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INDIA UPDATE

Highlights of this week

• Cognizant laid the foundation for an 8,000-seat campus in Visakhapatnam with an investment of ₹1,583 crore, to be developed in phases by 2033, and has committed to creating up to 20,000 jobs in the region.

Andhra Pradesh has rolled out a uniform SOP for urban e-waste, mandating bi-monthly
collection across all ULBs. Collected e-waste must be handed only to authorised recyclers
via Swachha Andhra Corporation.

Delhi

Andhra Pradesh

- The final Pragati Maidan underpass remains stalled due to a clearance deadlock between MoHUA and Railways, prolonging traffic congestion as construction under active railway tracks awaits approval.
- Delhi is considering converting shut mohalla clinic porta cabins into night shelters, asking
 DUSIB to assess feasibility, with estimates of ₹10 lakh per unit for refurbishment and
 about ₹1 lakh monthly to operate each shelter.
- CAQM has formed a 15-member expert panel to design a year-round strategy to curb vehicular emissions in Delhi-NCR, with recommendations due within two months to tackle PM2.5 and other pollutants.

Goa

- GCZMA has ordered the immediate demolition of illegal constructions in Candolim's CRZ no-development zone after finding the project approval was obtained through fraud, directing authorities to restore the site to its original condition.
- The government has enforced ESMA, banning strikes across the pharmaceutical sector for six months to ensure uninterrupted production, distribution and transport of essential medicines.

Gujarat

- Ahmedabad has begun preparations for the 2030 Commonwealth Games, planning model roads, a civic centre, decongestion around Kalupur station, and major cleanliness and heritage initiatives. The city will also add 15 new fire stations by 2026–27 to strengthen emergency response.
- The Gujarat High Court ruled that long-term possession by a Power of Attorney holder does not confer ownership rights, dismissing a petition challenging removal of an encroachment on a public footpath.

Haryana

- Haryana DGP OP Singh ordered blacklisting of individuals who flaunt police security in public, urging weekly reviews and redeployment of personnel only for genuinely threatened, law-abiding citizens after proper assessment.
- A decade after selection under the Smart Cities Mission, Karnal and Faridabad still have 22 projects worth ₹577 crore pending, despite utilising ₹921 crore of the ₹980 crore central assistance, with a December 2025 deadline set for completion.

Himachal Pradesh

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the ₹6,753-crore Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri rail project is delayed as Himachal Pradesh is yet to transfer 42 hectares of land and pay ₹1,863 crore of its share, stalling the Bilaspur-Beri stretch.
- Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla met PM Narendra Modi and briefed him on key state initiatives, including the anti-drug campaign and the TB-Mukt Himachal programme, along with broader development and welfare measures.

Karnataka

- Karnataka has formed a KERS-led team and set up a project office in Ramanagara to fasttrack the Mekedatu project after a favourable Supreme Court order, with CNNL handling administration and expenses.
- Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu continue to lead the Janaushadhi scheme, accounting
 for nearly 30% of India's kendras and about one-third of total sales, with strong growth in
 affordable generic medicine uptake.

Upcoming News/Events

Andhra Pradesh

- APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana said the government will resolve long-pending staff issues in a phased manner, reaffirming its commitment to employee welfare. He credited employees for APSRTC's functioning and successful rollout of welfare schemes.
- Andhra Pradesh signed six MoUs with EESL to fast-track adoption of energy-efficient technologies across housing, urban services, MSMEs and social sectors, reinforcing its leadership in clean energy and climate action.

Delhi

- Delhi's revised EV Policy is in the final consultation stage, focusing on large-scale charging
 infrastructure, grid upgrades, and a new framework for EV battery recycling and scientific
 disposal.
- Delhi has notified rules for its school fee regulation law, which will apply from the 2026–27 admissions cycle, barring unauthorised fee collection and mandating transparency, with timelines for regulatory panels to be announced soon.
- Delhi will host a public innovation showcase at IIT-Delhi in late December to evaluate and shortlist scalable clean-air technologies under its Innovation Challenge, with experts assessing prototype solutions to curb PM2.5 and PM10 pollution.

Goa

- Goa has completed 91.55% enumeration under the Special Intensive Revision, with over 10.84 lakh voter forms digitised. The draft electoral roll will be published on December 16, with claims and objections open till January 15, 2026.
- CM Pramod Sawant orders statewide safety inspections after the Arpora nightclub fire, warning strict action against illegal licences and non-cooperative officials, while confirming the Luthra brothers will be brought to Goa soon.

Gujarat

- Vatva Railway Station is being upgraded into a mega coaching terminal with 9 platforms, capable of handling 51 trains daily, easing pressure on Ahmedabad's Kalupur station. The project will boost passenger capacity and connectivity near major industrial hubs.
- Ahmedabad will operationalise eight new flyovers by next year to ease traffic, with key projects at Sattadhar Crossroads, Ellis Bridge, Vadaj Junction and Naroda Patiya nearing completion. The city also plans 12 new bridges, including ROBs, by 2028 at a cost exceeding ₹1,400 crore.

Haryana

- Haryana has extended its One-Time Loan Waiver Scheme till March 31, 2026, offering full interest waiver for deceased borrowers' accounts and 50% interest relief for other defaulters to ease repayment of cooperative bank loans.
- Yamunanagar-Jagadhri MC will auction 21 newly built shops at Chandpur Auto Market on December 15, aiming to relocate vehicle repair units from roadsides to ease encroachment and traffic congestion.

Himachal Pradesh

- The four-laning of the Pinjore–Baddi–Nalagarh NH-105 has been delayed again as NHAI extended bid submission to December 18, awaiting approval for the revised ₹670-crore project cost, prolonging commuter woes on the industrial corridor.
- Himachal Pradesh will provide up to 40% subsidy and a four-month road tax exemption to
 eligible youth for purchasing transport vehicles in tribal areas, CM Sukhvinder Sukhu said,
 to boost self-employment and regional development.

Karnataka

- Karnataka will mandate Kannada signboards across all establishments within a month, with statewide enforcement, monitoring teams, and fines for violations. Eleven districts already have full compliance, and rules await final legal approval.
- The Centre plans to boost Karnataka's inland water transport by developing floating jetties, ferry routes and cruise infrastructure across 12 National Waterways, with projects in coastal districts targeted for completion by 2026–27.





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Madhya Pradesh

 Around 10,000 cases of crimes against women and children are pending in Madhya Pradesh, which ranks second nationally after Uttar Pradesh, despite having the highest number of fast-track special courts, including 56 POCSO courts.

Mumbai

- Maharashtra has tabled the Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2025 to replace colonialera laws, focusing on inmate welfare, rehabilitation, technology use and modern prison administration based on the Model Prison Bill.
- The government has initiated steps to fill long-vacant lecturer and assistant professor posts
 across colleges and universities, Higher Education Minister Chandrakant Patil said,
 responding to concerns over prolonged recruitment delays impacting education quality.
- The Bombay High Court has asked Mumbai Traffic Police and the BMC to review traffic restrictions at Crawford Market affecting a transport business and take an appropriate decision by December 31.

Pune

- Anticipating the PMC election model code within days, the standing committee cleared nearly ₹400 crore in tenders and fast-tracked approvals to avoid civic works stalling once restrictions kick in.
- After a fatal blast at an unregistered powder-coating unit in Bhosari MIDC, Maharashtra
 has ordered a special inspection drive to identify illegal units and safety lapses, with action
 promised against violators and compensation assured to the victim's family.
- The MWRRA has issued another show-cause notice to the Pune Municipal Corporation for exceeding its approved water quota and repeatedly violating water-use rules, warning of action under the law for non-compliance since 2018.

Punjab

- The government has rolled out school programmes and heritage upgrades, including Sikh warrior statues and educational sessions, to reconnect youth with Sikh history and values ahead of Guru Tegh Bahadur's 350th martyrdom anniversary.
- Punjab has accused BBMB of systemic mismanagement at the Beas-Satluj Link Project, alleging ₹227 crore losses due to reduced power generation and warning of water-security risks, while seeking an independent audit of operations since 2023.

Rajasthan

Ajmer's elevated road has been renamed Ram Setu, with Assembly Speaker Vasudev
Devnani unveiling the name, after which traffic resumed on the Bhuja approach road that
had been closed since July 3, easing commuter movement.

Tamil Nadu

- Madurai Corporation has launched the Smart Madurai app to enable residents to lodge and track civic complaints with photos, aiming to speed up grievance redressal and improve municipal service delivery.
- Government employees and teachers under JACTTO-GEO held hunger strikes across Tamil Nadu, demanding fulfilment of a 10-point charter including restoration of the old pension scheme, and warned of an indefinite strike from January 6.

Telangana

- Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy urged the Centre to fast-track approvals for key irrigation projects, citing delays hurting farmers, escalating costs, and seeking early clearances for Pranahita–Chevella, Palamuru Rangareddy and Sammakka Sagar schemes.
- Telangana has unveiled an ecotourism-led development blueprint focused on expanding forest cover, biodiversity corridors and community-driven livelihoods, linking conservation with tourism, wellness markets and carbon credits.

Uttar Pradesh

- The Election Commission has extended UP's SIR deadline by 15 days to re-verify 2.95 crore "uncollectible" voters, focusing on shifted, deceased, duplicate and untraceable entries, with enumeration now open till December 26 and draft rolls due on December 31.
- Invest UP promoted Uttar Pradesh as an investment hub during high-level engagements in Japan, highlighting policy stability, GCC opportunities and the proposed "Japanese City" in YEIDA to attract manufacturing and technology investments.

Upcoming News/Events

Madhya Pradesh

 Ratlam has been included in the Indore Metropolitan City, with CM Mohan Yadav clarifying that Indore's metro route will remain underground and existing elevated bridge plans will continue unchanged, adhering to preset technical standards.

Mumbai

- Maharashtra will lose about ₹15,000 crore annually due to revised GST slabs, Ajit Pawar said, adding the state is offsetting the impact through higher excise, mining revenue and stricter GST enforcement.
- State will provide additional incentive FSI to facilitate redevelopment of old buildings on defence land and protected zones in Mumbai, where height restrictions limit projects. The 'Housing for All' policy will also allow unutilised FSI to be converted into TDR.
- Mumbai will get four new police stations, taking the total to 104, with the state approving 1,448 additional police posts and ₹131 crore for their setup, to improve policing amid rising population and crime.

Pune

- The NGT has directed Pune Municipal Corporation to frame and notify citywide construction pollution norms within three months, while allowing a Baner project to continue after mitigation measures and penalty compliance.
- With civic polls likely next week, CM Devendra Fadnavis will inaugurate and lay foundation stones for over 60 PMC projects worth nearly ₹3,000 crore in Pune, in a major pre-election event.
- After scrapping its stalled Development Plan, PMRDA will now prepare a Structure Plan
 focused first on road networks and then core infrastructure, aiming for faster and more
 effective development across the Pune metropolitan region.

Punjab

- Punjab has amended PAPRA to mandate 100% clear land title for CLU approvals, tighten upfront EDC payments, and enforce stricter guarantees to curb project delays, land disputes and developer defaults.
- CM Bhagwant Mann pitched a strategic partnership with the UK to boost investment and
 manufacturing, highlighting Mohali's strengths and inviting UK firms to treat Punjab as a
 priority destination.

Rajasthan

• A western disturbance has eased winter conditions in Rajasthan, with cloud cover in northwestern districts pushing night temperatures up by 2–3°C as cold winds weakened; the weather is expected to remain dry for the next week.

Tamil Nadu

- CM M K Stalin said Tamil Nadu will become India's top state across all sectors by 2031 under "Dravidian Model 2.0," citing a 16% GSDP growth that surpasses Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat despite limited Centre support.
- Madurai Corporation will spend ₹88 lakh to hire specialised mechanised vehicles, including
 jetting and robotic equipment, to desilt ageing underground drains, canals and nallahs to
 prevent sewage overflow and waterlogging during monsoon.

Telangana

- Telangana will move the Supreme Court against Andhra Pradesh's Polavaram-Nallamalasagar project, appointing senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi to represent the state
- CM A Revanth Reddy announced a ₹1,000 crore startup fund, setting a target of creating 100 unicorns, including 10 super unicorns, by 2034, while urging a shift towards productbased and innovation-led ventures in Hyderabad.

Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh is planning a biometric database and advanced profiling of illegal immigrants, including Rohingyas and Bangladeshi nationals, to enable deportation and prevent re-entry through a nationwide 'negative list'.
- UP is working on a roadmap to introduce water metro and river transport services in six cities, with feasibility studies planned and the Gomti river identified as a priority stretch subject to cleaning and depth.







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GLOBAL UPDATE

Highlights of this week

Africa

- ECOWAS has rejected Guinea-Bissau's military-led transition plan, demanding a swift return to constitutional order and warning of targeted sanctions if the junta fails to comply with calls for an inclusive, short transition.
- Nigeria has issued permits to 28 companies under its gas-flaring commercialisation programme, aiming to attract \$2 billion in investment, cut CO₂ emissions by 6 million tonnes annually, and unlock up to 3 GW of power by monetising flared gas.

America

A U.S. seizure of a Venezuelan oil tanker threatens to disrupt Cuba's vital fuel supply, risking
deeper blackouts and economic strain as the island relies on Venezuelan crude for about half its
energy deficit.

Asia Pacific

- Major cities including Berlin, London and New York tightened security around Hanukkah events
 after the deadly attack at a Jewish celebration in Sydney. Authorities said police presence was being
 intensified at menorah lightings, synagogues and Jewish sites to ensure safety during the holiday.
- Tens of thousands gathered in Bhaktapur for former Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli's UML party, the biggest rally since Gen Z protests ousted him, as Oli called parliament's dissolution unconstitutional and sought its restoration.

China

- Hong Kong's Democratic Party, the city's last major opposition group, voted overwhelmingly to disband under sustained Chinese pressure, marking the end of organised opposition politics after years of national security crackdowns.
- Taiwan's deputy foreign minister Francois Wu made a rare, previously undisclosed visit to Israel amid growing engagement and interest in defence cooperation, despite the two sides lacking formal diplomatic ties under pressure from Beijing.

Europe

- Talks between Ukrainian and U.S. officials on proposals to end the Ukraine war ran for over five
 hours on Sunday and will resume on Monday, with draft documents under review, a presidential
 adviser said.
- Thousands of protesters marched in Budapest led by opposition leader Peter Magyar, demanding Prime Minister Viktor Orban's resignation over a child abuse scandal at a state-run juvenile detention centre now under police investigation.

Middle Fast

- Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi will visit Russia and Belarus in the next two to three days, days after President Masoud Pezeshkian met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Turkmenistan, signalling continued diplomatic engagement.
- China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi met UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed in Abu
 Dhabi, pledging deeper cooperation in investment, oil and gas and infrastructure, while vowing to
 strengthen high-level exchanges and political trust.

Pakistan

Pakistan has signed an MoU with Binance to explore tokenising up to \$2 billion in sovereign bonds,
 T-bills and commodity reserves, while granting initial regulatory clearance to Binance and HTX to begin setting up local operations and pursue full crypto exchange licences.

United Kingdom

• British PM Keir Starmer and EU chief Ursula von der Leyen discussed U.S.-led Ukraine peace proposals and using frozen Russian assets to fund Kyiv, reaffirming Europe's commitment to support Ukraine until a just and lasting peace is secured.

United States

- The U.S. seized the tanker M/T Skipper carrying 1.8 million barrels of Venezuelan crude just before a court warrant expired, marking the first such action under sanctions and signalling a tougher stance against Venezuelan and Iranian oil shipments.
- Delivery of Boeing's new Air Force One jets has been delayed again to mid-2028, putting the programme four years behind schedule and risking frustration for President Donald Trump, who wants to use the aircraft before his term ends in 2029.

Upcoming News/Events

Africa

- The African Development Bank will lend Morocco €270 million (\$316 million) to upgrade airports ahead of the 2030 FIFA World Cup, supporting terminal expansion and modernisation in major tourist hubs as capacity is set to double to 80 million passengers by 2030.
- Uganda will receive up to \$1.7 billion in U.S. health funding over five years under Trump's aid strategy, supporting programmes on HIV, TB, malaria and maternal health, while Kampala commits an additional \$500 million.

America

- EU countries will vote early next week on whether to approve the EU-Mercosur trade deal, enabling its signing by year-end, though opposition from France, Poland and possibly Italy leaves the outcome uncertain.
- Chile's mining investment is forecast to reach \$104.5 billion through 2034, a 26% rise from last year's estimate, according to state agency Cochilco. The increase is driven by major copper and lithium projects, including expansions at Escondida and Collahuasi.

Asia Pacific

• Thailand's military is considering blocking fuel exports to Cambodia as border clashes spread to coastal areas, despite a recently announced ceasefire. Thailand has already halted oil exports since June and may tighten maritime controls if fighting persists.

China

- China has pledged a "proactive" fiscal policy in 2026 to boost consumption and investment and sustain around 5% growth, though economists warn the strategy still leans heavily on investment over household demand, risking deeper structural imbalances.
- China has urged the Netherlands to push chipmaker Nexperia to send a delegation to China for talks
 with parent Wingtech, warning that unresolved disputes could again disrupt global auto chip
 supplies.

Europe

- The EU has agreed to indefinitely freeze €210 billion in Russian central bank assets, clearing the way to use them to back a major loan to Ukraine for defence and budget needs, with repayment tied to future Russian war reparations.
- The U.S. said Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko has agreed to curb cigarette-smuggling weather balloons entering Lithuania, after Vilnius accused Minsk of a "hybrid attack" that has disrupted airport operations and prompted a state of emergency.

Middle East

- Egypt has signed a \$200 million deal with Qatar's Al Mana Holding to set up a sustainable aviation
 fuel plant in the Suez Canal Economic Zone, with the first phase producing 200,000 tonnes annually,
 marking the first Qatari industrial investment in the zone.
- Lebanon's foreign minister Youssef Raji declined an invitation to visit Tehran, proposing talks
 instead in a mutually agreed neutral country, citing current conditions while stressing openness to
 dialogue based on sovereignty, non-interference and exclusive state control of weapons.

Pakistan

 Pakistan's central bank is widely expected to hold interest rates at 11%, with analysts delaying ratecut expectations to late FY26 or FY27 after the IMF warned inflation risks persist and policy must remain tight.

United Kingdom

- Britain will begin regulating cryptoassets from October 2027, extending existing financial laws to
 crypto firms to boost consumer protection and weed out "dodgy actors," while aligning its approach
 more closely with the U.S. than the EU.
- UK hospitals are bracing for a "worst case scenario" as flu hospitalisations surged 55% in a week to
 record levels, prompting mask advisories and renewed calls for vaccination, with doctors warning the
 peak is yet to come.

United States

• U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said military helicopters and commercial planes will not be allowed to operate in close proximity near Reagan National Airport, reaffirming strict safety controls after a January crash killed 67 people.

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