



Regional Developments

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh's APSRTC fixes commercial revenue target of INR500 crore

The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has fixed a commercial revenue target of INR 500 crore for 2024-25. Of the total, the APSRTC is expecting to generate INR320 crore through its logistics wing, INR 130 crore from the rent paid for the stalls put up by private persons in the bus stations.

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Andhra Pradesh CM allocates portfolios to 24 state Cabinet ministers

CM N Chandrababu Naidu allocated portfolios to 24 state Cabinet ministers. The CM has retained the general administration, public enterprises and law & order departments. Jana Sena Party (JSP) chief Pawan Kalyan has been made the state deputy chief minister.

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Andhra Pradesh CM takes slew of decisions

CM N Chandrababu Naidu took a slew of decisions. The state government has decided to conduct a skill Census to ensure employment opportunities for youths.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to launch village-level cancer screening programme

The Andhra Pradesh health department has decided to launch a village-level cancer screening programme in August 2024. The screening will focus on oral, cervical and breast cancers, which account for nearly 40 per cent of the state's total cancer caseload.

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Bihar

Bihar govt to introduce Bihar Unemployment Allowance Rules

The Bihar government has decided to introduce the Bihar Unemployment Allowance Rules for unemployed youths across the state. The decision was taken during a state Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The eligible individuals who remain unemployed after applying for jobs will receive a daily unemployment allowance.

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PM Modi to inaugurate Nalanda University campus in Bihar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Bihar next week to inaugurate the campus of Nalanda University, named after the world-famous ancient seat of learning. Officials of the state government and the central university held a meeting here to oversee the preparations for the PM's visit.

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Gujarat

GETCO to spend INR96,000 crore to build transmission infrastructure

The Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation (GETCO) has decided to spend nearly INR96,000 crore to build transmission infrastructure within the state over the next eight years. The move aims to evacuate the growing renewable energy capacity in the state. At present, the state has around 11,823 MW of wind and 14,182 MW of solar capacities.

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Gujarat govt constructs 76 multi-purpose cyclone shelters

The Gujarat government has constructed as many as 76 multi-purpose cyclone shelters, primarily in coastal districts, to safeguard lives during natural calamities. The shelters have been set up at a cost of INR 270 crore in 10 districts, in partnership with the World Bank.

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Zydus Life's Gujarat facility gets OAI status from USFDA

Zydus lifesciences said that US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) classified the inspection conducted at its injectables manufacturing facility located at Ahmedabad in March 2024 as OAI (Official Action Indicated).

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Goa

GCZMA approves proposal to deepen channel of Zuari estuary at Mormugao

The Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) has approved the Mormugao Port Authority's (MPA) proposal to deepen a channel of the Zuari estuary at the port. It has decided to send the proposal for the Union environment ministry's approval.

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Goa set to bring new tourism Bill that will curb touts, keep tourists safe

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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GIDC plans re-auction for verna industrial estate commercial plots

Dissatisfied with the bids received for the commercial plots at Verna Industrial Estate, which were put up for lease through an e-auction, the Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) plans to hold a new auction. The GIDC has also initiated the process to issue allotment letters for the 16 industrial plots auctioned.

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Haryana

Haryana CM approves allotment of 976 khel nurseries

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has approved the allotment of 976 khel nurseries across the state in government and private schools for the 2024-25 fiscal under the Khel Nursery scheme. Earlier, the state government allotted 1,100 such khel nurseries each year.

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Haryana govt's new excise policy leads to 20 per cent rise in liquor prices

The Haryana government's new excise policy, which came into effect, has led to a 20 per cent rise in liquor prices across Gurugram. The policy includes an increase in liquor duties that had led to the overall rise in liquor prices.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt to invest INR 1000 crore on bulk drug park in Una

The state government has decided to invest INR1000 crore on a bulk drug park in Una district. The aim is to make this park more people-oriented, said deputy chief minister Mukesh Agnihotri. The total cost of the project will be borne equally by the state and centre.

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15 products from Himachal Pradesh get GI tag

As many as 15 products from Himachal Pradesh have received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. These include Kullu shawl, Kangra tea, Chamba rumal, Kinnauri shawl, Kangra painting, Himachali kala jeera, Chulli oil, Chamba chappal and Lahauli socks & gloves.

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Jharkhand

CM asks officials to complete appointment process for 40,000 posts

Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Champai Soren asked the officials concerned to complete the appointment process for nearly 40,000 vacant posts in the state. The CM said that the state government is committed to providing jobs to the youth and vacancies in government departments will be filled as soon as possible.

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CM asks to speed up process of construction of houses under 'Abua Awas'

Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Champai Soren directed the officials concerned to speed up the process of construction of 200,000 houses in the first phase of the 'Abua Awas' scheme.

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Kerala

Kerala's KWA plans to establish 2 STPs in Kochi

The Kerala Water Authority (KWA) is planning to establish two sewage treatment plants (STP) in Kochi, one each in Ernakulam North and South. The KWA has combined the proposals mooted by various agencies including the Kochi Municipal Corporation (KMC) and Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL), stating that it might not be financially & technically feasible to set up small & multiple units in the city.

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Kerala's KMRL to execute Bliss City project

Kerala's Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has decided to execute the Bliss City project which aims to generate additional revenue for the metro system's operations and maintenance. The project will be implemented on a seven-hectare plot in Kakkanad. The National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) has been appointed as the agency responsible for taking up the project.

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Kerala One Health Centre to be transformed as international research institution

The Kerala government has decided to transform the Kozhikode-based Kerala One Health Centre for Nipah Research as an international research institution. The One Health approach, which forms the basis of this centre, emphasises the intertwined relationship between human health, animal health and environment.

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Karnataka

Karnataka govt to launch ECCE in 1,008 schools

The Karnataka government has decided to launch pre-primary classes or Early Child Care & Education (ECCE) in 1,008 state-owned primary schools across seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka region. The initiative will be introduced in these schools from the academic year 2024-25.

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New 66 kV underground cable commissioned by KPTCL in Karnataka

A new 66 kilovolt (kV) underground cable was commissioned by the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL). The cable has been laid across 5.1-km between the HBR 220 kV station and the Pottery Road 66 kV station. The cost of the development has been pegged at INR 39.04 crore.

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Madhya Pradesh

CM inaugurates PM Shri Religious Tourism Helicopter Service

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Mohan Yadav inaugurated the Prime Minister (PM) Shri Religious Tourism Helicopter Service. Following this, the devotees will be able to visit Mahakaleshwar in Ujjain and Omkareshwar in Khandwa via helicopter. The scheme aims to boost connectivity and tourism to two Jyotirlingas in the state.

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MP govt to introduce pre-primary classes across 4,473 state-run schools

The state government has decided to introduce pre-primary classes across 4,473 state-run schools starting from the 2024-25 academic session. The decision aims to ensure that all children, regardless of their socio-economic background, have access to quality early education.

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Madhya Pradesh govt approves subsidy of INR24,420 crore on electricity

Madhya Pradesh government approved a subsidy of INR24,420 crore on electricity. The subsidy will be applicable on electricity rates set for the financial year 2024-25 by the Electricity Regulatory Commission.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt's revamped MJPJAY to be launched on 1 July

The Maharashtra government's revamped flagship health scheme, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Abhiyan (MJPJAY), is set to be launched on 1 July 2024. It offers substantial improvements like inclusion of every resident of the state as long as they can produce a valid ration card and domicile certificate.

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Maharashtra govt forms panel to draft Skill Education policy

The Maharashtra government has formed a 10-member committee to draft Skill Education policy. It will ensure effective convergence of various initiatives for skill development. The policy will intend to achieve quality manpower as well as in incubate enterprises.

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IMC India leases office in Mumbai's BKC at INR 700 per sq ft/month

IMC India Securities has picked up a 5,830-sq-ft office in a commercial complex in Mumbai's Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) at lease rentals of INR700 per sq ft a month and has also leased a large office in Worli locality.

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Punjab

Power tariff hiked for Punjab domestic, industrial users

The new tariff for the financial year 2024-25 will be applicable from June 16 this year. The tariff hike for domestic consumers with consumption of 100 units has been increased by 10 paise per unit for the first 100 units and 12 paise per unit for the next two hundred units.

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30 railway stations in Punjab being redeveloped

Ravneet Singh Bittu, the Union Minister of State for Railways, announced on Sunday that the long-awaited Mohali-Rajpura broad-gauge link project would soon commence. Bittu, while addressing a press conference in Ludhiana.

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Odisha

Mohan Majhi sworn-in as Odisha CM

Mohan Majhi was sworn-in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha. He was administered the oath of office by state Governor Raghubar Das. Besides him, KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida took oath as state deputy chief ministers. Furthermore, 13 more MLAs were also sworn-in as new ministers.

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NALCO edges higher after signing Bauxite mining lease with Odisha Govt

NALCO has executed a mining lease deed with the State Government of Odisha for an area spread over 697.979 hectares for Bauxite Mines in Pottangi Tehsil, Koraput district.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan govt allots 4,780 hectares of land to set up 4 solar projects

Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Bhajanlal Sharma has approved a proposal to allot 4,780 hectares of land to set up four solar projects. The move is aimed at making the state a leader and self-reliant in the field of energy.

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Rajasthan govt plans to connect 3 forts with ropeway

The Rajasthan government is planning to connect Amber, Jaigarh and Nahargarh forts with a ropeway. These forts are spread over 13-km inside the Nahargarh Leopard Sanctuary. The aim is to speed up the movement of tourists. The project is expected to cost INR 400 crore.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu govt announces Delta Kuruvai Cultivation Special Package

Tamil Nadu government announced the Delta Kuruvai Cultivation Special Package for farmers. The cost of implementing the scheme has been pegged at INR78.67 crore. The move aims to benefit farmers in the Cauvery delta districts.

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Railway authorities in Tamil Nadu launch special train

The railway authorities in Tamil Nadu have launched a special train between MGR Chennai Central and West Bengal's Santragachi via Andhra Pradesh's Duvvada. The move aims to clear the extra rush of passengers. This train will have halts at Kharagpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road, Palasa, Srikakulam Road, Vizianagaram, Duvvada, etc.

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Tamil Nadu's Pudukottai to get 10 artificial islands

Tamil Nadu's Pudukottai administration and Kadamadai Area Integrated Farmers Association (KAIFA) have tied up to create artificial islands at the Kavinadu Kanmoi irrigation tank in Pudukottai district.

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Telangana

Telangana govt inks pact with CfPIE to boost life sciences training

The Telangana government has inked a pact with the CfPIE to boost life sciences training and professional certification in the state. The collaboration is aimed at fostering innovation and development in the state's life sciences ecosystem.

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Centre sanctions INR190 crore for Telangana fire department

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 plans to adopt PM KISAN's guidelines

The Telangana government has intensified its efforts to mobilise financial resources for fulfilling the INC election promise of crop loan waiver up to INR 200,000 to farmers. The state government is planning to adopt operational guidelines being implemented by the Centre for the PM KISAN to determine eligibility for extending the loan waiver scheme.

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North-East

Assam govt inks pact with THF to provide quality healthcare

The Assam government has joined hands with The Hans Foundation (THF) to provide quality healthcare to tea garden communities. Under the pact, the state government will roll out 40 medical vans equipped with all facilities to diagnose and offer basic treatment.

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Cancer institute to be set up at Midpu, Arunachal Pradesh

The Centre has sanctioned INR210 crore to establish a state cancer institute at Midpu, Arunachal Pradesh. The 76-bedded comprehensive cancer treatment center will feature cutting-edge facilities. These include high-end linear accelerators, brachytherapy unit, high-end laboratories, modular operation theatres, etc.

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Assam CM inaugurates Janata Bhawan Solar Project at Secretariat complex

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the Janata Bhawan Solar Project at the state Secretariat complex. The project is a 2.5 MW power generation capacity grid connected to a rooftop and ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) system.

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Meghalaya govt to set up new industrial estate in Byrnihat

The Meghalaya government has decided to convert 54.2 hectares of land in Byrnihat into new industrial estate. This initiative aims at attracting investment and generating numerous job opportunities. It aligns with state's broader economic goals which include enhancing industrial infrastructure and fostering a business-friendly environment.

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Meghalaya govt to invest INR 5,000 crore in tourism, INR 1,500 crore in IT

The Meghalaya government has decided to invest INR5,000 crore in tourism sector and INR1,500 crore in the IT sector over the next four years. The aim is to create around 70,000 new jobs in the state. The state government is working on setting up submarine cables and a three-tier data center in Shillong to improve communication infrastructure.

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Assam CM lays foundation for 25 MW Namrup Solar Power Project

Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone for the 25 MW Namrup Solar Power Project in Namrup, Dibrugarh. The aim is to enhance the region's energy infrastructure and contribute to reduce carbon emission. The plant will come up on 43.7 hectares of land.

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Uttar Pradesh

UP govt to develop Noida International Airport into world-class civil aviation

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to develop the Noida International Airport into a world-class civil aviation facility. The aim is to establish it as a major transit hub in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Peak power demand in Uttar Pradesh reaches record high

The peak power demand in Uttar Pradesh reached a record high of 29,820 megawatts (MW). Power consumption also surged to 643 million units as the state experienced severe heatwaves. Furthermore, the power department of Uttar Pradesh has set a new record for the highest power supply in the country during peak hours.

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Adani Group awards INR7,000 crore orders to BHEL

Adani Group for the 2×800 MW Mirzapur supercritical thermal power plant in Uttar Pradesh, awarded by Mirzapur Thermal Energy UP (MTEUPPL). BHEL's scope for project includes the manufacture and supply of main plant equipment and associated auxiliaries, along with supervision of erection and commissioning.

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Tata Group in talks to acquire a majority stake in Vivo's India unit

Tata Group is in talks to acquire a majority stake in the Indian unit of Chinese smartphone maker Vivo. Vivo has sold one of its manufacturing units located in Uttar Pradesh's Greater Noida to Bhagwati Products, the parent company of Micromax.

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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand CM inaugurates Water Conservation and Enhancement Scheme

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Water Conservation and Enhancement Scheme under the Water Conservation Campaign in Kaluwala. This scheme has been completed by the Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARA) under the National Bank For Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD).

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Sharda canal water level drops, impacts power generation irrigation

The Sharda canal, which runs through Khatima city in Udham Singh Nagar district, has experienced a substantial decrease in water levels due to a lack of rainfall. This reduction has led to significant disruptions in both power generation and irrigation.

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Union Territories

PIB approves proposal for 26-km Rithala-Narela-Kundli corridor of Delhi metro

The PIB has approved the proposal for the 26-km Rithala-Narela-Kundli corridor of the Delhi metro. The project, which is an extension of the existing Red Line, now awaits final approval from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

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Delhi govt to transform urban villages & rural areas

The Delhi government has decided to transform the urban villages of the city as well as rural areas. A sum of INR900 crore has been set aside for the purpose. The information was shared by development minister Gopal Rai.

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Delhi LG approves grant of financial benefits under MACP scheme

Delhi Lieutenant General (LG) VK Saxena approved the grant of financial benefits under the Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) scheme for 194 principals, vice-principals and others in the education department.

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Chandigarh MC to float INR54 crore tender for recarpeting of 250-km of roads

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation (MC) has decided to float a tender of INR54 crore to undertake recarpeting works of around 250-km of city roads in the current financial year. The tender will be floated either by the last week of June or the first week of July 2024.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt increases DA and DR of its employees by 4 per cent

The West Bengal government has increased the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) for state government employees by four per cent. The increased DA will be applicable. Government employees will receive the increased DA starting from April instead of May 2024.

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West Bengal government and police launch de-addiction centre in jail

The West Bengal government and the police have launched de-addiction centres at two State correctional facilities to help inmates addicted to drugs and alcohol. This initiative was launched to help inmates have a better chance at rehabilitation and normal life after their prison time.

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