



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

TCS to set up IT facility housing 10k employees in Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh has secured a major investment from Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). The IT giant will set up a facility in Vizag that will employ 10,000 people. This investment is a significant milestone for the state as it strives to become India's top business destination.

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Andhra Pradesh govt signs MoU with FSSAI

The Andhra Pradesh government signed an MoU with the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for setting up laboratory infrastructure, testing food samples and creation of awareness on food safety among people in the state. A work plan worth INR88.41 crore for the 2024-25 financial year is part of the MoU that was signed at the FSSAI headquarters.

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Andhra Pradesh CM announces new railway zone headquartered in Vizag

CM N Chandrababu Naidu has announced a new railway zone headquartered in Vizag. The CM said that the foundation stone for the zone is likely to be laid in December 2024. On the other hand, Union minister revealed that the Indian Railways (IR) would be investing INR73,740 crore in various infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh.

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Central grant for 12 new medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh

The Niti Aayog has agreed to provide financial support under the viability gap funding (VGF) to the 12 new govt medical colleges in the state. The state govt had put the construction of the colleges – which were planned at an estimated cost of 500 crore each – on hold due to shortage of funds.

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Bihar

Bihar accelerates smart city mission with completion of 74 projects

Bihar's Urban Development and Housing Minister, Nitin Nabin, recently announced the successful completion of 74 projects under the state's Smart City Mission, with the remaining projects expected to be finished within five months.

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Bihar govt signs MoU to promote IT policy

The Bihar government signed an MoU with the National Association of Software & Service Companies to promote the state's IT policy and investment opportunities. As part of the initiative, the state government will plan and organise roadshows in Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Pune.

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Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh's industrial corridor project gets nod from centre

The Centre has given nod to the Chhattisgarh government's proposal to link Korba-Bilaspur-Raipur with the Nagpur industrial corridor to boost industrial activities in the state, the linking of Korba-Bilaspur-Raipur in Chhattisgarh with the Nagpur industrial corridor in Maharashtra would enhance industrial activities in the state significantly and create employment opportunities.

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USD1.34 billion for roads in Chhattisgarh, India

The State of Chhattisgarh in India will benefit from a USD1.34 billion budget for road improvement works. This is intended to boost connectivity to areas within the state. A total of 236km of roads will be upgraded, with four National Highway routes to receive the majority of the spending.

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Gujarat

Amneal Pharma to invest INR1,600 crore in Gujarat to make GLP-1 drugs

Nasdaq-listed Amneal Pharmaceuticals, which already operates multiple manufacturing facilities in Gujarat, is further investing up to INR 1,680 crore over the next four to five years for peptide synthesis and advanced sterile fill-finish manufacturing.

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Gujarat promises seamless grid connectivity to green energy companies

The Gujarat government is planning a new green power transmission corridor to connect the state's upcoming mega projects of over 23 gigawatts of capacity to the national grid, the state has identified 15 GW of renewable energy potential south of the 30 GW renewable energy park (the world's largest) at Khavda in Kutch district and 7 GW in north Gujarat near from the border with Rajasthan.

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GETRI Catalysing Gujarat's Energy Transition

India is undergoing a transformative journey, with Gujarat playing a pivotal role as one of the key accelerants. The state has been at the forefront of making India self-reliant in energy, manufacturing, and innovation. GUVNL's recent achievements underscore its commitment to energy transition and sustainable practices..

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Cabinet approves development of National Maritime Heritage Complex

The Union Cabinet approved the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal in Gujarat. The Cabinet also accorded in-principle approval for Phases 1B and 2 of the project, as per the master plan, by raising funds through voluntary resources or contributions.

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Haryana

New BJP government in Haryana to be sworn-in on October 15 at Panchkula

The swearing-in ceremony of the new BJP government in Haryana will be held in Panchkula on October 17. The BJP had indicated during the assembly election that Nayab Singh Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister of Haryana in March, will be its choice for the top post if the party won.

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Results of recruitment exams for 25,000 posts in Haryana to be announced soon

Outgoing Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said the results of recruitment exams for nearly 25,000 posts will be announced soon, even before the new BJP government is sworn in.

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Jharkhand

Jharkhand CM lays foundation stones for 3 new residential schools

Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren laid foundation stones for as many as three new residential schools modeled after the prestigious Netarhat Residential School. They will come up in Khuntpani, Nawadih and Masliya. A sum of around INR 300 crore has been set aside for the purpose.

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Nabard sanctions INR770 crore for two irrigation projects in Jharkhand

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) said it has sanctioned INR 770 crore financial assistance for the construction of two irrigation projects in Jharkhand. These projects were approved under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for the fiscal year 2024-25.

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flags off Sahibganj-Howrah Intercity Express

Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the daily Sahibganj-Howrah Intercity Express through video conferencing in Jharkhand. As per an official release, this new train service will connect Sahibganj to Howrah, covering a distance of 350 km in just 7 hours at an affordable fare of INR125, providing considerable relief to the residents of Jharkhand.

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NBCC bags order worth INR 198 crore from SAIL Bokaro steel plant in Jharkhand

NBCC (India) Ltd has bagged an award worth INR 198 crore from the SAIL Bokaro steel plant. As per the order, NBCC will design, supply and install the rooftop solar system in Bokaro Steel Plant at Bokaro, Jharkhand.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal to replace public transport buses into e-vehicles by March 2025

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu announced an ambitious plan to make public transport buses run by the state-run Himachal Road Transport Corp (HRTC) a "green one" by replacing fossil fuel-run buses with electrical by March 2025.

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Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates cancer hospital building at IGMC in Shimla

Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated a five-storey tertiary cancer hospital building at the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) in Shimla. It has been built at a cost of INR13.5crore. The aim is to enhance cancer treatment capabilities in the state.

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Karnataka

Karnataka cabinet approves higher compensation for land acquisition

The state cabinet approved a modified order to give more compensation than what is being offered under the LAA to people whose land will be acquired for the proposed Bengaluru Business Corridor. The cabinet decided to give compensation as per the guidance value that differs from one village to another or give TDR if the land owners agree.

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KSRTC to add 20 new luxury buses to its bus fleet in Karnataka

The KSRTC has decided to add 20 new Airavat Club Class 2.0 model Volvo buses to its luxury bus fleet by the end of October 2024. This will solidify the KSRTC's position as one of the leading state transport corporations with the highest number of intercity Volvo buses in India. The cost of each new bus has been estimated at INR. 1.78crore.

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Railway projects worth INR6,200 crore underway in Karnataka's Ballari and Hosapete

The central government is spending INR 6200 crore for various railway projects covering Ballari and Hosapete areas in the Kalyana Karnataka region. Some of the projects include railway track doubling on 185-km stretch between Ballari & Chikjajur at INR 300 crore and development of Ballari & Hosapete railway stations at a cost of INR 15.17 crore.

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100 PHCs in Karnataka to get solar energy solutions

As many as 100 primary health centres (PHC) in Karnataka are set to get solar energy solutions. The initiative will be implemented by the SELCO Foundation and Rotary Club of Bangalore (RCB). The aim is to improve healthcare access and energy resilience for over two million people in rural areas across six districts.

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Kerala

Kerala govt to develop catchment area around Vizhinjam Port

Kerala government plans to establish a catchment area and assembly cluster around Vizhinjam International Seaport, as announced by Kerala Industries Minister Shri P. Rajeeve. He stated that the catchment area will serve as a hub for industrial activities beyond district and state borders.

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Centre yet to give final nod for KBIC, Global City projects

The State intends to utilise the Kochi-Bengaluru industrial corridor project (KBIC) and the industrial smart city project that is being developed at Palakkad as part of it, to develop Kerala as a hi-tech manufacturing hub in the country.

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Bindu launches KTU projects

Four major projects were launched at APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU) as part of the LDF government's 100-day programme. The projects include the university's new academic departments, the construction of a translational research centre, and software development centre and the formation of a company to explore the commercial prospects of products developed through research.

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Rajasthan

Nuvoco Vistas Corp secures three limestone blocks in Rajasthan

Nuvoco Vistas Corporation said that it has been declared the preferred bidder for three significant limestone blocks located at Nimbol, Tehsil Jaitaran, District Beawar, Rajasthan. The auction saw participation from major cement players and other industries. The blocks cover 41.37 hectares, have limestone resources estimated at 28.43 million tons, and is located near the company's cement manufacturing facility.

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Rajasthan to launch new mineral policy to boost revenue, streamline mining

The state government is set to introduce a new mineral policy, aimed at boosting mining revenue and optimising operations. The policy targets increasing the sector's contribution to Rajasthan's gross domestic product from 3.4 per cent in FY24 to 5 per cent by FY30 and up to 8 per cent by FY47.

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Rajasthan to become India's first state to bring in land aggregation through legal mechanism

Rajasthan will soon become the first state in India to bring in land aggregation through a legal mechanism. The state government will introduce a Bill in the state Assembly and based on that a policy will be drafted. The aim is to assist industries and help the farmers.

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Madhya Pradesh

AAI signs MoU with MP government for development of Shivpuri Airport

Airports Authority of India and Government of Madhya Pradesh signed MoU for development of Shivpuri Airport under RCS and agreements for Operation & Maintenance and provision of Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management services.

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CM inaugurates INR57crore projects in Sheopur

Yadav announced the inauguration and ceremonial launch of projects valued at over INR57 crore . A Pentul bridge is set to be constructed over the Chambal River connecting Nandi village to Gavghat in Virpur.

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INR 14,700 crore allocated for development of railways in Madhya Pradesh

Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that around INR. 14700crore has been allocated for the development of railways in Madhya Pradesh. He also flagged off a new train service from Jaura to Kailaras in Morena. The development marks the successful conversion of the route from narrow gauge to broad gauge.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt launches initiative to provide solar power to 242 lift irrigation schemes

The Maharashtra government has launched an initiative to provide solar power to 242 government and cooperative lift irrigation schemes in the state. Besides this, various works worth INR 2770 crore have been launched for strengthening of electricity infrastructure. The aim is to provide power to farms under the Mukhyamantri Saur Krishi Vahini Yojana (MSKVY).

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Centre approves INR770 crore for Kalamboli Circle infrastructure upgrade in Maharashtra

The Centre has approved INR770 crore to upgrade the infrastructure at the congested Kalamboli Circle in Maharashtra. It is a key junction on the Sion-Panvel highway serving traffic towards the Mumbai-Pune expressway, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport. A two-level interchange, incorporating a directional/stack system, will facilitate signal-free traffic flow.

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PM inaugurates 10 new govt medical colleges in Maharashtra

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated as many as 10 new government medical colleges in Maharashtra. These hospitals are located in Mumbai, Nashik, Jalna, Amravati, Gadchiroli, Buldhana, Washim, Bhandara, Hingoli and Ambernath. He also laid foundation stones for several other projects worth INR7,600 crore.

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Punjab

Cabinet approves road construction in border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved construction of 2,280 km roads in border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab at an investment of INR4,406 crore emphasizing development of infrastructure in border areas..

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Tata Steel Foundation partners with Punjab Govt to boost technical education

Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) and the Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab (DTE&IT), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote technical education and bolster employability skills for students of ITI Gill Road and ITI Samrala.

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Telangana

Telangana govt approves investments worth INR7100 crore

The Telangana government approved investments worth INR7100 crore over the last 10 months. Notable companies include Mayora India Private Limited investing INR150 crore to set up a food processing manufacturing industry and Lohum Materials Private Limited investing INR 500 crore in lithium-ion battery manufacturing.

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Telangana govt sanctions INR160 crore for consultancy services

The Telangana government has sanctioned INR160 crore for consultancy services to create a detailed plan for the Musi Riverfront Development Project. This project, which has been in the works for several years, aims to restore 55-km stretch of the river.

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EaseMyTrip opens its first franchise store in Hyderabad, Telangana

EaseMyTrip.com announced the grand opening of its first franchise store in Hyderabad, Telangana. The new franchise offers a comprehensive range of travel services. These include flight and hotel reservations, bus and railway tickets, luxurious vacation packages, cruises, and group travel bookings, along with visa-related assistance.

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Telangana govt, TCC ink MoU to boost Taiwanese investments in state

In a bid to boost trade and economic ties between Telangana and Taiwan, the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce (TCC) and Telangana's ITE&C department inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU). The strategic partnership is expected to promote investment, infrastructure development, and job creation across the state by attracting significant Taiwanese foreign direct investments (FDI) into Telangana.

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Odisha

NBCC (India) bags construction order from Govt of Odisha

NBCC (India) announced that it has received work order from sports and youth service department, government of Odisha. The contract includes construction of integrated sports complex, in Dhamnagar Bhadrak at Odisha and the value of the contract is INR 50 crore. NBCC (India) is in business of operates into three major segments namely project management consultancy, real estate and engineering procurement & construction.

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Odisha govt sanctions INR850 crore to renovate canal system of Hirakud Dam

The Odisha government has allocated a sum of INR850 crore for the renovation of the six-decade-old canal system connected to the Hirakud Dam. The major objective of the project is to make water available in tail end by minimising water losses and maximising the efficiency of the canal irrigation system.

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Odisha to emerge as Tata Steel's largest investment destination

Tata Steel, in a press release said that Odisha would emerge as the company's single-largest investment destination after the phase-II expansion of its Kalinganagar, the company's total investment in Odisha stands at over INR100,000 crore.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates new infrastructure for police, fire services

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin inaugurated new infrastructure constructed for the police, fire & rescue services and forensic sciences departments at various locations. A total of 169 housing units for police personnel and two police stations have been constructed at a cost of INR56.26 crore.

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Tamil Nadu Cabinet gives approval for 14 projects worth INR38,698 crore

A meeting of the Tamil Nadu cabinet chaired by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at the Secretariat gave approval to 14 new investments worth INR38,698 crore and the investments would generate 46,931 jobs. The investments are from key sectors including non-leather footwear manufacturing, green hydrogen, green ammonia production, e-vehicles and mobile phone spare parts among others.

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IndoSpace to invest INR4,500 crore in Tamil Nadu logistics parks

IndoSpace, one of the largest investor, developer, and operator of Grade A industrial and logistics real estate in India announced plans for fresh investments up to INR4,500 crore in logistics and warehouse parks in Tamil Nadu over three years, these parks are likely to support the growing manufacturing sectors like automobile and electronics in the state.

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North-East

Assam CM Sarma presents appointment letters to 385 candidates in Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday presented appointment letters to 385 candidates at a function held at GMCH Auditorium in Guwahati. With these appointments, the total number of jobs given to recruits has reached to a staggering 1,25,030.

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Meghalaya gets INR1,367 crore as tax devolution

The Union Government has released tax devolution of INR1,78,173 crore to State Governments, as against the normal monthly devolution of INR89,086.50 crore.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates 18 BRO projects in Arunachal Pradesh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated 75 transformative infrastructure projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Among these, 18 projects are located in Arunachal Pradesh, including three key roads, 14 bridges, and a helipad executed by Project Brahmanak.

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Tripura CM inaugurates synthetic football turf in Khowai to enhance sports infrastructure

Tripura Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha inaugurated a new synthetic football turf at the Khowai Government Boys' School ground in Khowai. This is part of a broader strategy to enhance athletic infrastructure and support budding sports talent across the state. The turf has been built at a cost of INR 5 crore.

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Tripura govt to invest INR500 crore in tourism industry in next 2 years

The Tripura government has decided to invest at least INR. 500 crore in the tourism industry in the next two years. The state government has identified tourism as a potential investment sector for developing the state's economy because of its unique landscape, natural beauty, flora & fauna and climate.

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Arunachal Pradesh, Australia to collaborate for providing skills training

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu held a meeting with Australia's High Commissioner to India Philip Green. The meeting primarily focused on strengthening skill development among the state's youths in sectors including hydropower, infrastructure and construction in collaboration with institutions of Australia.

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Mizoram commercial vehicle union withdraws plan for indefinite strike

Mizoram Commercial Vehicle Union (MCVU) said it has withdrawn its decision to observe an indefinite strike from Monday demanding a reduction in the prices of petrol and diesel.

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Uttar Pradesh

Realty projects worth INR 7,200 crore get Uttar Pradesh govt approval

Uttar Pradesh has approved real estate projects worth INR 7,200 crore to boost supply of residential and commercial spaces in the state. Almost three dozen new projects are approved covering construction of around 11,200 units.

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UP govt approves factory complex in Meerut to boost jewellery sector

The state government has sanctioned a factory complex in Meerut to boost the gems and gold jewellery sector. The project, managed by the Meerut Development Authority, will enhance the region's jewellery industry, offering modern facility and creating employment. The factory will make Meerut a key hub for the jewellery market, attracting industrialists and customers.

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UP set to launch mega e-auction for 43 industrial and commercial plots

UPSIDA is finalizing the mega e-auction process for 43 industrial and commercial plots across Uttar Pradesh, aiming to expand opportunities for entrepreneurs and investors. The plots, available in districts like Bareilly, Prayagraj, and Unnao, can be used for various ventures.

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Uttar Pradesh Govt Grants 'Industry' Status to IT and ITES Sectors

The Uttar Pradesh government has officially granted 'Industry' status to the IT and ITES sectors, marking a significant milestone in the state's ambition to emerge as a major tech hub. This move enables IT companies to purchase land at industrial rates and benefit from reduced power tariffs, a move designed to attract global tech giants to cities like Noida.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rainfed Farming Project to be launched in 8 districts

The Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rainfed Farming Project is set to be launched in eight districts of the state. The project will span six years and be funded by the World Bank. A powerful production system is being developed in selected micro-watershed areas of the state to make mountain agriculture profitable and capable of greenhouse gas reduction.

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Uttarakhand CM seeks central aid for 21 hydel power projects

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami has sought central assistance for 21 hydel power projects with a total capacity of 2,123 MW. He also requested to transfer three ropeway projects for development and operation by the state government.

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Union Territories

Ladakh gets world's highest MACE Observatory

Ladakh now hosts the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment observatory, the world's highest imaging Cherenkov telescope. Built by BARC with Indian partners, MACE is the largest such telescope in Asia. It aims to advance India's space and cosmic-ray research, studying supernovae, black holes, and gamma-ray bursts.

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Delhi govt approves INR180 crore to overhaul New Rohtak Road

The Delhi government has approved a sum of INR. 180 crore to overhaul the New Rohtak Road. The aim is to eliminate the problem of water logging and traffic congestion. This will bring relief to a number of commuters & residents from areas such as Nangloi, Mundka, Ghevara and Tikri around the Delhi-Haryana border.

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Airtel Expands Network in Jammu & Kashmir to Improve Connectivity

Airtel has enhanced its network coverage across Jammu & Kashmir by deploying additional spectrum. This move is expected to boost voice and data connectivity in both urban and rural areas of the region. The company added 5MHz on the 2100 band and 3.8MHz on the 900 band, increasing network capacity to support improved 4G and 5G services.

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West Bengal

Bengal government rejects doctors' mass resignation

The West Bengal government said that the mass resignation of doctors from state-run hospitals is not valid, and it must be submitted individually according to the service rules. Senior doctors from state-run medical colleges and hospitals in West Bengal have resigned en masse, sparking a wave of support from doctors at the College of Medicine and Sagore Dutta Hospital and Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (PGMER).

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Coal India subsidiary tenders 5 MW floating solar project in West Bengal

Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI), a subsidiary of Coal India, has invited bids to commission a 5 MW grid-connected floating solar project for Eastern Coalfields at the quarry sump of Dalmia OCP Salanpur Area in West Bengal.

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News18 Bangla to showcase over 5000 Durga pandals across West Bengal

This year, News18 Bangla will showcase extensive Durga Puja coverage, featuring over 5000 Durga Pandals across Bengal, ensuring representation from every district, including remote areas. The channel will continue to highlight pandals in Kolkata's housing societies, reflecting the community spirit and festive energy.

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