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Industry Developments

Overall

GDP to grow at 7.4% in FY26: NSO's 1st Advance Estimate

India's real gross domestic product (GDP) has been projected to grow by 7.4 per cent in 2025-26, as per the first advance estimates (FAE) released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) today. Private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) is projected to drive the GDP growth in 2025-26 with a seven per cent expansion.

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India-NZ FTA to boost exports

New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has stated that the free trade agreement with India will boost exports and create new opportunities for farmers, growers and businesses. The pact, which India and New Zealand have recently finalised, is expected to take effect in seven to eight months.

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Goldman Sachs forecasts FY27 GDP growth at 6.8%

Goldman Sachs expects India's GDP growth in 2026-27 to moderate to 6.8 per cent from about 7.3 per cent in 2025-26. In a report, the brokerage projected real GDP growth of 6.7 per cent in calendar year 2026 and flagged firming inflation as a key constraint on further monetary easing. Retail inflation is estimated at around 3.9 per cent in 2026, close to the Reserve Bank of India's four per cent target.

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Agri & Food processing

Andhra Pradesh govt to promote smart, technology-driven agriculture

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53.2 million quintals of sugar produced in Maharashtra

As of 5 January 2026, mills in Maharashtra have crushed 60.2 million metric tonnes (MMT) of sugarcane. Around 53.2 million quintals of sugar have been produced. The average sugar recovery rate currently stands at 8.8 per cent. Of the 195 mills that are actively crushing, 97 belong to the cooperative sector and 98 are privately owned.

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Seeds Bill 2025 likely to be presented in Budget session

The central government plans to introduce the Seeds Bill 2025 in the Parliament during the first phase of the Budget session in February 2026, according to Agriculture Secretary Devesh Chaturvedi. The Bill, which will replace the Seeds Act of 1966, proposes mandatory registration of seed varieties, dealers and producers to improve quality control and traceability, including QR codes on seed packets, while allowing farmers to save and exchange farm-saved seeds without registration.

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Aviation

CCI seeks information from IndiGo, DGCA to assess airline's indulgence in unfair business practices

The CCI, which keeps a tab on unfair competition in the marketplace, has sought information from IndiGo as well as DGCA to assess whether the country's largest airline indulged in unfair business practices against the backdrop of massive flight cancellations last month, according to a media report.

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IndiGo shares glimpses of its A321 XLR aircraft

On 7 January 2026, IndiGo shared glimpses of its A321 XLR aircraft known for covering long-haul routes. A321 XLR aircraft is going to be the country's first Airbus 321 XLR aircraft. The aircraft type is expected to play a role in opening new international markets as IndiGo expands beyond short-haul flying. It will mark IndiGo's entry into medium- to long-haul markets.

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Air India is actively seeking new leadership for its airline business

Air India owner Tata Sons has held discussions with top global aviation executives in its search for a new set of leaders for its airlines business, according to officials. The group chairman N Chandrasekaran has held discussions with chief executives of at least two leading international carriers as potential candidates to take over from Air India's chief executive officer (CEO) Campbell Wilson.

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Automobiles and Ancillaries

India's auto retail sales picked up strongly in 2025 led by GST cut

India's automobile retail sector experienced significant growth, with total vehicle registrations rising around 7.7 per cent to over 28 million units 2025. Passenger vehicles recorded the strongest gains, while two wheelers, three wheelers, tractors, and commercial vehicles also saw healthy growth.

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M&M expects its sales growth to continue in 2026

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) expects to sustain its sales momentum in 2026, driven by a strong SUV portfolio, new product launches, and increasing consumer demand. Popular models such as the Thar Roxx and 3XO contributed to the company's rise to the second position in passenger vehicle sales in 2025, and recent additions like the XUV 7XO and electric XEV 9S are expected to further boost sales.

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India achieves record passenger vehicle exports in 2025

India set a new record by exporting around 858,000 passenger vehicles in 2025, marking a 15 per cent increase over the previous year. Major contributions came from Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, and Honda Cars India, with strong demand from markets in Africa, South America, and West Asia. The country has become the fourth-largest passenger vehicle manufacturer and the third-largest passenger car market in the world, emerging as a key hub for both conventional and electric vehicles.

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Banking and Financial Services

RBI tightens RPT rules

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened rules on related-party transactions (RPT) for banks and non-banking financial companies to reduce conflicts of interest and strengthen governance, according to media reports. The amendments will come into effect from 1 April 2026. The definition of related parties has been expanded to include promoters, directors, key managers, significant shareholders, their relatives and entities they influence.

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RBL's request to cap foreign holding rejected

RBL Bank's request for a temporary cap on foreign shareholding at 24 per cent has been rejected, according to media reports. The bank is seeking regulatory approvals for Emirates NBD's proposed equity investment after the Dubai-based lender announced plans in October 2025 to acquire a 60 per cent stake for USD 3 billion.

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FPB focusing on tech, AI to transition faster to SFB

Fino Payments Bank is focusing on technology and artificial intelligence (AI) to accelerate its transition to a small finance bank (SFB), according to Rishi Gupta, managing director, FPB. Technology and AI will be central to its SFB journey, influencing customer engagement, underwriting and operating efficiency.

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Energy & Natural Resources

CIL to earn Rs.6 billion from BCCL's public offer

Coal India is set to earn over Rs.6 billion by selling a 10 per cent stake in its subsidiary Bharat Coking Coal through the subsidiary's IPO. At the upper end of the IPO price band of Rs.21-23 per share, Coal India will receive about Rs.10.71 billion, and after accounting for the acquisition cost of Rs.4.66 billion, the net gain is roughly Rs.6.05 billion, a return of about 130 per cent on its investment.

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India close to meeting its demand through domestic production

India is close to meeting its domestic coal demand through local production, according to Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy. Improved production capacity, better quality and stronger supply chains have narrowed the gap between output and demand.

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Andhra Pradesh achieves more than 6,000 MW thermal output

Andhra Pradesh has achieved a thermal power output of 6,009 megawatts (MW). Improvements in coal quality, timely financial support and maintenance push helped Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation's plant achieve this milestone, according to S Nagalakshmi, managing director of the company.

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Inox New Energies acquires 250 MWp of solar projects

Inox Neo Energies, a subsidiary of Inox Clean Energy, has acquired 250 megawatt-peak (MWp) of solar projects from SunSource Energy, according to media reports. These projects have locked in long-term power purchase agreements with a weighted average tenure of 24 years.

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Healthcare

Max Healthcare signs MoU with The Learning Lab

Max Healthcare said it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Kingdom (UK)-based The Learning Lab to develop advanced healthcare training programmes and support collaborative research. The two organisations will jointly design learning modules for professionals working in tertiary and specialised care.

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Ladakh admin to strengthen healthcare infrastructure

The Ladakh admin has decided to strengthen the union territory's (UT) healthcare infrastructure. This will be done by upgrading hospitals, installing advanced medical equipment and establishing a new medical college, with a special focus on serving people in high-altitude and remote areas.

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Madhya Pradesh govt to set up cancer registry board

The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to set up a state cancer registry board. The aim is to track cancer patients at the initial stages and provide accurate data for diagnosis & treatment. Currently, data on cancer patients is collected under the National Cancer Registry Programme, managed from Bangalore.

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Infrastructure

Delhi-Mumbai Ex-way to be connected with Bundelkhand Expressway

The Union road transport and highways ministry has given its in-principle approval for the Atal Progress-way, also known as the Chambal Expressway. The project will connect the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway with the Bundelkhand Expressway and will pass through parts of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

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Centre approves development of 7-km tunnel in Uttarakhand

The Centre has approved the development of a seven-km tunnel connecting Chaumasi in Kalimath Valley near Guptkashi to Sonprayag in Uttarakhand. The twin tube tunnel will be an alternative route from Chaumasi side for better connectivity to Kedarnath shrine. It will also serve as an escape route in case of emergency and bad weather.

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Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad to get new Harnandipuram Township

GDA has expedited preparations for the new Harnandipuram Township. It will be developed in two phases over an area of 521 hectares. Land will be purchased from farmers in eight villages, with the township being developed on 350 hectares of land from five of these villages in the first phase.

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Punjab to get 3,100 playgrounds

Construction work on 3,100 playgrounds in villages and cities is underway at a war footing in the first phase. The aim is to ensure that every village in the state will have its own sports ground. Coaches are being recruited on a large scale for sports nurseries in disciplines such as boxing, hockey, kabaddi and other games.

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IT & ITES

Infosys, AWS partner to scale enterprise adoption of GenAI

Infosys has entered into a partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate enterprise adoption of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI). Under the partnership, Amazon Q Developer, AWS's generative AI-powered assistant, will be combined with Infosys Topaz, an AI-first set of services, solutions, and platforms using GenAI technologies.

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Mid-cap IT companies to report modest revenue growth in December qtr.

Mid-cap IT companies are expected to report sequential revenue growth of 0.5-4 per cent in constant currency terms in the December 2025 quarter, as per analysts. This is likely to be supported by stabilising demand and a slower pace of contract ramp-downs. Persistent Systems is expected to lead the sector, with sequential revenue growth of 2-4 per cent.

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Wipro leases office space in Navi Mumbai

Wipro has leased nearly 145,000 square feet in Mindspace SEZ, Airoli East MIDC Industrial Area in Navi Mumbai for five years. The company will pay monthly rent of Rs.972.5 million starting 1 April 2026. The agreement includes a lock-in period of 36 months, with both rent and security deposit set to escalate by five per cent annually.

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Pharmaceuticals

IPM to grow by 7.8-8.1% in 2026: PharmaTrac

The Indian Pharmaceutical Market is expected to grow by 7.8-8.1 % in 2026, according to PharmaTrac. It grew by 8.1 per cent to Rs.2.4 trillion in 2025. Sun Pharma, Abbot, Cipla, Mankind and Alkem led domestic revenues in 2025. Growth in 2026 will be driven by cardiac, anti-diabetic, neuro and respiratory therapies, supported by growing lifestyle disease treatments and steady demand from chronic care.

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GLP-1 therapies to dominate diabetes treatment

The anti-diabetes market is entering a disruptive phase as GLP-1 therapies gain priority in treatment and older drugs fall down the ladder. Growth is being driven by rising diabetes and obesity, record new molecule launches and strong clinical outcomes linked to glucose control and comorbidity benefits. The segment has seen fast adoption of injectable tirzepatide and semaglutide, making GLP-1 a major value driver.

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Budget likely to push pharma sector to value-driven export model

The union budget for 2026-27 is expected to push India's pharmaceutical sector from a volume-led export model to a value-driven one. India has a large global market share in generics and vaccines but low value capture and heavy active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) import dependence.

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Regional Developments

Andhra Pradesh

AP SIPB approves investment proposals worth Rs.193.9 bln

The Andhra Pradesh State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) has approved investment proposals worth Rs.193.9 billion across sectors. These projects have a potential to create 11,753 jobs. Major proposals cleared at the meeting include Tata Power's Rs.66.7 billion investment in Nellore district, Shirdi Sai Electricals' Rs.55.7 billion project in Kadapa district and Websol Renewable's Rs.35.3 billion investment, among others.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to build multi-level parking at hilltop temples

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to build multi-level parking at hilltop temple locations such as Simhachalam temple and Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy temple in Vijayawada. Measures are also being taken to provide better amenities to pilgrims at all major temples, said state endowments commissioner K Ramachandra Mohan.

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Himachal Pradesh

Document verification system being integrated into Him Seva Portal

An AI based document verification and validation system is being integrated into the Himachal Pradesh government's Him Seva Portal. The aim is to ensure faster and more efficient delivery of revenue services. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on 5 January 2025.

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Himachal Pradesh Electricity Grid Code Regulations introduced

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has introduced the Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Himachal Pradesh Electricity Grid Code) Regulations. The move is aimed at modernising the state's power system operations and aligning them with national standards.

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Himachal Pradesh govt makes Farmer IDs mandatory for all farmers

The state has made the Farmer ID mandatory for all farmers and horticulturists in the state. The aim is to enable seamless access to various central and state government welfare schemes. The decision has been taken to ensure that benefits meant for farmers and horticulturists are delivered in a transparent, targeted and time-bound manner, while eliminating duplication & delays in the implementation of schemes.

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Haryana

Haryana CM launches AI-based Budget Janbhagidari Portal

On 6 January 2026, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Nayab Singh Saini launched the artificial intelligence (AI)-based 'Haryana Budget Janbhagidari' Portal, in line with Haryana Vision 2047. The portal will enable citizens to get a direct opportunity to participate in the state's budget-making process.

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Haryana govt issues orders for distribution of salary, allowances, pension during 2026

The Haryana govt. has issued orders regarding the distribution of salary, allowances, pension and family pension to its employees, pensioners & family pensioners during 2026. As per the orders, salary & pension will be drawn and distributed in advance for months where the first day falls on a holiday.

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Haryana CM chairs meetings of HPPC, HPWPC

On 5 January 2026, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Nayab Singh Saini chaired meetings of the High-Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) and High-Powered Works Purchase Committee (HPWPC). As many as five tenders, with an estimated cost of Rs.1.3 billion, were considered in the HPPC meeting. Of these, re-tendering was ordered in one project. For the remaining tenders, with an estimated cost of Rs.1.2 billion, detailed negotiations were conducted with the bidders.

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Karnataka

Karnataka's KSRTC to induct 644 new BS-VI diesel buses

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is planning to induct 644 new Bharat Stage (BS)-VI diesel buses. The move aims to strengthen bus connectivity in rural parts of the state where public transport services remain limited. The proposed fleet expansion will include 500 regular buses and 144 double-door mofussil buses, with a majority of these vehicles earmarked for rural routes.

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Karnataka's Mandya to get 400 kV capacity power substation

Karnataka's Mandya district is set to get its first 400 kilovolt (kV) capacity power substation. The information was shared by state deputy commissioner Kumar. The site identified to set up the substation is located at survey no. 122 of Hebbani village in BG Pura hobli of Malavalli taluka.

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Hartek Power secures solar project in Karnataka

Hartek Power has secured a renewable energy contract for a solar project integrated with a battery energy storage system (BESS) in Karnataka, according to media reports. The company has secured the engineering, procurement and construction scope for a 280 megawatt (MW) alternating current / 410 megawatt-peak direct current solar photovoltaic project along with an 80 MW / 320 megawatt-hour BESS at Challakere.

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Kerala

Kerala govt to implement two-tier paddy procurement model

The Kerala government is exploring the possibility of launching the state's own rice, Kerala Rice, by revamping the current paddy procurement system. The new system also plans to give the price of the procured paddy to farmers at the time of procurement itself. As part of the new system, the state government has decided to implement a two-tier procurement model using primary agricultural cooperative societies.

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Kerala govt announces measures to include all eligible voters in electoral rolls

The Kerala government has announced a series of emergency measures to ensure that all eligible citizens are included in the electoral rolls during the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) process. Notably, the draft electoral roll was published on 23 December 2025 and the period for claims & objections will continue till 22 January 2026.

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Kerala govt to launch comprehensive School Health Programme

The Kerala health and education departments has decided to jointly launch a comprehensive School Health Programme. The information was shared by state health minister Veena George. The programme seeks to ensure the physical and mental well-being of every child, while promoting the holistic development of the body, mind and intellect.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra govt clears proposal for 24-seater passenger submarine

The Maharashtra government has cleared a proposal for a 24-seater passenger submarine. It will be developed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL). The first-of-its-kind initiative aims to offer tourists a rare glimpse of marine life through a battery-operated passenger submarine. The cost of the project has been pegged at Rs.1.1 billion.

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Bayer, ADM extend Maharashtra soyabean farmer programme to 100,000 growers

Bayer AG has extended its partnership with US agribusiness ADM by three years to support soybean farmers in Maharashtra, scaling the programme fourfold to reach 100,000 growers. The partnership, launched in June 2022, will now expand coverage from 35,000 hectares to 200,000 hectares. The expanded programme will cover Nanded, Parbhani, Hingoli, Solapur, Latur, Dharashiv and Beed.

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The State urges Centre to raise RoDTEP rate to 4% for onion exports

The Maharashtra government has urged the Centre to raise the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) rate for onion exports from the existing 1.9 per cent to four per cent. The move aims to support farmers facing losses due to price fluctuations and weak market realisations.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Cabinet clears Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme

On 6 January 2026, the Tamil Nadu Cabinet cleared the new Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS) for state government employees. This guarantees an assured pension equal to 50 per cent of the last-drawn basic pay. Furthermore, the state government would launch 'Ungal Kanavai Sollungal'. It is a month-long household survey aimed at gathering feedback from families on government schemes and identifying priority issues they expect the state government to address.

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TN govt releases SOP for regulation & management of public gatherings

The Tamil Nadu government has released a detailed standard operating procedure (SOP) for the regulation and management of public gatherings in the state. The SOP will apply to all public meetings, processions, road shows, demonstrations, protests, cultural & religious events and any other form of public gathering in the state where the anticipated number of participants exceeds 5,000.

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TN govt to set up Centre for Mangrove Conservation in Pichavaram

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to set up a Centre for Mangrove Conservation at Pichavaram in Cuddalore district. The objective is to promote wetland conservation through research, education, awareness and eco-tourism. Notably, the state government expanded the mangrove cover with new plantations in over 2,400 hectares in the past four years.

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Telangana

Telangana deploys mobile app for timely supply of fertilisers to farmers

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Telangana govt hands over 384.4 hectares of land to AAI for revival of Mamnoor airport

On 6 January 2026, the Telangana government handed over about 384.4 hectares of land to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the revival of the long-awaited Mamnoor airport. The foundation stone for the same is expected to be laid at the end of this month and the first flight could take off by late 2027.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet takes several decisions

On 6 January 2026, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet took several decisions. As part of this, it gave approval for the construction of a modern bus station in Pilibhit near the district headquarters on Tanakpur Road. The facility will be built on over 1.3 hectares, which will be leased to the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation for 30 years, extendable up to 90 years.

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Rs.560 mln approved for 14 projects in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

The Meerut Infrastructure Development Fund Committee in Uttar Pradesh has approved Rs.560 million for 14 projects, with a focus on street lighting and road upgrades. Under the initiative, emphasis has been placed on improving the city's street lights, for which a system for automatically switching the lights on and off has been approved.

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UP allows registration of ancestral property partition deeds at Rs.10,000

On 6 January 2026, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Cabinet approved the proposals to allow registration of ancestral property partition deeds for a flat fee of Rs.10,000, which includes Rs.5,000 as stamp duty and Rs.5,000 as registration fees.

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Union Territories

Centre approves revised labour budget of Rs.44.5 mln man-days for J&K

The Union ministry of rural development (MoRD) has approved a revised labour budget of Rs.44.5 million man-days for Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for the financial year 2025-26. The revised allocation aligns with the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin).

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J&K CM lays foundation stone, inaugurates projects

On 6 January 2026, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Chief Minister (CM) Omar Abdullah laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs.1.1 billion. He also inaugurated roads and building projects worth Rs.330 million.

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Ladakh LG inaugurates office of Directorate of Census Operations in Leh

On 6 January 2026, Ladakh Lieutenant Governor (LG) Kavinder Gupta inaugurated the office of the Directorate of Census Operations in Leh. This indicates the start of preparations for the 2027 Census in the union territory (UT). The aim is to enhance administrative and statistical readiness in the region.

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Puducherry admin launches welfare schemes for media persons

The Puducherry administration has launched welfare schemes for media persons. A sum of Rs.500,000 will be given to the families of journalists who die in service or suffer permanent disability. Additionally, journalists can receive up to Rs.300,000 for treating serious ailments like cancer or heart issues, and Rs.200,000 for severe accident injuries requiring hospitalisation.

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International Developments

Ministerial-level India-EU trade discussions held in Brussels

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry undertook a two-day official visit to Brussels on 8-9 January 2026, reflecting intensified diplomatic and technical engagement toward concluding the India-EU Free Trade Agreement. Negotiations, re-launched in June 2022 after a prolonged hiatus, had completed 14 rounds and several ministerial interactions. Discussions with the European Union's Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security focused on providing strategic guidance, resolving outstanding issues, and expediting a balanced and ambitious agreement supporting labor-intensive sectors, MSMEs, farmers, and integration into global value chains.

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India-Liechtenstein engagement advanced during ministerial visit

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry undertook an official visit to Liechtenstein on 7 January 2026, engaging with the Hereditary Prince, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the business community. The visit underscored India's focus on implementing the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement to deepen trade, investment, and manufacturing ties. Discussions highlighted India's economic growth, manufacturing strengths, and role as a stable partner, while encouraging industry partnerships, resilient supply chains, and greater participation of EFTA enterprises in India's expanding market.

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India hosted second phase of cancer care capacity building programme for BIMSTEC

India hosted the second phase of a specialised capacity building programme in cancer care for BIMSTEC countries in January 2026 at a leading cancer hospital and research centre in Visakhapatnam. The four-week programme focused on onco-pathology, onco-nursing, palliative medicine, preventive oncology, and radiation oncology, with advanced hands-on training. A total of 35 cancer care professionals from BIMSTEC countries participated. The initiative aimed to strengthen regional health cooperation in line with India's neighbourhood-focused and regional outreach policies.

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Indusfood 2026 positioned India as a global food trade hub

The 9th edition of Indusfood 2026 was scheduled to be held from 8 to 10 January 2026 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida. Organised by the Trade Promotion Council of India, the exhibition aimed to strengthen India's role in global food supply chains. The event brought together Indian producers, international buyers, policymakers, and industry leaders to promote trade collaboration. Key features included global business platforms, supply chain initiatives, culinary diplomacy programmes, and participation from over 120 countries, supporting export competitiveness, innovation, and sustainable growth in the food and beverage sector.

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