



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt to reintroduce Free Sand Scheme

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to reintroduce the Free Sand Scheme in the next three months. The initiative was implemented five years ago during the last Telugu Desam (TDP) regime. Chief Minister (CM) N Chandrababu Naidu has directed state mines minister Kollu Ravindra to ensure smooth implementation of the scheme.

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Andhra Pradesh govt targets to construct 128,000 houses in 100 days

The Andhra Pradesh government has set a target to finish constructing 128,000 houses in the state within the next 100 days. The information was shared by state housing and information & public relations minister Kolusu Parthasarathy. A budget of INR25.2 billion has been allocated for this project.

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AP govt urged to create economic corridor between Vizianagaram & Bhogapuram airport

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) government has been urged to create an economic corridor between Vizianagaram and Bhogapuram international airport. A request in this regard was made by Vizianagaram Balaji Textile Market president Buddepu Venkatarao and secretary Nirmal Kumar Pokarna. This is expected to facilitate faster growth and prosperity in & around Vizianagaram.

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Bihar

Bihar moves Supreme Court against Patna High Court order quashing 65 per cent quota

The Bihar government moved the Supreme Court, challenging the Patna High Court's directive to 'set aside' the increase in the State's reservation for disadvantaged communities, from the existing 50 per cent to 65 per cent. This is the quota for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), extremely backward classes (EBCs), and other backward classes (OBCs) in government jobs and educational institutions.

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Seventh bridge collapses in Bihar in 15 days

A bridge over the Gandaki river in Siwan district, Bihar, collapsed on Wednesday morning, marking the seventh such incident in the state within the past 15 days. The bridge, located in Deoria block, connects several villages with Mahrajanj. No casualties have been reported. This is the second bridge collapse in Siwan within the last 11 days.

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Gujarat

Gujarat's GST collection registers 14 per cent growth during April-June

Gujarat's revenue from GST collection stood at INR296.2 billion during April-June 2024. This is higher than INR260.6 billion collected in the same period last year, registering 14 per cent year-on-year growth.

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DVC to supply 600 MW power to Gujarat from upcoming WB's unit

Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigan (GUVNL) to supply 600 megawatts (MW) of power to the state. This move will address the growing demand for electricity in Gujarat.

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Gujarat announces 4 per cent DA hike for state government employees

CM Bhupendra Patel has made a significant decision for the welfare of state government employees, announcing a 4 per cent increase in dearness allowance. The DA hike is notably based on the central rates effective from January 1, 2024, for those covered under the Seventh Pay Commission..

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Goa

Goa CM launches 6 e-buses in Panaji

Goa Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant launched six electric buses (e-buses) equipped with an electric vehicle (EV) ticketing system. The e-buses, that will operate in Panaji, are semi-low-floor and air-conditioned EVs.

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Carrying capacity study for Goa coast in progress

The Goa government is in the process of conducting a carrying capacity survey for the coastal belt with the help of the National Institute of Oceanography to understand the environmental impacts of the state's tourism industry.

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Goa officials inspect halted Kalasa-Banduri irrigation project in Belagavi

An investigation team, formed by the Goa government, visited the halted Kalasa-Banduri irrigation project in Kanakumbi, Belagavi district, to inspect the ongoing project work in the Mahadayi river basin. The visit came amid strong opposition from pro-Kannada organisations.

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Haryana

Haryana govt to release INR16.69 crore for farmers adopting DSR technique

The Haryana government has decided to release INR16.69 crore to those adopting direct-seeded rice (DSR) technique. The amount will be given to farmers in nine districts, covering an area of 16,886 hectares. The DSR technique does not require flooded fields for paddy seeding.

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Haryana govt to set up CoE for management of fruits, vegetables in Panchkula

The Haryana government has decided to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for management of fruits and vegetables in Panchkula. The INR1.1 billion project will be assisted by the United Kingdom (UK). It will help in the proper preservation of fruits and vegetables.

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Environmentalists, ecological experts in Haryana prepare Green Manifesto

Environmentalists, ecological experts and local communities in Haryana have prepared the 'Green Manifesto' to present to political parties ahead of the upcoming state Assembly elections. The manifesto demands the legal designation of the Aravalli and Shivalik ranges as SEZ due to their crucial ecosystem services.

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Himachal Pradesh

Civil Hospital Dadasiba in HP's Kangra to be upgraded to 100-bedded facility

A project to provide nutritious food to pregnant women and children up to two years of age will be run on a pilot basis in Una district, Himachal Pradesh's Health and Family Welfare Secretary M Sudha Devi said.

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State's agriculture department wins prestigious certificate of appreciation

Himachal Pradesh agriculture department has won a prestigious certificate of appreciation for promoting millets during the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYOM-2023).

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Himachal Government to Recruit 6,297 Pre-Primary Teachers

The Himachal Pradesh government has announced the recruitment of 6,297 pre-primary teachers on an outsourced basis. This initiative targets approximately 60,000 students registered in the state's 6,297 pre-primary schools.

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Kerala

Kerala govt to introduce mobile dialysis units in remote areas

The Kerala health department has decided to introduce mobile dialysis units to provide dialysis services in remote and challenging areas of the state. These units will be located for easy access by the residents in these areas.

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Kerala's KMTA to develop smart parking lots

The Kochi Metropolitan Transport Authority (KMTA) in Kerala has identified 41 government-owned parking areas in Greater Kochi that will be turned into smart parking lots with a capacity of 1,500 vehicles.

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IMD to allocate new radar to Kerala

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to allocate a new radar to Kerala. This is expected to enhance the state's weather monitoring capabilities. The new system will be installed on the Kannur University campus at a cost of INR6 crore.

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Karnataka

State to build 8,260-km roads under Pragati Patha, Kalyana Patha schemes

The Karnataka government has decided to build 8,260-km of roads under the Pragati Patha and Kalyana Patha schemes. The development will be taken up at a cost INR6190 crore.

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Karnataka govt to develop solar park in Madhugiri

The Karnataka government is planning to develop a solar park at Madhugiri in Tumakuru district. State energy minister KJ George informed that the park will be established in partnership with the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited (THDCIL) to utilise local expertise and resources for identifying suitable land parcels.

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Centre allocates INR8,006 crore billion for development of 470-km of roads

The Union ministry of surface transport & highways has allocated INR8,006 crore in the 2024-25 Budget for the development of 470-km of roads in Karnataka. Additionally, INR15 crore has been set aside to prepare detailed project reports (DPR) for the construction of 459-km of new roads.

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Madhya Pradesh

2 agro industries propose to invest INR685 crore in Madhya Pradesh

As many as two agro industries have proposed to invest around INR685 crore in Madhya Pradesh for setting up a starch manufacturing unit and a food processing unit.

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Minister presents state Budget worth INR3.6 lakh crore for FY 2024-25

Madhya Pradesh Finance Minister Jagdish Devda presented the state budget for the year 2024-25 in the legislative assembly, with a total allocation of more than INR3 lakh 65 thousand crore amid ruckus created by the opposition Congress over the issue of an alleged nursing college scam.

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Madhya Pradesh CM launches 'Lokpath' mobile app

Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav recently launched the 'Lokpath' mobile app. It has been developed by the Madhya Pradesh State Electronic Technology Corporation Limited. The aim is to promptly address any road issues that people report within seven days.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt to develop world-class Mumbai Central Public Park

The Maharashtra government has decided to develop a world-class Mumbai Central Public Park. It would come up across 121.4 hectares of land, stretching over the Mumbai Coastal Road and the Mahalaxmi Racecourse. The project is expected to elevate Mumbai's international profile, increasing the city's green space from 1,585.1 hectares to 1,704.5 hectares.

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State govt set to clear Reliance Infrastructure arm's INR1,700 crore metro debt

The state cabinet has instructed the executive committee of MMRDA to evaluate settling the INR1,700 crore debt owed by Mumbai Metro One Pvt Ltd (MMOPL) to its creditors through a one-time settlement.

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Maharashtra Assembly passes 3 Bills

The Maharashtra Assembly has passed as many as three Bills. These include the Maharashtra Public Universities (Amendment) Act, Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act and Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning (Amendment) Act.

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Punjab

Punjab agriculture dept to inaugurate first-of-its-kind plant clinic in Moga

The agriculture department is set to inaugurate the plant clinic in Moga district. The facility, which has been built as part of the NITI Aayog's aspirational district programme, aims to guide farmers about the agricultural methods based on the soil samples.

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Punjab govt releases INR4.43 crore for beneficiaries under Ashirwad Scheme

The Punjab government has released INR4.43 crore for 870 beneficiaries under the Ashirwad Scheme for 2023-24. Eligibility for the scheme requires applicants to be permanent residents of the state, must belong to SC, BC or other EWS and have a family income below INR32,790 annually.

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Odisha

E-waste eco park to come up in Odisha's Cuttack

An e-waste eco park is set to come up in Odisha's Cuttack soon. It will aid in dismantling, recycling and remanufacturing the electronic waste in a safe and scientific manner. The aim is to effectively handle the environmentally hazardous electronic waste.

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State ties up with IREDA to boost financing for renewable energy projects

The Odisha government has collaborated with IREDA to boost financing for renewable energy projects in the state. IREDA's expertise and financial backing will play a vital role in meeting the state's green energy targets.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan to get greenfield airport in Kota, aerocity in Jaipur

The Rajasthan cabinet gave its approval for a greenfield airport in Kota and an aerocity in Jaipur with an investment of INR2 lakh crore.

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Union tourism ministry inks pact with FHTR in Rajasthan

The Union tourism ministry has signed an MoU with the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR). The development has come recognising the potential of tourism as a key revenue generator for the state.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt sanctions INR3.55 crore for creation of TNSWIP

The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned INR3.55 crore for the creation of Tamil Nadu Satellite Based Water Bodies Information, Monitoring and Protection System (TNSWIP). The pilot project uses artificial intelligence (AI) and satellites for monitoring encroachment and water quality in waterbodies in and around Chennai.

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Union defence ministry signs MoU to establish 3 testing facilities in Tamil Nadu's Chennai

The Union defence ministry signed an MoU to establish three state-of-the-art testing facilities in Chennai under the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor. The facilities will be set up for Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Electro-Optics (EO) domains.

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TN's Madurai railway division to install electric lifting barriers at 100 level crossings

The Madurai railway division in Tamil Nadu (TN) is planning to upgrade over 100 mechanically-operated barriers at level crossings to electrically-operated lifting barriers. This conversion aims to improve the efficiency of train operations.

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Telangana

AGI Greenpac earmarks INR230 crore to modernise Telangana facilities

AGI Greenpac is looking to invest INR230 crore towards modernising, upgrading and debottlenecking of its glass manufacturing plants in Telangana. The total investment will be used towards modernising of existing furnaces and upgradation of commercial as well as speciality glass facilities. This developments will help the company to cater to the growing demand for high-quality glass packaging solutions not just in India but also in the international markets.

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Telangana govt to launch energy, industrial policies

The Telangana government will shortly announce a new energy policy focusing on large-scale use of clean energy. Besides this, a new industrial policy will be rolled out. Skill training will be provided to 50,000 graduates over the next five years, ensuring a steady pipeline of industry-ready candidates.

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North-East

Assam to be developed as sustainable & environmentally clean source of coal

The Assam government is keen to develop the state as a sustainable and environmentally clean source of coal for relevant industries. The state government is also exploring ways to maximise exploration and utilisation of coal resources to accelerate economic growth. The aim is to reduce import of coal and to help in employment generation.

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NECIL plans to increase coal production in Assam

Coal India unit Northeastern Coalfields (NECIL) has plans to ramp up coal production from 0.2 million metric tonnes (MMT) to 1.5 million tonnes (MT) per annum. NECIL operates one coal mine in Margherita sub-division in Tinsukia district.

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Tripura govt signs MoU with Apollo Hospitals in Chennai

The Tripura government has signed an MoU with Apollo Hospitals in Chennai. Under this agreement, children suffering from heart disease will receive free treatment at the hospital.

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Tripura CM launches e-office platform in all panchayat offices

Tripura Chief Minister (CM) Manik Saha launched the e-office platform in all panchayat offices across the state. Certificates of achievement were awarded to departments that achieved 100 per cent success in implementing the e-office system. The move has marked a significant step in the state's digital transformation. The initiative aims to enhance cleanliness, efficiency and accountability in administration.

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Centre approves INR515 crore for 5 projects in Tripura

The Union Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has approved INR515 crore for five projects in Tripura. As part of it, INR202 crore has been allocated for the construction of the Agartala Government Dental College.

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Tripura govt urges Centre to introduce inland waterway transport with Bangladesh

The Tripura government has requested the Centre to introduce inland waterway transport with Bangladesh. State transport minister Sushanta Chowdhury has written to Union minister for ports, shipping & waterways Sarbananda Sonowal highlighting the strategic value of linking Tripura's Gomati River with Bangladesh's Meghna River system through the Sonamura-Daudkandi protocol route.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt to boost energy sector with investments worth INR75,000 crore

The Uttar Pradesh government has lined up investment to the tune of INR75,000 crore in the energy sector. This comes amid soaring demand for electricity which is likely to hit 53,000 MW by 2028. Out of the total investment, INR43,000 crore will go into ramping up energy feeders infra and installing smart meters across the state. The remaining INR32,000 crore will be invested in two thermal projects in Kanpur and Sonbhadra districts.

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Uttar Pradesh govt signs MoU to boost tourism

The Uttar Pradesh government has signed an MoU with MakeMyTrip to boost tourism in the state. Under the agreement, MakeMyTrip will provide insights into consumer trends, tourist preferences and supply-side information to aid in policy-making.

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UP govt gets proposals worth INR400 billion under new semiconductor policy

The Uttar Pradesh government has received proposals for semiconductor projects worth around INR40,000 crore under its new policy to incentivise chip making. Hiranandani group's Tarq Semiconductor is expected to invest INR28,440 crore, while Kaynes Technologies' arm Kaynes Semicon is set to invest INR4,248 crore.

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Uttar Pradesh floats tender for 7 MW rooftop solar systems

The Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has floated three tenders to install a cumulative capacity of 7 MW on-grid rooftop solar systems with battery backup for captive use on government buildings.

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Jharkhand

Champai Soren resigns as Jharkhand CM

On 3 July 2024, Champai Soren resigned as the Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM). He submitted his resignation to Governor CP Radhakrishnan.

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2 Climate Smart Villages inaugurated in Jharkhand

As many as two Climate Smart Villages have been inaugurated in Jharkhand's Gumla district. At these villages, communities would use solar power for irrigation, agro-processing, households and requirements. The move aims to empower rural areas, with a specific emphasis on uplifting tribal farming communities by using renewable energy.

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Union Territories

DDA to develop riverfront along western bank of Yamuna floodplains in Delhi

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to develop a riverfront on 25 hectares of land along the western bank of the Yamuna floodplains. The project is a part of the 1,500 hectares along the floodplains that the DDA is now redeveloping.

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Delhi govt sets up round-the-clock flood control room

The Delhi government has decided to set up a round-the-clock flood control room to monitor real-time data from the Hathnikund barrage. This has come as part of the government's efforts to avoid any possibility of floods.

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Total GST collection in Puducherry stood at INR2,628 crore in FY 2023-24

The total GST collection in Puducherry stood at INR2,628 crore for the financial year (FY) 2023-24. The gross GST revenue had registered an 11 per cent year-on-year growth in the previous fiscal.

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Chandigarh civic body introduces 2 e-carts to make compostable bags available to vendors

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation introduced two e-carts to make compostable bags available to vendors at reasonable rates. The aim is to create awareness about the harmful impact of single-use plastic bags and to make Chandigarh a plastic-free city.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt decreases stamp duty, circular rate for real estate industry

The West Bengal government has announced the withdrawal of the short-term measures of assistance given to the real estate industry. These measures included a two per cent decrease in stamp duty and a 10 per cent reduction in the circular rate.

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West Bengal gets over 87,000 applications from other states for UG courses

West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu said that the state has become one of the most preferred destinations for higher education as over 87,000 undergraduate applications have been received by the higher education department's admission portal.

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