Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.
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Key Developments

Bengal's tea to be covered by Centre's weather-based insurance.

Centre has introduced weather-based insurance for some plantation crops, including tea. Tea crop in Bengal, Assam and Kerala is under the scheme. DA&FW, in collaboration with state govts, commodity boards under the aegis of the department of commerce, as well as the coconut development board and other stakeholders, undertook proactive steps to define scientific term sheets for some plantation crops to facilitate extending accessible, affordable crop insurance coverage to plantation farmers through the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS). The circular asked states to expedite tender processes — for the participation of private players — by June 20 to include different plantation crops under RWBCIS with effect from this kharif season.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengals-tea-to-be-covered-by-centres-weather-based-insurance/articleshow/121811975.cms

IGBC plans tie-up with Bengal to promote green buildings.

The Indian Green Building Council is open to collaborating with state govt to promote green buildings under Bangla Awas Yojana. The IGBC proposal was supported by state finance minister Chandrima Bhattacharya during Green Building Summit 2025, organised by CII and IGBC in the city on Friday, last week. The govt is trying to promote green buildings jointly with private entities in the real estate sector. The govt is providing incentives like a 10% additional floor area ratio to green buildings in KMC and NKDA areas. Bengal currently has about 900 IGBC-registered green building projects.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/igbc-plans-tie-up-with-bengal-to-promote-green-buildings/articleshow/121684287.cms

NBSTC excited, generating huge revenue by driving Volvo to Digha in just two weeks.

The North Bengal State Transport Corporation (NBSTC) is getting a new source of income by operating Volvo buses from six district headquarters in North Bengal to Digha. The Volvo service is only 15 days old. And with that, they have sold tickets worth more than 20 lakh taka. After deducting all expenses, they have already made a profit of 7 lakh taka. Not only that, the Volvo bus is fully booked. The Volvo bus service of the North Bengal State Transport Corporation was launched on May 28. Since then, till June 11, they have made 22 trips from Cooch Behar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Siliguri, Raiganj and Malda. 2,598 passengers have boarded. In total, tickets were sold for 20 lakh 14 thousand 174 taka.

https://eisamay.com/west-bengal-news/north-bengal-news/nbstc-is-getting-new-source-of-income-operating-volvo-bus-north-bengal-to-digha/200383245.cms

State pushes to bring all buses under 'Where Is My Bus' tracking feature

The state Transport department, in coordination with the police, plans to bring all city and suburban buses, government and private, under the 'Yatri Sathi' App's 'Where Is My Bus' feature ahead of Durga Puja. The real-time bus tracking feature, launched on May 10, is currently on trial with 60 government buses on 16 airport-connecting routes. The state now aims to bring the entire bus fleet across Kolkata and its suburbs under the system before the festive season. To ease the financial burden, the West Bengal Bus and Minibus Owners' Association proposed a tie-up with advertising agencies to brand buses in exchange for smartphones or financial support. They have suggested that the government facilitate a tie-up with ad agencies for bus branding. The state has accepted the proposal and will help finalise the arrangement.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/state-pushes-to-bring-all-buses-under-where-is-my-bus-tracking-feature-614607

Incture Sets Foot in Kolkata with New "Trinoyon Product & Technology Center" at STPI.

The global software product company has officially inaugurated its new "Trinoyon Product & Technology Center" at STPI - Software Technology Parks of India, Sector V, Salt Lake, marking its first office in Kolkata. With existing centers in Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Mangaluru, and Mysuru, Kolkata is now proudly added to the list of Incture's key innovation hubs. With a robust growth plan, Incture aims to scale to 300+ professionals in Kolkata within the next 2 years, a strong testament to the city's growing importance in the tech ecosystem. The new center will focus on developing their Cherrywork Suite of AI-powered digital applications for enterprise customers globally, and building a SAP-specific capabilities and clouyd-based partner products.

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Dot & Key Skincare Expands Footprint with New 13,000 Sq Ft Office at Apeejay House.

Dot & Key Skincare, a fruit-powered skincare brand and a proud subsidiary of Nykaa, has taken up a new office space in Apeejay House, Park Street, Kolkata, spanning around 13,000 sq. ft. Rooted in innovation and joy, Dot & Key Skincare is redefining skincare with juicy fruits and high-performance actives, backed by a team of experts with over 50 years of combined R&D experience. From fresh ideas to fresh faces, this move marks a vibrant step in their journey. This expansion also highlights Kolkata's growing appeal as a hub for leading lifestyle and beauty brands.

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