



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Bulk drug park to be set up at Nakkapalli

Andhra Pradesh govt has established AP Bulk Drug Infrastructure Corporation Ltd. to act as the state's implementing agency for the development of a bulk drug park in Nakkapalli, Anakapalli district. Union govt sanctioned the bulk drug park for Andhra Pradesh.

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Andhra Pradesh wins 13 medals in 'India Skill Competitions'

Andhra Pradesh has won 13 medals, including one gold, one bronze and 11 medallions of excellence in the 'India Skill Competitions', a five-day event. Around 42 participants from the State took part in 37 categories of skills – a gold medal was secured in 'cosmetic design', a bronze medal in 'mechanical CAD' and a medallion of excellence in 11 other trades.

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Nayara Energy plans to invest in AP setting up ethanol manufacturing plant

Nayara Energy Ltd has announced a strategic investment of INR600 crore in setting up Ethanol manufacturing plants. According to Alessandro Des Dorides, Chief Executive Officer, Nayara Energy Ltd.

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MSME Technology Centre organises placement drive in Visakhapatnam

The MSME Technology Centre in Visakhapatnam, with support from Learning Links Foundation and the Department of Technical Education (DTE) Andhra Pradesh, organized a placement drive at MSME TC (V) Pudi by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL).

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Bihar

ITI Limited bags Lol worth INR37.5 crore for solar street light systems in Bihar

ITI Limited said it has received Letter of Intent worth INR37.5 crore from Bihar Renewable Energy Development Authority for installation of solar street light systems. In a statement, the company said, ITI Limited's Naini unit has received the LOI for design, supply, installation, testing, and commissioning with Comprehensive Maintenance Contract.

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Hajipur Becomes 2nd Fastest Developing City In Bihar

Hajipur has emerged as the 2nd fastest developing city in Bihar next to Patna. This city is carving a niche for itself on the global stage by venturing into footwear manufacturing adding from safety shoes for the Russians to designer footwear tailored for European markets.

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Goa

Radisson Hotel Group unveils Mandrem Beach Resort in Goa

Radisson Hotel Group announced the opening of Mandrem Beach Resort, a member of Radisson Individuals Retreats in Mandrem, Goa. Located amidst the beaches of Mandrem, the resort offers a blend of beachfront and riverfront accommodations.

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Goa's startup ecosystem witnesses a 33 per cent rise in women entrepreneurs

Goa's emergence as a startup destination is underscored by its growing connectivity, advancing physical infrastructure, and the proactive support extended by the Startup and IT Promotion Cell, a government initiative aimed at streamlining administrative processes.

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Gujarat

Gujarat CM discusses future collaborations with German Consul General

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel had invited a German delegation to visit Gujarat and explore the possibilities of a Sister State Agreement to strengthen ties between Gujarat and Germany. CM Patel presented the Consul General with a Kutch handicraft.

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Tata Group to start semiconductor chips production from Gujarat

Tata Group hopes that the commercial production of semiconductor chips at the Gujarat plants, whose foundation stones were laid recently, would start in 2026. The semiconductor manufacturing plant will also bring with it several job opportunities in Gujarat will be a landmark in India's Atmanirbhar efforts.

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Jharkhand

PM Modi addresses a public meeting in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a dynamic public meeting in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, highlighting the significance of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and the crucial issues at stake.

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Decathlon enters Jharkhand

French sporting goods brand Decathlon has launched its first store in Jharkhand, becoming the latest global sports brand to enter the state. The stand-alone store is located at Bistupur, Jamshedpur.

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Haryana

DLF to develop INR 25,000 crore luxury housing project in Gurugram

DLF Ltd is set to develop a luxurious housing project in Gurugram with over 400 apartments, aiming for an estimated revenue of INR25,000 crore. The project, spread across 17 acres in DLF Phase-5, will offer apartments ranging from 9,500 to 15,000 square feet.

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Machino Plastics lays foundation stone for new plant at Kharkhoda, Haryana

Machino Plastics is a state of the art manufacturer of automotive components catering to Indian and cross-border industrial consumers laid the foundation stone for its new plant in Kharkhoda, Sonipat, Haryana.

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Himachal Pradesh

Steelbird plans major expansion and new facility to boost helmet production

Steelbird Hi-Tech aims to sell 10 million helmets in the FY24-25 mainly by increasing the manufacturing capacity at its Baddi plant, in HP, to 50,000 units per day investing INR105 crore. The company has acquired additional land in Baddi for the expansion.

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Himachal Pradesh to buy 50 electric buses

In all 50 electric buses will be purchased for Shimla town with the cooperation of Union Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Ministry, he said adding that orders had been given for 309 meter long buses while the remaining 20 would be of 7 meters in length.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan aims for 90 GW of renewable energy by 2030

Rajasthan aims to achieve 90 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity by the fiscal year 2029-30 as part of its new energy policy, Jiwesh Nandan, a distinguished fellow at the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) said.

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Hindustan Zinc, Jindal Power, JK Cement in race with others for two gold mines in Rajasthan

Vedanta group firm Hindustan Zinc, Jindal Power and JK Cement are among the few companies that have emerged as technically qualified bidders for two gold mines put up for sale in Rajasthan.

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Kerala

2,548 food processing units opened in Kerala

The state has successfully launched 2,548 new food processing enterprises in the financial year 2023-2024. With this, Kerala has secured the third position in the ranking of micro-food processing units in the country.

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Nissan opens global digital hub in Kerala, first MNC to set up shop in state

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd opened its first global research hub, to develop futuristic driverless cars and electric vehicles, in Kerala capital Thiruvananthapuram. The hub will host 50 per cent of the multinational's digital workforce, estimated to be more than 3,000 employees, its biggest office outside Japan.

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Kerala-based Experion forges tie-up with Twixor

Experion has entered into the partnership with Twixor to deliver unparalleled value through customer experience automation at scale, deep domain expertise, single-vendor engagement, predictable pricing, and a commitment to innovation and futureproofing.

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Palakkad in Kerala emerges frontrunner in paddy production

Palakkad district in Kerala has emerged as the frontrunner of paddy production with a total of 178,130 tonnes. It is followed by Alappuzha district with 153,245.8 tonnes of paddy harvested. The lowest procurement was recorded in Idukki district, amounting to 133.4 tonnes.

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Karnataka

Schneider Electric to invest INR425 crore for smart factory in Bengaluru

Expanding its presence to a 1 million sq. feet of industrial setup from the current 500,000 sq ft, the new smart factory will manufacture a large scope of products from single phase UPS, three phase UPS, power distribution units, low voltage drives to digital energy products related to meters, pre-fabricated data centers, relays and renewable energy products.

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Karnataka govt stocks up on coal at thermal power plants to avoid power cuts

The Karnataka government is stocking up on coal at thermal power plants so they run to full capacity and there are no power cuts in the state. As of 13 May 2024, state-run thermal power stations had a stock of 851,275 tonnes of coal.

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Madhya Pradesh

Two industrial areas to come up in Mandsaur

Two new industrial areas are likely to take shape up in Mandsaur district in the new financial year, eyeing investment from textile, food processing and agri related industries. The new industrial areas of more than 100 hectare each are planned in Mandsaur district.

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India's largest solar power plant planned in Madhya Pradesh

There are plans to set up the country's largest ultra mega solar power plant in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district, S.R. Mohanty, the state's additional chief secretary for new and renewable energy. The plant, which will produce 700 megawatt (MW) of electricity, would require an investment of INR 4,000 crore.

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Madhya Pradesh to get first-ever City Museum in Bhopal

The Centre has given the nod for setting up Madhya Pradesh's first-ever City Museum in Bhopal. It will be established by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board at the left wing of Moti Mahal. The purpose is to create a tourist interpretation centre/citizen engagement centre for those who are passionate about history and culture.

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State govt plans to increase number of Noorjahan mango trees in Katthiwada

The Madhya Pradesh government is planning to renew efforts to increase the number of rare Noorjahan mango trees in the Katthiwada area of Alirajpur district. The Noorjahan mango variety is known for its big size, weighing between 3.5 kg and 4.5 kg.

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Maharashtra

ECI approves hiring of teachers in Maharashtra

The ECI has approved the hiring of teachers in districts of Maharashtra where voting has already been completed. Accordingly, more than 4,000 eligible candidates who were given appointment orders have joined as teachers in schools.

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Mumbai-based JP Infra announces delivery of over 2,000 units at Mira Road

Mumbai based JP Infra said it plans to to deliver over 2,000 completed units two years before the RERA deadline. According to reports, the demand for ready-to-move-in homes has surged from 78 per cent in 2022 to 85 per cent.

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Punjab

Maruti Suzuki inaugurates 3,000th ARENA sales outlet

Expanding its reach to better serve customers nationwide, Maruti Suzuki India Limited marked a significant achievement with the inauguration of its 3,000th ARENA sales outlet in Ludhiana, Punjab.

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Punjab declares summer vacation in schools from May 21 to June 30

State education department decided to advance the holidays in schools due to heat wave conditions in districts. In view of the severe heat wave conditions in the state, the Punjab government has announced summer holidays in all government, private, aided, and recognised schools from May 21 to June 30.

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Odisha

Odisha FPOs tap global markets with first export of mangoes, vegetables

In a significant boost to farm exports from Odisha, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in the state have marked their foray into the global markets with the first commercial shipment of fresh mangoes and vegetables. This feat was made possible through a strategic collaboration between the APEDA.

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Electrosteel Castings to set up a plant in Odisha

Electrosteel Castings, one of India's leading producers of ductile iron pipes, plans to set up a new DI (Ductile Iron) pipe and fittings plant in Odisha. This move is aimed at the company's large-scale expansion and future diversification.

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IIT Bhubaneswar, NeXHS join hands for renewable energy research

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar and Chennai-based NeXHS Renewables Private Limited have signed an MoU, with an objective to collaborate on various projects, initiatives, and research endeavours with a focus on advancing sustainable energy solutions.

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PACS in Odisha to offer core banking facilities

Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in Odisha will soon offer core banking facilities. These include real-time gross settlement (RTGS), national electronic fund transfer (NEFT) and micro ATM provisions.

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Tamil Nadu

Dalmia Bharat begins production at new unit in Tamil Nadu plant

Dalmia Bharat has commenced production at its new mill in Ariyalur manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu. With the commencement of commercial production of this 1 MTPA cement unit, the total cement manufacturing capacity of the company stands at 45.6 MTPA.

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Zoho plans USD700 million foray into chipmaking, seeks incentives from govt

Indian software firm Zoho is planning a foray into chipmaking and seeking incentives from the federal government, two sources with direct knowledge of the proposal said, with one of them pegging the investment plan at USD700 million. Zoho, established in 1996 and now headquartered in India's Tamil Nadu.

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RVNL bags LoA worth INR239 crore from Southern Railway

Rail Vikas Nigam (RVNL) has received a letter of acceptance (LoA) from southern railway for a project in Tamil Nadu worth INR239 crore. The contract includes provision of automatic block signaling system in Jolarpettai junction, Tamil Nadu to erode junction of Salem division in southern railway.

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Telangana

Deesawala sets up new manufacturing unit in Hyderabad

Deesawala Rubber Industries has set up its fourth manufacturing unit near Medchal with an investment of INR 40 crore. The new facility, spread across 40,000 square feet, will enhance the company's production capacity from eight tonnes per day to 25 tonnes per day.

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Hyderabad will become global investment hub

Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy announced that Hyderabad would be transformed into a truly global investment destination, competing with the world's top metropolises. Speaking after inaugurating the IGBC Green Property Show 2024.

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Telangana govt to host AI global summit in July

The state government is planning to host an artificial intelligence (AI) global summit in July 2024. According to state industries minister D Sridhar Babu, Hyderabad would be made a global AI capital. Plans are afoot to set up a skill university, the first of its kind in the country.

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North-East

ADB sanctions USD148.5 million for modernising sikkim's power distribution

The ADB has sanctioned a USD148.5 million loan aimed at modernising and bolstering the reliability, quality, and resilience of the electricity supply in Sikkim. This initiative aligns with Sikkim's Power for All program, ensuring continuous, high-quality electricity access for households, industries, businesses, and the public, according to an ADB statement.

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India-France military exercise begins In Meghalaya

According to the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, electricity consumers with a minimum contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 KW can avail the Green Energy Open Access.

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Assam downtown University partners with L&T EduTech for B.Tech programs

Assam downtown University (AdtU) has partnered with L&T EduTech to offer industry-focused Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) degrees in Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. This collaboration marks the first of its kind for Northeast India.

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Tripura CM lays foundation stone for state's first Special Economic Zone in Sabroom

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb laid the foundation stone for the state's first-ever Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Sabroom in the South Tripura district. This will surely transform Tripura into India's gateway to Southeast Asia. I hope that business transactions of at least INR2,000 crore will take place here annually.

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Mizoram triumphs with 3 golds, 1 silver, and 4 excellence awards at IndiaSkills 2024

In a remarkable display of talent and skill, the northeastern state of Mizoram has left an indelible mark at the IndiaSkills Competition. Securing a total of 4 medals and 4 Medallions of Excellence, Mizoram's contingent has made the state proud.

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Mizoram govt likely to initiate biometric enrolment for refugees from Myanmar

People from Myanmar continue to come to Mizoram since the military junta seized power in the nation. At least 34,350 people including women, elderly people and children from the neighbouring country took shelter in 11 districts of Mizoram.

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Uttar Pradesh

UP govt eyes INR5000 crore investments for defence manufacturing corridor

To bolster the UPDIC, the government may invest INR5,000 crore in multiple military-ware projects in Chitrakoot. The union environment ministry has permitted the development of 60 hectares of land meant for UPDIC in Chitrakoot.

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K2 Infragen gets INR90 crore railway order in UP

EPC company K2 Infragen said it has bagged an INR90 crore railway bridge project at Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh. The tender was secured by a joint venture between Gangasagar Singh and PRL Infrastructure.

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Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj to get 2nd SSH Lab

Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj is set to get its second Sentinel Surveillance Hospital (SSH) Lab. The facility will help in diagnosing dengue virus, said CMO Dr. Ashu Pandey. Plans are in place to build the SSH lab at the Tej Bahadur Sapru Hospital by the end of this year.

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Uttar Pradesh generates 100 mln ABHA IDs under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

Uttar Pradesh has achieved a noteworthy milestone by being the first state in India to generate a whopping 100 million Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

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Uttarakhand

EaseMyTrip collaborates with SIDBI and Uttarakhand Tourism Development

EaseMyTrip.com in collaboration with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB), announces the launch of a Homestay Entrepreneurship Training Programme aimed at empowering homestay owners along the sacred Chardham Yatra route.

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Uttarakhand govt sets up 41 mobile crew stations along Char Dham yatra

The Uttarakhand forest department has set up as many as 41 mobile crew stations at every 20-km along the Char Dham yatra route and highways linking to other tourist destinations. This has come in an effort to avoid forest fires.

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Union Territories

J&K admin installs AI-based facial recognition system at Navyug Tunnel

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has installed artificial intelligence (AI)-based facial recognition system at the Navyug Tunnel Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu highway. The police will be able to identify and track individuals involved in criminal activities.

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Peak power demand in Delhi reaches 6,780 MW

The peak power demand in Delhi reached 6,780 MW, the highest in this season, according to the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC). The highest-ever peak power demand recorded in Delhi was 7,695 MW in 2022.

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Ladakh gets 2 high-altitude tank repair facilities

In an effort to bolster tank operations and military infrastructure near the China borders in eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army has established two high-altitude tank repair facilities in the region. One of these facilities is located in the Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO) sector.

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Puducherry PWD to establish 30 new borewells

The Puducherry public works department (PWD) has drawn up plans to establish around 30 new borewells to address the acute drinking water shortage in prominent areas. The decision comes amid reports of soaring Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) levels in water in several areas, such as Rainbow Nagar, Venkatanagar and Krishna Nagar.

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West Bengal

Darjeeling tea prices soar by 10-15 per cent this season

Darjeeling tea prices have surged by 10-15 per cent in 2024 as a six-month long dry spell has almost halved the crop size from last year. According to tea planters, the unusual long period of drought hit production as well as quality of the premium first flush tea that comes in the market by April-May.

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78.3 per cent voter turnout recorded in phase-IV of West Bengal LS polls

A voter turnout of 78.3 per cent turnout was recorded in phase-IV of West Bengal Lok Sabha (LS) elections on 13 May 2024. Polling was held for eight seats including Bolpur, Asansol, Ranaghat, Birbhum, Bardhaman Purba, Krishnanagar, Bardhaman Durgapur and Baharampur.

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