In January 2014, 711 startups worth ₹44,336 crore were announced. As not many fresh proposals came from the private companies, the sectors share in the fresh investment pie remained less impressive at around 33 per cent.

Four high ticket road upgradation projects announced by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways helped Arunachal Pradesh to top the table of states in terms of total fresh investment in January 2014. In all, the state attracted 11 new projects with an aggregate investment of ₹4,953 crore.

Among the companies, Central Coalfields announced the largest project of the month. The Coal India subsidiary intends to invest ₹3,493 crore on development and operation of Damodar River Diversion (DRD) opencast mining project in Bokaro district of Jharkhand.
Of the remaining nine mega projects (projex of ₹1,000 crore or more) announced in January 2014, two were in the Manufacturing sector. The first one was proposed by Vertex Cements to set up a 2.64 million tspa cement plant at Gangavaram in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. The Rs 1,500 crore cement plant will be supported by a 25 MW coal-based power unit and 10 MW waste heat recovery-based power unit. The second mega project belonged to Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India. The two-wheeler major plans to set up a scooter unit with an investment of ₹1,000 crore at Mandal-Becharaji region in Gujarat.

Among the major sectors, Services & Utilities (Infrastructure) topped the investment chart with 606 projects worth ₹32,609 crore and accounted for 74 per cent of the fresh investment announced in January 2014. Some of the mega projects announced in this sector were a ₹1,651 crore mechanisation of East Quay-1, 2 & 3 berths at Paradeip Port in Jagatsingpur district of Orissa by Paradeip Port Trust, a ₹631 crore Lokapur-Harugeri railway line in length of 87.6 km in Karnataka by South Western Railway, and ₹500 crore water sewerage scheme of length 85 km at Cortalim in South Goa under National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) scheme by PWD, Goa. The scope of the project also includes setting up water sewerage schemes in nearby villages – Arossim, Pale, Sancoale, Cansaulim, Velza, Chicalim, Dabolim, Issorcim and Vaddem.

Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya were the prime beneficiaries of the CCEA decisions to clear some mega roadways projects. The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways announced a slew of mega projects in January 2014. A ₹1,460 crore Hunli-Anini section from 89 km to 235 km, a ₹1,380 crore Joram-Koloriang section from 20 km to 158 km, a ₹1,650 crore Akajar-Ikikals-Barme section from 12 km to 97 km, a ₹740 crore Khupa-Hawai section in Arunachal Pradesh and a ₹695 crore two-laning of Ranikor-Nonghyllam-Maheshkhola-Baghmara road (SH-4) from 0.00 km to 139.00 km in Meghalaya on EPC basis, were among the major projects announced by the ministry. Besides these projects, Ghaziabad Development Authority took up development of a six-lane Hindon Elevated Road in Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh on EPC mode, with an investment of ₹872 crore.

In the Construction sector, Supertech announced a mega housing complex at Noida in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh at an investment of ₹1,350 crore and development of University campus at Rudrapur in Uttarakhand at a cost of Rs 750 crore. A ₹520 crore residential complex at Parulak in Uttarakhand, promoted by Max India was the other mega project announced in this sector.

Fortis Healthcare plans to develop a medical university and hospital in Punjab with an investment of ₹1,110 crore and a ₹900 crore hospital project ‘Medicity’ at Mohali in Rupnagar district of Punjab.

In the IT sector, Vamasundari Investments plans to set up an IT city, spread over 100 acre at an investment of ₹1,500 crore at Chak Gajaria in Lucknow district of Uttar Pradesh and a ₹750 crore extension project of IIT campus at Baddha in Jhajjar district of Haryana. The project, to spread over 125 acre of land, comprises a skill development centre and a bio-science research park.

Fourteen new power projects and seventeen new power distribution lines helped the Electricity sector in attracting fresh projex of ₹4,481 crore. The bulk of the fresh investment proposed was accounted by Power Grid Corporation of India’s ₹1,788 crore 220 kV transmission line to be set up between Alusteng in Srinagar and Leh via Drass, Kargil and Khalsti in Jammu. The project also includes 66 kV interconnection system for Drass, Kargil, Khalsti and Leh substations.

Evershine Solar is setting up two solar photovoltaic power units at Bidjpipalwa and Ichhawar in Sehore district of Madhya Pradesh, with a capacity of 50 MW each. According to the company estimates, the project is expected to cost ₹800 crore.