



# Regional Developments

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt launches 'e-Adhigam' scheme for school students

The Haryana government launched the 'e-Adhigam' scheme for school students, on 5 May 2022. As part of it, around 300,000 electronic tablets have been given to students of classes X and XII. The move aims to make students globally compatible and open new opportunities for them.

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### Haryana Cabinet approves Enterprises Promotion (Amendment) Rules

On 6 May 2022, the Haryana Cabinet accorded assent to the Haryana Enterprises Promotion (Amendment) Rules for implementation of reforms proposed in the Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy.

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### Haryana govt approves policy to spur industrial growth

On 6 May 2022, the Haryana government approved the Haryana Aerospace and Defence Production Policy. The policy aims to bolster industrial growth in aerospace & defence production sector and facilitate the creation of an end-to-end ecosystem.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### 8 new cow sanctuaries to come up in Himachal Pradesh

As many as eight new cow sanctuaries are set to come up in Himachal Pradesh's Chamba, Kangra and Bilaspur districts at a cost of Rs. 112 billion by June 2022. The aim is to provide shelter to around 9,000 stray cattle and tackle the menace of abandoned animals.

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### Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates, lays foundation for projects worth Rs. 140.9 mln

On 3 May 2022, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various projects at Chhatri village in Mandi district. The projects entail a total outlay of Rs. 140.9 million.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt prepares plan to strengthen drinking water schemes

The Himachal Pradesh government has prepared a special plan to construct buffer storage to strengthen drinking water schemes. Initially, the plan would be implemented in Mandi & Kullu and later replicated in other districts.

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## Punjab

Punjab govt to provide Rs. 1,500/acre to farmers sowing paddy through DSR technique

The Punjab government has decided to provide financial assistance of Rs. 1,500 per acre to each of the farmers sowing paddy through the direct seeding of rice (DSR) technique in the upcoming kharif marketing season (KMS).

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Punjab govt launches portal seeking people's suggestions for Budget 2022-23

Punjab finance minister Harpal Cheema has launched a portal wherein the state government has sought suggestions from the public for the state Budget 2022-23. Suggestions from every section of the society will be taken, be it traders, farmers or industry.

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Centre proposes Rs. 11 bln for Punjab under Samagra Shiksha scheme for 2022-23

The Centre has proposed an outlay of nearly Rs. 11 billion for Punjab under the Samagra Shiksha scheme for school education for the financial year 2022-23.

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## Gujarat

TPREL commissions 120 MW solar project in Gujarat

The Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL) has commissioned a 120 MW solar power project in Masenka, Gujarat. With the commissioning of this project, TPREL's total operational renewable power generation capacity rose to 3,520 MW with 2,588 MW of solar and 932 MW of wind. It will also reduce up to 103,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission annually.

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Gujarat govt approves 288 new pharmaceutical manufacturing units

Over the past two years, the Gujarat government approved 288 new pharmaceutical manufacturing units, 115 of which would manufacture active pharmaceutical ingredients.

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Gujarat govt proposes 47 new projects worth Rs. 32 bln under Sagarmala programme

The Gujarat government has proposed as many as 47 new projects worth Rs. 32 billion under the Sagarmala programme. A total of 75 projects worth Rs. 570 billion have so far been proposed under the aforementioned programme in the state.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra Governor announces 2 projects

The Maharashtra government has planned to set up a bulk drug park in Raigad district along the Delhi-Mumbai corridor. It will come up on 1,011.7 hectares of land, informed Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. Besides this, a medical equipment park will be set up at the Auric Smart City in Bidkin near Aurangabad on 141.6 hectares of land.

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### Maharashtra's BMC plans new policy for EV charging

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in Maharashtra is planning to come up with a separate policy for charging batteries of electric vehicles (EV). This has come in view of EVs getting a good response in Mumbai. Currently, the city has more than 8,000 EVs.

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### 37 clusters to come up in Maharashtra within 2 years

As many as 37 clusters will be set up in Maharashtra under the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) within the next two years. According to Union MSME minister Narayan Rane, the Centre would extend full cooperation to create entrepreneurs and generate employment in a bid to achieve the goal of a self-reliant India.

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## Jammu & Kashmir

### Centre allocates 207 MW of additional power to J&K

The Centre has allocated 207 MW of additional power to Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), in order to meet the increasing electricity demand of the union territory (UT).

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### J&K admin to launch public bicycle-sharing system in Jammu under Smart City Mission

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has decided to launch a public bicycle-sharing system in Jammu under the Smart City Mission. The aim is to boost eco-friendly mobility in the union territory (UT).

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### J&K AC gives nod to J&K Road Classification & Road Gazette 2022

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administrative council (AC) has approved the adoption of Jammu & Kashmir Road Classification and Road Gazette 2022. The gazette will serve as an inventory of all roads in the union territory (UT).

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## Madhya Pradesh

### 2 districts of Madhya Pradesh to get CoE for orange, vegetable production

Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara and Morena districts are set to get Centers of Excellence (CoE) for orange and vegetable production, respectively. These centers are being established in collaboration with Israel's Agency for International Development.

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### Madhya Pradesh govt to establish startup park in Indore

The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to construct a startup park in Indore at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.5 billion. For the purpose, the Indore Development Authority (IDA) has invited global tenders for architectural consultancy and master planning.

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### Madhya Pradesh to get disaster recovery centre

The Madhya Pradesh government is set to come up with a project entailing the designing, upgrading, commissioning and managing of a state data centre (SDC) along with setting up a disaster recovery (DR) centre for a period of five years.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Pfizer to set up global drug development centre in Chennai

Pfizer has invested Rs.1.5 billion for the establishment of its global drug development centre at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras Research Park. The facility is one of the 12 centres established throughout the world, and it is the first in Asia.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to revamp Maduravoyal-Chennai Port Elevated Corridor

The Tamil Nadu government has approved the redesigning of the 20.6-km-long Maduravoyal-Chennai Port Elevated Corridor Project, which had remained grounded for nearly 12 years. The Rs. 57.7 billion project to be funded by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) through loans & contributions from the Chennai port and state government.

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### 'One Station One Product' scheme to be extended to more railway stations in TN's Tiruchi

The Tiruchi Railway Division in Tamil Nadu (TN) has decided to extend the 'One Station One Product' scheme to more railway stations falling under its jurisdiction. The objective is to make the chosen stations as promotional and sales hub for unique local products.

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## Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt plans to launch Guaranteed Pension Scheme for its employees

The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to launch the Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS) for its employees in place of the current Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS). The reintroduction of the old pension scheme (OPS) will result in a huge financial burden on the state exchequer and future generations, said state finance minister Buggana Rajendranath.

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Andhra Pradesh witnesses 22% rise in GST collection in April

Andhra Pradesh's GST collection witnessed an increase of 22 per cent in April 2022. The GST collection in the state stood at Rs. 40 billion in April 2022, as compared to around Rs. 33.4 billion collected during the same month last year.

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APIIC develops land parcels with complete infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) has developed a massive extent of land parcels with complete infrastructure in Anantapur. The move aims to facilitate industrial development in the backward district.

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## Karnataka

Karnataka govt approves 60 new industrial projects worth Rs. 24.6 bln

On 1 May 2022, the Karnataka government approved as many as 60 new industrial projects worth Rs. 24.6 billion. The projects include 10 important large and medium-sized industrial projects costing over Rs. 500 million.

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Karnataka govt signs MoU to set up semiconductor fab plant

The Karnataka government has signed an MoU with Israel-based ISMC Analog Fab Private Limited for setting up a semiconductor fab plant in the state. The project would be undertaken at a cost of Rs. 229 billion.

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Karnataka govt unveils renewable energy policy

The Karnataka government has unveiled the 'Karnataka Renewable Energy Policy', which will be valid till 2027. The policy aims to make the state a preferred investment destination for renewables and create an ecosystem for sustainable & green energy development.

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## Telangana

### GMR Group to operate Hyderabad airport for 30 more years

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted rights to the GMR Group to operate the Hyderabad international airport for 30 more years. The GMR Group had the rights to operate the Hyderabad airport till 22 March 2038 which has been extended to 22 March 2068 by the MoCA. The airport was inaugurated on 23 March 2008.

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### Development works inaugurated in Telangana's Shankarpalli mandal

On 4 May 2022, Telangana education minister Sabitha Indra Reddy inaugurated several development works in Elvarthi, Gajulaguda and Mahalingapuram villages under Shankarpalli mandal. These include a rythu vedika, grama panchayat bhavan, Schedule Caste (SC) community hall and cement concrete road.

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### Telangana govt extends insurance coverage to handloom and power loom weavers

The Telangana government has extended insurance coverage of Rs. 500,000 to handloom and power loom weavers under the 'Nethanna Bima' scheme. Meanwhile, Rs. 290 million been allocated for implementing the scheme during the current year.

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## Delhi

### Delhi govt to launch Haritima adventure eco-tourism park this week

The Delhi government is set to launch the Haritima adventure eco-tourism park in Najafgarh, this week. It will have the city's first-ever staycation facility with 20 air-conditioned (AC) cottages.

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### Delhi Cabinet approves startup policy

On 5 May 2022, the Delhi Cabinet approved the 'Delhi Startup Policy'. The policy seeks to provide financial and procedural help to youths who want to build their own startups.

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### DDC signs MoU with RMI to develop new Delhi Solar Policy

Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) signed an MoU with the Remote Method Invocation (RMI) to develop a new Delhi Solar Policy. The aim is to boost green energy and promote rooftop solar plants in the national capital through experience & knowledge sharing, multiple stakeholder convenings, technical knowledge sharing and research.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### EoI issued to develop solar projects in Uttar Pradesh's Jalaun power park

The Bundelkhand Saur Urja Limited (BSUL) has issued an expression of interest (EoI) to develop grid-connected solar projects in the 1.2 GW ultra mega renewable energy power park in Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh.

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### 'Silk Exchange' to come up in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi

The Uttar Pradesh government is set to get its own 'Silk Exchange' in Varanasi. The move is expected to facilitate the ready availability of silk to traders and saree manufacturers at reasonable prices, besides checking the smuggling of silk in the region.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to set up IT parks in all divisions

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up information technology (IT) parks in all 18 administrative divisions of the state in the next two years. The project is part of the authorities' efforts to transform the state into the IT hub of the country.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan govt signs MoU with Schoolnet

The Rajasthan government has signed an MoU with ed-tech company Schoolnet to provide Geneo & ReadToMe and teacher training services in 6,500 state-run schools. As a part of the partnership, over one million students across 33 districts would get access to digital learning technologies.

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### SJVN update on 1000 MW solar power project in Bikaner, Rajasthan

SJVN has been issued letter of award by India Renewable Energy Development Agency for development of grid connected solar PV power project of 1000 MW capacity under CPSU scheme. Further, the company issued the letter of award for EPC contract to Tata Power Solar Systems on 04 May 2022 for the development of 1000 MW (AC) of ground mounted solar project in Bikaner, Rajasthan

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal govt extends cashless limit for treatment in private hospitals

The West Bengal government has extended the cashless limit for treatment of its employees in private hospitals under the West Bengal Health Scheme. The ceiling of cashless limit for treatment in private empanelled hospital has been enhanced up to Rs. 150,000 from the existing Rs. 100,000. The decision would benefit 865,773 employees.

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### WBREDA invites bids to install 10 MW of rooftop solar systems in West Bengal

The West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency (WBREDA) has floated tenders to install 10 MW of rooftop solar systems at various locations in West Bengal.

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### Railway track to be laid to connect Meghalaya's Garo Hills with West Bengal through Bangladesh

A historic railway track is set to be constructed to connect Garo Hills in Meghalaya with West Bengal through Bangladesh at a cost of Rs. 70 billion. It will be a milestone project for South Dinajpur in West Bengal and Garo Hills in Meghalaya.

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## Bihar

### NPGC at Aurangabad, Bihar, to import 500,000 tonnes of coal from Adani Group

The Nabinagar Power Generation Company Limited (NPGC) at Aurangabad, Bihar, has decided to import 500,000 tonnes of coal from Adani Group, in view of the nation-wide coal crisis. NPGC chief executive officer Rajkumar Pandey has signed a pact with the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) for the supply of additional 300,000 tonnes of coal from the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL).

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### Reconstructed MG Setu to become fully operational by June 1st week

The reconstructed Mahatma Gandhi Setu on river Ganga, which is the communication lifeline between north and south Bihar, will become fully operational from the first week of June, state's road construction department (RCD) minister Nitin Nabin said on Friday. About ₹250 crore is said to have been spent on the repair of the bridge whose original construction cost was ₹87 crore.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt to set up bridge-cum-water wire structures by 2025

The Odisha government is planning to come up with bridge-cum-water wire structures at different locations across the state. Following this, the state public works department has been asked to scale up the replication of the technology throughout the state.

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### Odisha to get India's first tribal health observatory

India's first tribal health observatory (TriHOb) is set to come up in Odisha. The observatory will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population in the state. It will perform systematic & ongoing observation on disease burden, health-seeking behaviour and healthcare delivery system pertaining to tribal health in the state.

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### Odisha govt approves 6 investment proposals worth Rs. 4.9 bln

On 6 May 2022, the Odisha government gave nod to as many as six investment proposals worth Rs. 4.9 billion. The investment projects, approved by the state-level single window clearance authority (SLSWCA), are expected to create employment opportunities for 1,317 persons.

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## North-East

### Centre approves Rs. 11 bln to revamp power distribution system in Meghalaya

The central government has approved a sum of Rs. 11 billion under the Revamped Distribution Service System (RDSS) scheme to improve the power distribution system in Meghalaya.

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### Arunachal Pradesh govt to notify policy to encourage new startups & ventures

The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to notify a policy to encourage and incentivise new startups & ventures in the state. The initiative is expected to support around 500 young entrepreneurs in one year.

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### Assam Cabinet approves projects worth Rs. 78.7 bln

On 3 May 2022, the Assam Cabinet approved projects worth Rs. 78.7 billion. These include a four-lane bridge connecting Palasbari near Guwahati airport with Sualkuchi which will be built at a cost of Rs. 31 billion and four new medical college & hospitals in Bongaigaon, Dhemaji, Golaghat & Morigaon worth Rs. 20 billion.

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## Jharkhand

### ICFAI varsity, Jharkhand, gets global rankings

ICFAI University, Jharkhand, was ranked by Times Higher Education (THE) UK, in its Impact Ranking 2022, wherein overall rankings included 1,406 universities from 106 countries /regions. The rankings were done on the progress made towards 17 UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

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### Rs 2.1 crore for Jharkhand to ramp up agri infrastructure

NABARD will sanction Rs 2,100 crore for FY 2021-22 in order to ramp up agricultural infrastructure in Jharkhand and disburse an additional amount of Rs 1,800 crore to the government for other infrastructural development work, NABARD chairman GR Chintala, said on Saturday.

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## Kerala

### Kerala tourism dept launches STREET project

The Kerala tourism department has launched the Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential and Ethnic Tourism (STREET) project. The project aims to give the state tourism a makeover and introduce various new experiences.

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### Kerala govt to introduce mobile app to diagnose & control lifestyle diseases

The Kerala government has decided to launch a mobile application, called Shaili App, to diagnose and control lifestyle diseases among people in the state.

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### Samudra Shipyard raises proposal to introduce River Caravans

Kerala-based leading boat builder Samudra Shipyard has put forward a proposal to introduce River Caravans to explore the untapped potential of backwater tourism in the state.

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