



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh govt inks pact with People Tech Enterprises Private Limited

Andhra Pradesh government inked an agreement with the People Tech Enterprises Private Limited to set up a 485.6-hectare EV park in Kurnool. The work will be undertaken with an investment of INR1800 crore. The park aims to foster a complete EV ecosystem, providing state-of-the-art infrastructure for EV manufacturing and allied industries.

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### Reliance Power to invest INR10,000 crore in Andhra solar projects

Reliance Power plans to invest over INR10,000 crore in a solar plant and an integrated solar manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh. The project includes a 930 MW solar power plant and will be the largest of its kind in Asia.

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### Centre approves construction of TLP in Andhra Pradesh

The Centre has approved the construction of a third launch pad (TLP) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The TLP is intended to increase the launch capacity of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its upcoming Next Generation Launch Vehicles (NGLVs) and human spaceflight missions.

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### Andhra Pradesh govt pushes renewable energy projects to attract investments

The state government is aggressively pushing renewable energy projects to attract investments. It has prioritised renewable energy as a sector to attract big-ticket investments.

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## Bihar

### Bihar CM lays foundation stones for 135 projects & inaugurated 89 projects

Bihar Chief Minister (CM) Nitish Kumar laid foundation stones for 135 projects and inaugurated 89 projects. The total cost of these works has been pegged at INR430 crore. Besides this, the state government has decided to establish a medical college and hospital in Khagaria.

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### Bihar CM unveils 139 developmental projects worth INR1100 crore

Bihar Chief Minister (CM) Nitish Kumar unveiled 139 developmental projects worth INR1100 crore in Madhubani district. Besides this, he also announced that the state government would urge the Centre to start flight services from the Madhubani airport under the UDAN scheme.

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## Chhattisgarh

### Adani to Invest INR65,000 crore in Chhattisgarh for power and cement projects

The Chhattisgarh government has announced an important administrative change, assigning Subodh Kumar Singh, IAS (1997), additional duties within the state's power sector. Currently serving as the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai, Singh has now been named the Chairman of the CSPTCL.

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### 12.4 MMT of paddy purchased in Chhattisgarh

So far, more than 12.4 million metric tonnes (MMT) of paddy has been procured in Chhattisgarh. The state government has paid INR25550 crore to 2.3 million farmers under the bank linking system. The paddy procurement campaign.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat CM inaugurates GIFT IFI and GIFT IFIH at GIFT City

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the GIFT International Fintech Institute (GIFT IFI) and the GIFT International Fintech Innovation Hub (GIFT IFIH) at the GIFT City. Both the facilities are supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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### Gujarat govt to set up new services commissionerate

The Gujarat government has decided to set up a new services commissionerate, in line with the industries commissionerate that promotes the manufacturing sector. The move aims to boost employment opportunities in the state services sector.

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### Union minister unveils projects worth INR240 crore in Mansa, Gujarat

Union home minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several development projects worth INR240 crore in Mansa, Gujarat. As part of it, the foundation stone was laid for INR234 crore barrage on the Sabarmati River.

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### Gujarat govt sanctions INR290 crore for four-laning of major roads

Gujarat government sanctioned over INR290 crore for the four-laning of major roads in southern, central & northern parts of the state and the construction of bridges on these roads. Of the total, INR26 crore will be used for the construction of a bridge over the Damanganga River at Bhurwad village in Kaprada taluka.

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## Jharkhand

### Jharkhand govt plans to establish 4 zoo safaris in major wildlife sanctuaries

The Jharkhand government is planning to establish four zoo safaris in major wildlife sanctuaries. These include the Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Latehar, Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh Wildlife Sanctuary and Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary.

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### Four Jharkhand districts to get first-ever rail connectivity

The districts that are to be connected by rail are Gumla, Khunti, Simdega, and Chatra. While Gumla, Khunti and Simdega will be connected to the existing Ranchi-Lohardaga rail line, Chatra will be connected to a railroad along the Ranchi-Hazaribagh rail route.

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### Postal electrical division issues tender for 3-5 kwp grid-tied solar power plants

The Executive Engineer (E) of the Postal Electrical Division in Kolkata has issued an online tender for the supply, installation, testing, and commissioning (SITC) of grid-tied solar power systems at various locations in Jharkhand. This tender invites bids for solar plants at Lohardaga, Garhwa, Godda, Ramgarh Cantt HO, and Simdega MDGs.

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## Haryana

### Haryana CM announces projects worth INR10.42 crore

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Nayab Singh Saini announced projects worth INR10.42 crore. As part of this, projects costing INR4.7 crore have been announced for the Ladwa Assembly constituency. Moreover, community centres will come up in Bir Mathana and Ram Saran Majra villages at a cost of INR2.72 crore & INR3 crore.

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### Haryana govt launches 'Drone Didi' initiative

Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini has said the government is committed to establish the state as a startup hub. In a meeting with startup entrepreneurs, Saini said, "the government is making concerted efforts to position Haryana as a key player in the national startup ecosystem, in line with the goals of the Make in India and Startup India initiatives."

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### Haryana CM inaugurates 250 gyms for rural youth

Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Nayab Singh Saini inaugurated 250 gyms for rural youth. He also announced free equipment for eight notified sports and the inclusion of inter-youth club games in the state's annual sports calendar.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates projects worth INR19.55 crore in Dharamshala

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated projects worth INR19.55 crore in Dharamshala. These include a 750 KW solar power plant, a women's police station, zilla parishad building and a hostel for the Regional Mountaineering Centre.

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### New medical block notified in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh

A new medical block has been notified in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh. With this, the total number of medical blocks in Solan district has increased to six. A block medical officer (BMO) will now oversee healthcare facilities in Baddi. This development is set to benefit the Doon Assembly segment significantly.

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### Himachal Pradesh govt launches BBNDA Land Pooling Policy

The Himachal Pradesh government has launched the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh Development Authority (BBNDA) Land Pooling Policy. The aim is to promote organised and sustainable development in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh industrial area of Solan district.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt to set up CoE to shape higher education

The Karnataka government has decided to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) to shape higher education in line with the needs of new innovations and emerging technologies. The CoE will come up at a cost of INR2500 crore. Of the total, the state government will provide about INR750 crore.

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### Karnataka's BBMP launches new portal to apply for e-khatas

Karnataka's Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has launched a new portal for property owners without official khatas to apply for e-khatas. The initiative comes after a previous launch, which only allowed those with existing manual khatas to access e-khatas.

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### Karnataka govt to transform 18 colleges into BSc nursing colleges

The Karnataka government has decided to phase out 18 government colleges that currently offer General Nursing & Midwifery (GNM) diploma courses. These facilities will be transformed into Bachelor of Science (BSc) nursing colleges.

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## Kerala

### Kerala Cabinet approves establishment of brewery in Palakkad

The Kerala Cabinet has approved the establishment of a brewery in Palakkad and granted permission to the Oasis Commercial Private Limited to set up various facilities. These include an ethanol plant and liquor production units. The decision aims to promote local spirit production and reduce the state's reliance on imported spirit.

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### Kerala govt aims to transform state into hub of higher education

The Kerala government is making efforts to transform the state into a hub of higher education in the country. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Pinarayi Vijayan. The CM said that the state government is at a pivotal moment in shaping the next phase of reforms in the higher education sector.

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### Kerala govt to set up green industrial park at Panappuzha in Kannur

The Kerala government has decided to set up the state's first green industrial park at Panappuzha village in Kannur. It will recycle construction & demolition debris, plastic, glass and other types of non-biodegradable waste. The state government has given sanction for the direct purchase of 13.2 hectares of land for developing the park.

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## Rajasthan

### Rajasthan CM announces initiatives to enhance education and infrastructure

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Bhajan Lal Sharma has emphasised the state government's dedication to improving the lives of tribal communities. He has announced important initiatives aimed at enhancing education and infrastructure in remote tribal areas.

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### RIICO allotted land for establishing Rajasthan Petrozone

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Bhajan Lal Sharma has granted land allotments to the Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RIICO) for establishing the Rajasthan Petrozone and new industrial areas.

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### CM inaugurates, lays foundation stones for projects worth INR31,000 crore

Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various development projects worth INR31000 crore. He further said that the state government is committed to empowering youths through employment and skill development.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### MPIDC acquires 400 hectares of land for phase-II of Vikram Udyogpuri industrial area in MP's Ujjain

The Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) has acquired over 400 hectares of private land for phase-II of the Vikram Udyogpuri industrial area in Ujjain. This expansion is expected to bring in fresh investments to the region.

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### Foundation stone laid for MP's first toy cluster in Rau Industrial Area, Indore

The foundation stone was laid for Madhya Pradesh's (MP) first toy cluster in the Rau Industrial Area, Indore. The toy manufacturing units in different industrial areas of the city have shown an interest in setting their units in the cluster.

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### Madhya Pradesh CM directed to fully implement new criminal laws

Union home minister Amit Shah held a meeting with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Mohan Yadav on the full rollout of new criminal laws in the state. The former called for a 100 per cent rollout of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) in the state at the earliest.

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## Maharashtra

### Maharashtra's Nagpur to get CoE for AI

Maharashtra's Nagpur is set to get an artificial intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence (CoE), which will be set up by tech giant Google. This will enhance the city's reputation as a centre for technological innovation. The new CoE will join existing institutions in Nagpur.

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### Maharashtra's MSRTC to procure 5,000 new buses annually to modernise fleet

The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) has decided to procure around 5,000 new buses annually as part of a comprehensive five-year plan. The plan aims to modernise the MSRTC fleet and improve its services.

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### Maharashtra govt, SIDBI sign pact to bolster startups

The Maharashtra government has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to establish a INR100 crore fund. The move is aimed at bolstering startups and small businesses in the state. According to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, INR30 crore will be provided to each regional division.

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## Punjab

### **Punjab minister lays foundation stone for new grain market in Saneta, Mohali**

Punjab agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian laid the foundation stone for a new grain market at Saneta village in Mohali. The market will span around two hectares and is set to be constructed at a cost of INR2.5 crore.

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### **Punjab govt to set up security operations centre to protect IT infrastructure**

The state has decided to set up a security operations centre to ensure the protection of critical IT infrastructure. With the implementation of SOC, Punjab will become one of the foremost states in northern India with high-level cyber security capabilities.

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## Telangana

### **Telangana govt signs MoU with Singapore ITE to set up Young India Skill University**

The Telangana government and Singapore Institute of Technical Education (ITE) have signed an agreement to set up the Young India Skill University in the state. The partnership aims to facilitate long-term cooperation in critical sectors such as infrastructure development, renewable energy resources, tourism, education and skill development.

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### **Telangana CM seeks approval for 161 stalled projects**

As many as 161 projects in Telangana have been stalled due to delays in receiving the necessary environmental clearances from the Centre. Chief Minister (CM) A Revanth Reddy has urged the Union government to expedite these clearances.

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### **Telangana govt to install solar power panels at Secretariat**

The Telangana government is looking to install solar power panels at the Secretariat. The panels will be placed in open spaces, walkways and parking lots as a pilot project. This would help save around INR10 crore power bills annually.

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### **Telangana govt to develop 5-star hotel under PPP model**

The Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIIC) plans to develop a five-star hotel and convention centre through the public private partnership model, according to media reports. The corporation has sought bids from the private sector to develop the hotel and convention centre with an investment of INR580 crore.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt signs MoUs to explore creation of production facility for green hydrogen

The Odisha government has signed two MoUs with Singapore-based energy and urban solutions company Sembcorp. The aim is to explore the creation of a production facility for green hydrogen, capable of producing 720,000 metric tonnes per year. Besides this, the state government will investigate the potential development of an industrial park.

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### Odisha govt to merge AB-PMJAY with GJAY

The Odisha government has decided to merge the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) with its own Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (GJAY) just days after signing an agreement with the National Health Authority.

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### Odisha govt announces implementation of new NEP

The Odisha government has announced the implementation of the new National Education Policy (NEP) across all schools in the state. The decision includes adopting the National Curriculum Framework tailored to local needs.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Hosur airport in Tamil Nadu to feature 2 runways

The Hosur airport in Tamil Nadu will be developed over an area of 809.3 hectares and will feature two runways. The state government had announced its construction in June 2025, and a second level of study for two potential sites recently commenced.

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### Tamil Nadu govt to recondition 746 rural roads in 37 districts at INR860 crore

The Tamil Nadu government issued orders for improving nearly 746 panchayat union and village panchayat roads in 37 districts. The cost of the project has been pegged at INR860 crore. Of the total, INR800 crore has been set aside as construction cost and INR58 crore as maintenance cost.

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### TIDCO establishes COSIEMA-TANCAM centre on COSIEMA premises

The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has established the Coimbatore SIDCO Industrial Estate Manufacturers Welfare Association (COSIEMA)-Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM) centre on the COSIEMA premises.

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## North-East

### Meghalaya minister inaugurates extension building of CTC Orchid Inn Thadlaskein

Meghalaya deputy chief minister Sniawbhalang Dhar inaugurated the extension building of the CTC Orchid Inn (MTDC) Thadlaskein. The new extension includes 16 additional rooms and a conference room, enhancing the hotel's service offerings.

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### Prashant Kumar Singh appointed as Manipur's CS

Prashant Kumar Singh has been appointed as the chief secretary (CS) of Manipur. The development has come following the recent appointment of previous CS Vineet Joshi as the Union higher education secretary.

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### Arunachal Pradesh CM launches APEDP 4.0

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu launched the fourth edition of the Arunachal Pradesh Entrepreneurship Development Programme (APEDP 4.0). The programme aims to transform youth from job seekers into job creators.

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### TREDA invites bids for pre-feasibility report for pumped hydro storage project

The Tripura Renewable Energy Department Agency (TREDA) has invited bids for a pre-feasibility report for a pumped hydro storage project in the state. Selected bidders must survey & prepare feasibility studies, alternative study reports and detailed pre-feasibility reports for the project.

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### Assam Cabinet approves INR2000 crore for implementation of various scheme

Assam Cabinet approved INR2000 crore for the implementation of schemes aimed at empowering women and youth in the financial year 2024-25. These include the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Asoni (MMMUA) and Chief Minister's Atmanirbhar Asoni schemes, among others.

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### VK Singh sworn in as Mizoram Governor

Former Army chief V K Singh was sworn in as the new Governor of Mizoram. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Vijay Bishnoi. With this, he replaced Hari Babu Kambhampati, who has been appointed the Governor of Odisha.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### UP govt approves solar power projects of INR10,000 crore

The Uttar Pradesh government has approved solar power projects of around INR10,000 crore to achieve the state's renewable energy capacity of 22,000 MW. As part of this, the NTPC Green Energy will develop solar power plants of 800 MW in Chitrakoot.

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### UP set to become leading AI hub

Uttar Pradesh is set to become a leading hub for artificial intelligence (AI) with the upcoming establishment of an AI City. The announcement was made by state deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak. The plan is to explore educational solutions that prepare students for an AI-driven job market.

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### UP desh govt plans to develop new religious circuit spread across 7 districts

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop a new religious circuit spread across seven districts of the state. These include Prayagraj, Varanasi, Chandauli, Ghazipur, Jaunpur, Mirzapur and Bhadohi. The new religious circuit is likely to span over 22,000 sq km.

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## Uttarakhand

### Uttarakhand govt, Iceland sign agreement to explore geothermal energy

The Uttarakhand government has signed an agreement with Icelandic company Varkis Consulting Engineers to explore and develop geothermal energy in the state. Through this MoU, clean and renewable energy will be achieved and pave the way for inclusive development & ensure environmental security.

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### Uttarakhand govt likely to introduce millet policy in FY 2025-26

The Uttarakhand government is likely to introduce a millet policy in the 2025-26 financial year (FY). The aim is to encourage the production of coarse cereals like Mandua and Jhangora.

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### IHCL to open a new Gateway Hotel in Dehradun, Uttarakhand

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), one of South Asia's largest and most prestigious hospitality groups, has announced its latest project-a Gateway Hotel in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

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## Union Territories

### Chandigarh admin launches National Generic Document Registration System

The Chandigarh administration has launched the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) for modernising the property registration process. Through NGDRS, online appointments can now be taken, reducing the need for in-person visits to the registrar office.

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### J&K admin unveils draft export policy for promotion of GI products

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has unveiled a robust draft export policy emphasising the promotion of Geographic Indication (GI) tagged products. The initiative seeks to elevate exports, improve quality assurance and strengthen the identity of traditional craftsmanship from the region.

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### PM inaugurates Z-Morh tunnel in J&K

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the strategic 6.5-km Z-Morh tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir's (J&K) Ganderbal. This will give all-weather connectivity to Sonamarg in central Kashmir, allowing tourists to visit the picturesque place throughout the year.

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### Chandigarh admin flags off 60 new CTU buses

Chandigarh administrator Gulab Chand Kataria flagged off 60 new buses of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU). The move aims to strengthen and modernise public transport in the union territory (UT). With this, the CTU has a total of 684 buses.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal govt to rebuild elephant corridors

The West Bengal government is working on speeding up the process of rebuilding elephant corridors in the state. As many as seven pathways in northern part of the state have been identified by the state forest department and will be recovered to allow elephants to pass freely.

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### West Bengal CM launches first-of-its-kind & fastest electric ferry in India

West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee has launched the first-of-its-kind and fastest electric ferry in India, named Dheu. It will run between major local and tourist attractions on Kolkata's Hooghly River. The 24-metre vessel is powered by a 246 kW per hour (kWh) liquid-cooled energy storage solution.

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