



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Coromandel unveils nano fertiliser plant in Andhra Pradesh

Coromandel International Ltd has launched a nano fertiliser plant at its Kakinada facility, aiming to revolutionise Indian agriculture with energy-efficient technologies. The plant, with an annual capacity of one crore bottles, will produce nano fertilisers to enhance nutrient delivery and absorption by plants.

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### Kia Motors to hire 3,000 employees for its upcoming plant in Andhra Pradesh

Kia Motors Corporation announced its plans to begin recruiting 3,000 employees to operate its upcoming plant in Andhra Pradesh. The company had disclosed its intention to invest over USD1 billion in establishing the new manufacturing facility in India.

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### BPCL plans to set up new refinery in Andhra Pradesh

BPCL has been planning to set up a new 12 MMTPA refinery in the country. The state-owned oil marketing company will invest around INR50,000 crore in the project for which it is currently evaluating location in Andhra Pradesh.

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### 25 companies in focus in Andhra Pradesh after the Lok Sabha Polls

With Lok Sabha elections breathing life into coalition politics, market watchers have been commenting on the various benefits that entities in Andhra Pradesh could get. The list was first published by a Sebi-registered Research Analyst Sunil Gurjar.

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## Bihar

### Bihar to issue INR1 crore fresh Ayushman Bharat cards to eligible beneficiaries

The Bihar government decided to issue one crore fresh Ayushman Bharat the insurance cards within a month. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPM-JAY) offers health coverage of up to INR 5 lakh per family per year for secondary tertiary care for low-income earners across the country.

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### NTPC Kahalgaon Builds Bihar First Cement free Geopolymer Road

In a significant stride towards sustainable infrastructure, Shri Ajay Sharma, Head of Project at NTPC Kahalgaon, inaugurated a pioneering Geopolymer Road on World Environment Day. This innovative project is the first of its kind in Bihar, constructed entirely without cement.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat to give 2 free LPG cylinders a year to Ujjwala scheme beneficiaries

The Gujarat government had decided to distribute two free LPG cylinders every year to the beneficiaries who had obtained gas connections under the Central government's Ujjwala scheme, as announced by Minister Jitu Vaghani.

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### Lubi Group ventures into Solar Energy with a New 4 MW Plant in Gujarat

Lubi Pumps, a prominent producer of water pumps and motors, proudly revealed its most recent venture in sustainability: the launch of a state-of-the-art solar power plant located in Shinavada, Modasa.

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## Goa

### Goa becomes India's first state to launch Regenerative Tourism

Aligning itself with the values and aspirations of the famous Manila Declaration of World Tourism of 1980 and the more recent G20 tourism ministers' working group meeting in Goa, the Goa roadmap for tourism was formulated as a vehicle for achieving the sustainable development goals.

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### Rapid urbanisation leading to dilution of Goan architecture, says architect Velho

The artificially induced demand for land in Goa is leading to the loss of polycentric urbanism which is the crux of Goa's social and architectural landscape, according to architect Fernando Velho.

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### Bamboo plantations along riverbeds will curb erosion'

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had announced that the state government would start promoting commercial bamboo plantations along Goa's riverbanks to address the increasing soil erosion.

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### Goa must tap into the USD17.99 billion senior living market

The senior living market in India underwent a significant transformation, driven by the aging population and an increasing demand for specialized housing options. Recent estimates projected the market size to have grown from USD11.16 billion in 2024 to USD 17.99 billion by 2029, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10 per cent.

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## Haryana

### Haryana to launch INR 10,000 crore project to combat air pollution

Haryana Chief Secretary announced a INR10,000 crore project funded by the World Bank to tackle air pollution. The project aims to improve air quality in Haryana.

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### Recruitment for 50,000 posts to be initiated soon

CM Nayab Singh Saini announced that his government would soon commence the recruitment process to fill 50,000 vacant positions. This initiative was part of the government's ongoing endeavors to offer employment opportunities to the youth.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh govt to build 890-metre-long double-lane tunnel in Shimla

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to build an 890-metre-long double-lane tunnel under the Jakhu Hill in Shimla. It would be constructed from Nav-Bahar to the circular road near the Indira Gandhi Medical College with an outlay of INR 290 crore.

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### SC directs Himachal Pradesh to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to Delhi

The Supreme Court directed the state government to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to Delhi, while also instructing Haryana to facilitate the release through the Wazirabad barrage, ensuring the water reaches the National Capital to mitigate the acute shortage.

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## Jharkhand

### Recruitment process for 33 thousand teachers in Jharkhand starts this month

Education in tribal and local languages was set to commence in the primary schools of tribal-dominated Jharkhand. Following the directives of Chief Minister Champai Soren, the School Education Department began preparations to initiate the recruitment process of 33 thousand teachers last month.

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### Jharkhand govt to re-start 'Sarkar Apke Dwar programme'

The Jharkhand government has decided to re-start the 'Sarkar Apke Dwar programme', an important public outreach campaign. Chief Minister (CM) Champai Soren has instructed the chief secretary and all the departmental secretaries to prepare its blueprint.

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## Kerala

### Kerala govt works on preparing youths for global employment

CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Employers' Conclave organized by the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC). During the event, he announced that the state government was working on advancing the state by modernizing it into a knowledge economy during the ongoing transition phase of the global industry.

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### Indian cardamom exports likely to benefit from Guatemalan drought

Indian cardamom exports are expected to gain significantly in the near term. It is reported that a fall in cardamom production in Guatemala this season will force many Gulf countries to source Indian cardamom, which is superior in quality. The cardamom harvest season in India will start by July end or early August 2024.

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### Kerala agriculture dept to develop 'Kaarshika Labour Bank Project'

As part of an initiative to assist small and medium-scale farm owners, the Kerala Agriculture Department had announced the development of the "Kaarshika Labour Bank Project," a mobile application aimed at delivering efficient agricultural labor services.

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### Demand for AIIMS in Kerala intensifies after land selection in Kozhikode

Amidst the constant demands for the prompt establishment of an AIIMS in Kasaragod, the Kerala government has finalized land at Kinaloor in Kozhikode district as the proposed AIIMS site without consulting or receiving approval from the Union government.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka's KSRTC refurbishes 1,850 old buses

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has refurbished as many as 1,850 old buses that have travelled a distance of one million km. They have been transformed into almost brand new buses. The cost of restoring these buses has been estimated at INR 300,000 each.

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### Karnataka's BBMP unveils new guidelines for paying contractors' bills

To increase transparency, Karnataka's Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has introduced new guidelines for how contractors are paid. BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has issued a circular outlining these changes.

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## Madhya Pradesh

### Madhya Pradesh govt to launch inter-state air taxi service

The state has decided to launch an inter-state air taxi service, under the Pradhan Mantri Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva. Some prominent destinations in the state, including Bhopal, Ujjain, Gwalior, Indore, Khajuraho and Jabalpur, can be easily explored by using air taxis.

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### 258 govt to be inaugurated across Madhya Pradesh under CM Rise Schools

Over 258 government schools will soon be inaugurated across Madhya Pradesh under the second phase of CM Rise Schools. Among them, seven schools from Indore district have successfully attained the tag of CM Rise School, with one located in the city and the remaining six in rural areas.

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### Madhya Pradesh gets 130 rural homestays in 41 villages

The Madhya Pradesh tourism department has been executing a number of eco-friendly projects in the state. As part of it, the Responsible Tourism Mission (RTM) has so far set up 130 rural homestays in 41 villages while attracting thousands of tourists.

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## Maharashtra

### Raymond Realty bags project to redevelop housing society in Mumbai

Raymond Realty secured a project to redevelop a housing society in Mumbai. The project is expected to yield revenue exceeding INR 2,000 crore. Raymond Ltd's arm, Raymond Realty, will redevelop the MIG VI CHS Ltd in Bandra East, Mumbai.

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### Maharashtra Assembly's monsoon session to commence on 27 June

The monsoon session of the Maharashtra Assembly is expected to commence on 27 June 2024. Besides this, the Maharashtra Legislative Council (LS) elections for the Mumbai Graduates' and Mumbai Teachers' constituencies will be held on 26 June 2024.

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### Price of rice increase by 10-20 per cent in wholesale market in Mumbai

The price of rice increased by 10-20 per cent in the wholesale market in Mumbai, Maharashtra, with retailers further hiking it, since last month. Traders at the agricultural produce market committee (APMC) market in Vashi attribute the price rise to lesser rainfall and dry weather last year, which led to lower rice production.

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## Punjab

### Farmers ask Punjab govt to provide canal water for irrigation

With paddy transplantation in Amritsar scheduled to start on 10 June, farmers have asked the state government to provide them with canal water so they may use it for irrigation.

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### Power demand in Punjab increases by 71 per cent

The power demand in Punjab has shot up by nearly 71 per cent owing to the soaring heatwave conditions. If heatwave conditions do not subside, the PSPCL would be in a tight position to ensure continuous supply to all the sectors.

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## Odisha

### Promoters, secretaries in apartments to register under Odisha Apartment Act

The Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) in Odisha has released a public notice urging promoters and secretaries of the association of allottees in an apartment to register under the Odisha Apartment (Ownership & Management) Act.

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### Odisha govt to implement Ayushman Bharat scheme

The new Odisha government has decided to implement the Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission for people living in and outside the state. The information was shared by the party's state unit chief Manmohan Samal.

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## Rajasthan

### JSW Energy begins construction of battery storage project in Rajasthan

JSW Energy has commenced the construction of 1 GWh battery energy storage system project at Fatehgarh in Rajasthan. The company bagged the project from Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) recently, JSW Energy said in an exchange filing.

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### Rajasthan to make innovations in medical science & AI-based technologies

Health services in Rajasthan will be made more robust and patient-friendly using innovations in medical science and artificial intelligence-based technologies. For this, a team of officials of the Medical Education Department will visit the AIIMS in New Delhi.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Power demand reduces in Tamil Nadu

With the arrival of south-west monsoon and the resultant intermittent showers, power demand in Tamil Nadu has reduced. This trend is expected to continue until the end of June.

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### Tamil Nadu transport dept to operate additional buses from 7 June

The Tamil Nadu transport department had decided to run additional buses across the state starting from June 7, 2024. Approximately 535-570 extra buses were scheduled to operate from Kilambakkam to various destinations.

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### CWC approves Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery project in Tamil Nadu

The Central Water Commission (CWC) has given its approval for the Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery project in Tamil Nadu. The initiative aims to rejuvenate hundreds of waterbodies linked to the Cauvery river and its tributaries across the state to prevent them from pollution and effluents.

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## Telangana

### Telangana govt to hold caste Census in July

The Telangana government will hold the promised caste Census in the state in July 2024. The Telangana State Commission for Backward Classes would submit a report to the state government soon on the modalities to be adopted for the door-to-door exercise.

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### 4.6 m of paddy procured in Telegana

Around 4.6 million tonnes (mt) of paddy has been procured in Telangana during the ongoing rabi marketing season (RMS), as of 5 June 2024. The arrivals at the paddy purchase centres continued to be poor as compared to the arrival at the beginning.

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### Telangana govt exports 11,738 MT of rice to Philippines in last 5 years

The Telangana government has allocated a budget of INR190 crore to undertake minority welfare projects in fiscal year 2024-25. A sum of INR1.37 crore has been set aside for a training and job plan for minority applicants. The Waqf Board has received INR 29.87 crore for the honorarium of imams and muezzins, with a further INR 8.62 crore to be issued.

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## North-East

### Sikkim govt regulates taxi fares between Gangtok and Nathula

The Sikkim government has regulated taxi fares between Gangtok and Nathula. The aim is to tackle the issue of overcharging tourists in the state. The state tourism & civil aviation department has set the round-trip fares for both normal and luxury vehicles.

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### Centre urged to establish 45 EV charging stations across Tripura

The Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) has submitted a proposal to the Centre to establish 45 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the state. The initiative is a part of the broader strategy to transition 10 per cent of the state's vehicles to EV.

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### CWRC forms 4 teams of animal rescuers to mitigate flood situation in Assam

The Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC) has formed as many as four teams of animal rescuers to mitigate the flood situation in Assam and protect the wild animals in Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve (KNPTR) during the floods.

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### TSECL seeks funds from BEE to set up EV charging stations in Tripura

The Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) has decided to set up four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in and around Agartala.

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### Sikkim's Changgu gets plastic waste management & recycling plant

A plastic waste management and recycling plant was inaugurated in Changgu, East Sikkim. The project, which was part of the Indian Army's Sadbhavana initiative, aims to improve waste management, promote sustainability and benefit the local economy.

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### Traditional cultivation of mangoes in Assam witnesses sharp decline

The traditional cultivation of mangoes in Assam is witnessing a sharp decline. The situation has raised concerns among horticultural experts and local authorities.

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### Prem Singh Tamang sworn in as Sikkim Chief Minister

Prem Singh Tamang took oath as the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state for the second consecutive term. The 56-year-old politician was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at a function held in Paljor Stadium in Gangtok.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Lucknow gears up for an international business conclave on June 15-16

Lucknow had been preparing for an international business conclave scheduled for later this month, aiming to strengthen Uttar Pradesh's goal of achieving a USD1 trillion economy and positioning the state as a global hub for trade and commerce.

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### Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit admin unveils plans to preserve sub-soil water

The Pilibhit administration has unveiled a proposal to preserve sub-soil water. This water is quickly running out since summer paddy production uses too much of it. The comprehensive plan recommends a shift to less water-intensive crops like pulses and maize.

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### UP to acquire 760 hectares for Japanese, South Korean cities in Noida

The Uttar Pradesh government had been seeking to acquire approximately 760 hectares of land to establish exclusive Japanese and South Korean industrial enclaves in Noida. The nodal agency, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).

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## Uttarakhand

### Pavna Industries buys land for own factory in Pantnagar

Pavna Industries Ltd, a leading automotive parts manufacturer in India, has announced the successful acquisition of a 4,335 square meter industrial land parcel in Pantnagar, Uttarakhand.

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### Ban imposed on summer paddy cultivation in Udham Singh Nagar

A ban has been imposed on summer paddy cultivation in Uttarakhand's Udham Singh Nagar district till 15 June 2024. This decision comes after a trend emerged among farmers adopting summer paddy cultivation to increase income, which harms the environment and depletes groundwater resources.

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### Uttarakhand Tourism collaborates with Prime Focus Technologies to showcase the "Home of the Himalayas" to the world

Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB), to bolster tourism promotion of the picturesque Adi Kailash & Om Parvat, has partnered with Prime Focus Technologies (PFT) to create visually stunning videos of the region.

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## Union Territories

### Milk collection & cooling system to be used in Ladakh

The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has partnered with Suzuki R&D Centre India and IDMC to develop a Mobile Milk Collection and Cooling system. This 300-litre system will be first used for milk collection in remote parts of Ladakh.

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### Electricity bills expected to surge in households availing power subsidy in Delhi

The usage of air conditioners (AC), air coolers and fans during the current heatwave condition is expected to cause prices to skyrocket for almost one million households that get power subsidy from the Delhi government.

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### Delhi's DMRC starts process of obtaining clearances for 2 newly-approved corridors

DMRC has started the process of obtaining statutory clearances for constructing two newly-approved corridors under phase-IV. These include one from Lajpat Nagar to Saket G-Block in the south and the other from Inderlok in the northwest to Indraprastha in central Delhi.

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### Puducherry admin to get 25 e-buses in 1 month

The Puducherry administration has decided to partner with the Evey Trans Private Limited (EVEY) and Olectra Greentech Limited to provide, run & maintain 25 electric buses (e-buses) as well as set up supporting infrastructure such as charging stations.

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## West Bengal

### West Bengal govt to process Swasthya Sathi cards for migrant workers

The West Bengal government has decided to start processing Swasthya Sathi cards for migrant workers from the state. This will enable 2.2 million such workers employed outside the state to receive free medical care where they are employed.

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### Adani Ports bags 5-year operation and maintenance contract at Kolkata port

APSEZ has secured a five-year Operation and Maintenance (O&M) contract for the container facility at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata. The company must deploy cargo handling equipment within seven months from the letter of acceptance (LOA) date.

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