



# Regional Developments

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## Andhra Pradesh

### Andhra Pradesh govt to collaborate with EFLU

The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to collaborate with the English & Foreign Languages University (EFLU) to offer training in selected foreign languages to students and other skilled people in the state.

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### AP govt to provide office space for several depts in Millennium Towers

The state government has decided to provide office space for several departments in the Millennium Towers A and B in Visakhapatnam. These departments include agriculture & cooperation, animal husbandry & fisheries, health & family welfare, higher education, home, industries, revenue, school education, skill development, water resources, etc.

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### INR9.5 crore sanctioned for athletic track at AP's JNTU

The ministry of sports and youth affairs sanctioned INR9.5 crore as grant for laying an eight-lane synthetic athletic track at the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) in Andhra Pradesh's (AP) Kakinada.

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### Andhra Pradesh CM releases INR160 crore as compensation to farmers

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy released funds worth INR160 crore as the fourth tranche of compensation to fishermen in Konaseema and Kakinada districts.

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## Bihar

### Bihar govt to launch 'Mission Daksh' in December

The Bihar government has decided to launch 'Mission Daksh' in December 2023 to benefit nearly 2.5 million children lagging behind their peers in schools. Some of them are incapable of reading simple Hindi words despite having reached upper primary classes.

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### Bihar govt notifies 2 reservation Bills

Bihar government notified two Bills. These include the Bihar Reservation of Vacancies in Posts & Services (for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes & Other Backward Classes) Amendment Bill and Bihar (In Admission In Educational, Institutions) Reservation Amendment Bill.

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## Goa

### Goa govt collaborates with IIT-Bombay to reduce non-communicable diseases

The Goa government has collaborated with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay to reduce the state's high non-communicable disease burden, including diabetes and hypertension. The alliance is looking to prepare a training module that will advise pregnant women on nutrition and later the infants till they turn adolescents.

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### Goa govt signs MoU with Zen Technologies Limited to establish R&D facility

The Goa government has signed an MoU with Zen Technologies Limited, a provider of simulators for weapons and allied defence equipment, to set up a new research and development (R&D) facility in the state.

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### Goa seeks INR7,000 crore for highways, Centre sanctions just INR110 crore

Goa seeks INR7,000 crore for highways, Centre sanctions just INR110 crore. Goa faces a funding roadblock for highway expansion projects as it has received approval for only INR110 crore out of the requested INR7,000 crore.

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## Gujarat

### Gujarat CM inaugurates 155 new kendras under Shramik Annapurna Yojana

Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) recently inaugurated as many as 155 new kendras under the Shramik Annapurna Yojana across the state. These centres were initially operational at 118 kadianakas in 10 districts of the state.

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### Sanghavi leads VGGs promotion tour to Dubai

Sanghavi leads VGGs promotion tour to Dubai. Minister of state for home, Harsh Sanghavi, reached Dubai to promote the upcoming edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGs) which will be held in Gandhinagar from January 10 to 12.

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### Cadila Pharmaceuticals inaugurates API plant at Dahej in Bharuch district

The facility, set up with an investment of INR200 crore, is equipped with the latest Distributed Control System (DCS) automation technology, marking a significant milestone in Cadila Pharmaceuticals' dedication to innovation and excellence in drug manufacturing.

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## Haryana

### Haryana govt signs MoU with CPWD for setting up health facilities

The Haryana government has signed an MoU with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for setting up health facilities. As part of this, nearly 15 critical care blocks and 17 district-integrated public health laboratories will be constructed.

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### Haryana govt nod to improvement of eight state highways

The Haryana government has granted administrative approval for critical road infrastructure projects involving the improvement of eight state highways (SH) at an estimated cost of about INR75 crore.

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## Himachal Pradesh

### Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates Vidya Samiksha Kendra in Shimla

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) in Shimla. The objectives of VSK include monitoring the real-time status of various projects and activities under the ambit of Samagra Shiksha.

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### Sports stadium, traffic park to be constructed in Haroli, Himachal Pradesh

Deputy CM Mukesh Agnihotri said that Haroli village will soon get a sports stadium and a traffic park. The stadium will be built over around 31 acres of government land near the Haroli Rampur bridge.

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## Jharkhand

### SECI Ltd issues bidding extension to set up floating solar PV project

The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Limited has issued a bidding extension for setting up a 100 MW floating solar photovoltaic (PV) project in Jharkhand.

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### Union rail minister seeks Jharkhand CM's help in state's rail infra projects

Union railway minister Aswhini Vaishnav urged the CM Hemant Soren to lend his government's support to the Indian Railways' ongoing infrastructure development projects by ensuring timely approval of environment and forest clearances and availability of land.

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## Kerala

### Kerala govt ties up with BPCL to construct compressed biogas plant

The Kerala government has tied up with the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) to construct an industrial-level compressed biogas plant in Kochi. The facility would come up on four hectares of the municipal corporation land at Brahmapuram.

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### Kerala govt to raise INR1,500 crore from market

The Kerala government has decided to raise INR1,500 crore more from the market through the sale of government securities of 20-year tenure. With this, the state government will have the option to retain an additional amount of up to INR500 crore.

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### Union minister inaugurates Aayakar Bhavan in Kochi, Kerala

Union minister for finance and corporate affairs Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated Aayakar Bhavan, the office complex of the income tax department, in Kochi, Kerala. The building has come at a cost of INR64 crore.

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## Odisha

### Odisha govt approves 848 industrial projects with potential investment of INR21.7 lakh crore

The Odisha government has approved nearly 848 industrial projects in different sectors with an estimated potential investment of INR21.7 lakh crore. The information was shared by state industries minister Pratap Keshari Deb.

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### Odisha CM approves instream water storage structure in Boudh

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik approved the construction of an instream water storage structure in Boudh district. The cost of the project has been pegged at INR320 crore. This will be helpful in areas of drinking water projects, fisheries, animal husbandry, etc.

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### Odisha CM approves 12 key projects worth INR84,910 crore

Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik approved as many as 12 key projects with a cumulative investment of INR84,910 crore. These projects will create employment opportunities for 42,281 people across various sectors.

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## Karnataka

### Karnataka govt to introduce new tourism policy

The Karnataka government has decided to introduce a new tourism policy in a few months to address long-pending issues in the sector. The information was shared by state tourism minister HK Patil.

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### Karnataka CM inaugurates command and control centre in Bengaluru

CM Siddaramaiah inaugurated the newly-commissioned state-of-the-art command and control centre at the police commissioner's office in Bengaluru. More than 7,000 high-tech cameras which have been synchronised with the crime database of habitual offenders.

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## Maharashtra

### ADB approves USD500 million loan to enhance healthcare in Maharashtra

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD500 million loan to enhance the quality and affordability of tertiary healthcare and medical education in Maharashtra. As many as four medical colleges will be constructed in underserved districts.

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### Chief Minister Health at Doorstep scheme to be launched by BMC

The Chief Minister Health at Doorstep scheme will be launched by Maharashtra's Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). The initiative focuses on reducing out-of-pocket expenditure and will take blood samples of all people above 60 years old in Mumbai.

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### Maharashtra govt approves expansion of Aurangabad and Gondia airports

The Maharashtra government has approved the expansion of Aurangabad and Gondia airports. It has allocated INR578 crore for infrastructure improvement and land acquisition. The expansion will enable increased tourist footfall and the operation of international charters.

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### Maharashtra govt to acquire 5,000 hectares of land in Gadchiroli

The Maharashtra government is planning to acquire 5,000 hectares of land for industrial development in Naxal-hit Gadchiroli. Proposed Rs. 220 billion investments will be made by companies like Lloyds Metals and Varad Ferro.

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## North-East

### Meghalaya tourism industry likely to grow to INR12,000 crore by 2028

The Meghalaya tourism industry is expected to grow to INR12,000 crore and the annual footfall of visitors is set to increase to around two million by 2028. Tourism department director Cyril VD Diengdoh said that the industry is receiving a boost with the state government making efforts to incentivise tourism-related investments by entrepreneurs.

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### Assam govt to set up 6 mega milk processing plants

The Assam government has decided to set up six mega milk processing plants as part of the Assam Dairy Development Plan. Each plant will have a capacity of 100,000 litres per day. As many as three places have been identified for the purpose.

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### Union minister announces 2 road infrastructure projects in Assam

Union road transport & highways minister Nitin Gadkari has announced two road infrastructure projects in Assam. With a total allocation of INR2180 crore, these projects are aimed at enhancing connectivity and facilitating smoother inter-state travel.

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### Arunachal Pradesh govt to set up development cell for women entrepreneurs

The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to set up a dedicated development cell for women entrepreneurs with a seed money of INR 5 crore. The information was shared by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

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## Punjab

### PEDA and GAIL join hands to set up 10 compressed biogas projects in Punjab

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with GAIL (India) to develop 10 compressed biogas (CBG) projects along with other new and renewable energy projects in the state.

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### SIDBI commits INR250 crore to boost infrastructure, agro-processing sector

Agro-processing and infrastructure at focal points in Punjab is likely to get a boost as the MSME lender - SIDBI has committed INR250 crore to the state government for the current fiscal year. Taking a step in this direction, SIDBI will soon sign an MoU with the state government.

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## Uttarakhand

### MoU signed to boost wellness tourism in Uttarakhand

The Uttarakhand government has signed an MoU worth INR125 crore with Atmantan Wellness Centre. The objective is to boost wellness tourism in the state, create employment opportunities and further promote healthy living all around.

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### Kalyan Jewellers sets up new store in Kashipur, Uttarakhand

Aditya Roy Kapur unveils Kalyan Jewellers' new showroom in Kashipur, Uttarakhand. The city of Kashipur came to a standstill as crowds jostled to catch a glimpse of Bollywood actor Aditya Roy Kapur at the inauguration of Kalyan Jewellers' showroom at Ram Nagar Road.

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## Tamil Nadu

### Tamil Nadu govt signs MoU with 114 industrial houses

Tamil Nadu revenue minister KKSSR Ramachandran has signed MoUs with 114 industrial houses for starting industrial units in Virudhunagar district. The pacts were signed at the district-level investors meet held as part of Global Investors Meet.

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### Tamil Nadu minister inaugurates 1,397 cancer screening camps across 4 districts

Tamil Nadu health minister Ma Subramanian inaugurated as many as 1,397 cancer screening camps across four districts. These include Ranipet, Tirupathur, Kanyakumari and Erode.

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### New rail overbridge inaugurated on Dindigul-Manakattur Road in Tamil Nadu

New rail overbridge was inaugurated on the Dindigul-Manakattur Road at Balakrishnapuram in Tamil Nadu. This will spare motorists from waiting at three level crossings. The bridge has been constructed at a cost of INR56.25 crore.

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### TN govt in process of replacing Governor with CM as chancellor of state universities

The Tamil Nadu (TN) government is in the process of making the Chief Minister (CM) as the chancellor of state universities by replacing the Governor. The information was shared by state Advocate-General R Shunmugasundaram.

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## Telangana

### BRS promises to set up special IT park near Hyderabad, Telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has promised to set up a special information technology park near Hyderabad, Telangana. The move comes as part of the party's efforts to woo minority voters ahead of the upcoming state Assembly polls.

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### T-Hub launches semiconductor cohort 2 in Telangana

The Telangana government-backed innovation hub and ecosystem enabler T-Hub recently launched the semiconductor cohort 2. The development has come in association with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog.

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## Union Territories

### J&K becomes first in India to incorporate 1,100 services into eUnnat platform

In a significant milestone, Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) has become the first in the country to incorporate 1100 services into the eUnnat platform and 500 services into the Rapid Assessment System (RAS) portal.

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### Puducherry admin unveils revised Road Safety Policy

The Puducherry administration has unveiled the revised Road Safety Policy. It provides the basis for working towards attaining the vision of an accident-free region by promoting safe mobility for all. The policy's primary focus is to reduce road accidents in the union territory (UT) by 50 per cent within the next five years.

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### Pondicherry University opens 9 new buildings

The Pondicherry University has opened as many as nine new buildings on its campuses in Puducherry and Karaikal. A total of six new academic buildings housing the departments of biotechnology, politics & international studies, physical education & sports, history, English and computer science have been added to the main campus.

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### Tata Power DDL collaborates with Power Sector Skill Council

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd., a power utility supplying electricity to a population of seven million in North Delhi, and the Power Sector Skill Council (PSSC), have signed a MoU to jointly spearhead skill development training, capacity-building programmes.

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## Uttar Pradesh

### Uttar Pradesh govt allocates 2,387.6 hectares for 19 renewable energy projects

The Uttar Pradesh government has set aside more than 2,387.6 hectares of land for 19 renewable energy projects worth INR18,830 crore. These projects include four big solar parks, which together will generate 3200 MW green power; five solar plants; and 10 compressed biogas (CBG) plants.

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### Uttar Pradesh govt to invest INR18000 crore in coal-fired power plant

In a bid to increase the electricity production in the state, the Uttar Pradesh government will invest more than INR18,000 crore in a coal-fired thermal power plant in Sonbhadra district.

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## West Bengal

### UK govt to set up Intelligent Mobility Skill Centre in West Bengal

The United Kingdom (UK) government has released a road map for establishing an Intelligent Mobility Skill Centre in West Bengal. A training centre will be set up with an aim to bring knowledge and best practices from the UK to the state.

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### West Bengal receives investment proposals worth INR3.7 lakh crore during BGBS

West Bengal has received total investment proposals worth INR3.7 lakh crore during the seventh edition of the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS). The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee.

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### Amazon, WBIDC to partner to increase exports from WB

Amazon and the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) have partnered to increase exports from West Bengal. The partnership will enable MSMEs from West Bengal to sell products to customers across 200 countries.

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### 93 MoUs signed in agri & allied sectors at BGBS in West Bengal

MoUs have been signed this year at the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) in the agriculture and allied sectors. These projects would fetch investment to the tune of INR13.1 billion in West Bengal within the next two years.

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