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## Govt constitutes animation, visual effects, gaming, comics promotion task force

In a bid to promote the animation, visual effects, gaming and comic (AVGC) sector in India, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting constituted a task force, which will recommend a national curriculum framework for higher studies in these segments. According to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B), India has the potential to capture 5% (\$40 billion) of the global market share by the year 2025, with an annual growth of around 25-30% and creating over 1,60,000 new jobs annually. The AVGC Promotion task force will be headed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and will have Secretaries of--Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Department of Higher Education; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. The AVGC Promotion Task Force will submit its first action plan within 90 days and will also be responsible for framing a national AVGC policy.

(Source: [www.livemint.com](http://www.livemint.com))



## India's first underwater metro tunnel to be made operational by 2023

The construction of the country's first underwater tunnel in the city of Kolkata under the Hoogly River is underway and will be made fully functional by the year 2023. This underwater tunnel will establish metro connectivity between Howrah and Kolkata. Of the 16.6 kilometre long east-west stretch, 520 metres long section will be under the river bed, according to an ANI report. The underwater tunnel corridor is developed 33 meters below the riverbed and will link Kolkata to Howrah. The Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL) is constructing the Kolkata East-West Metro Line and the underwater tunnel that will go beneath the Hoogly river.

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## Goa: In a likely first for India

PANAJI: She sews clothes during her days off, but when on duty, 21-year-old Shriya Karekar has the eyes of a hawk as she paces up and down the beach watching people frolic in the water. The fashion designing product is the youngest of the five women lifeguards roped in by the tourism department's lifeguarding agency, Drishti Marine, and is probably among the country's only female lifeguards deployed at beaches.

(Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com>)



## First Made-in-India commercial aircraft starts flying from 12th April.

The first-ever Made-in-India commercial aircraft will begin its operations from Dibrugarh in Assam to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh.

Alliance Air will operate the first Made in India Dornier 228 passenger aircraft which will be flagged off by Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. The 17-seater non-pressurized Dornier 228 with an AC cabin is capable of day and night operations. The light transport aircraft will facilitate regional connectivity in north eastern states and better connectivity. Two important developments took place on 12th April 2022 -First flight of Made in India HAL Dornier Do-228 and the inauguration of First FTO (Flying Training Organization) for North Eastern Region at Lilabari, Assam.

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India's first Integrated Smart City launched in Tamil Nadu with over 150 world-class amenities

A real estate developer- G Square, launched Tamil Nadu's first Integrated Smart City in Coimbatore spread across 120.7 acres. It is a first-of-its-kind project in India with over 150 world-class amenities, including a helipad and a 50,000 sq. ft clubhouse. Coimbatore's Smart City would help the firm promote projects on plots through its new project G Square City, according to an IE report. Located along the Salem-Kochi Highway which is popularly known as the Coimbatore bypass, G Square City shall be the first Integrated Smart City in the state of Tamil Nadu encompassing as many as 1,663 villa plots as well as 26 commercial plots spanning over 120.7 acres.

The city of Coimbatore is part of the Modi government's Smart City Mission undertaken by the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.

(Source : www.financialexpress.com)

Disney World to be powered up to 40% by new solar facilities

Disney announced two new solar facilities for Disney World in April 2021. They will come online near the attraction in Florida in 2023. The resort already has two solar arrays, including one in the shape of Mickey Mouse. Walt Disney World Resort's available solar energy resources will more than double with the new 75 MW solar arrays, which will be located in Gilchrist County and Polk County on more than 1,000 total acres. Combined, the solar facilities will introduce nearly a half million solar panels capable of producing more than 375,000 MWh of carbon-free solar energy in their first full year of operation. This is equivalent to removing 29,500 cars from the roads annually.



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Digital Projection displays visual for fort in Jhansi, India

A sound-and-light show featuring eight Digital Projection Titan Laser 33000 4K-UHD projectors is immersing visitors in the story of a national heroine at the historic Jhansi Fort in northern India. The 30-minute experience uses projection mapping technology to depict the life and death of Lakshmi Bai, the 22-year-old rani (queen) of Jhansi, who died fighting the British East India Company during the Indian Mutiny of 1857-1858.

For the sound-and-light show, system integrator Pan Intelcom created an impressive 270-degree, 83m-wide projection canvas on the walls of the hilltop Jhansi Fort, which was originally built in the 17th century and saw heavy fighting during the rebellion. Pan Intelcom also created the content for the show, which uses a mix of projection mapping, lasers, LED lights, lighting fixtures and a surround-sound system to bring to life Lakshmi Bai's courage during the siege of Jhansi Fort

(Source : www.inavateonthenet.net)

World's skinniest skyscraper opens to the public

US's New York City which is home to numerous skyscrapers has now got a new addition that will adorn its skyline. Touted as the world's "skinniest skyscraper", the Steinway Tower is just 57 feet wide, according to CNN News.

The supertall skyscraper has a height-to-width of 24:1. It only falls feet short of being the tallest residential tower in the world, edged out by Central Park Tower, which stands at 1,550 feet. Manhattan's World Trade Center at 1,776 feet is the city's tallest building.



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