plan to provide drinking water facilities to around 1 million people living in areas under 18 urban local bodies of the state. The project worth Rs. 23 billion will be funded by agencies such as the World Bank, ADB & the AMRUT scheme.

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## Kerala

### 10,000 farming groups to come up in Kerala

Kerala will soon have nearly 10,000 farming groups, under the aegis of local self-government institutions across the state. The objective of such groups, called 'krishikkoottam', is to promote agriculture and help farmers plan their cultivation.

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### Kerala CM launches state govt's e-taxi app

Kerala CM launched the state government's own e-taxi service app, called 'Kerala Savari'. He also flagged off the autorickshaws which would be operating under the new service. The major objective is to link the present autorickshaw and taxi networks in the state.

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### Kerala govt to form expert panel for development of cashew sector

Kerala government has decided to set up a panel for the comprehensive development of the cashew sector. The 5-member committee will consist of experts from various institutes. It will study the problems of cashew processors & workers and explore ways of modernization.

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