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

Credit to Bengal MSMEs rises 7.5%, set to cross Rs 2 lakh crore in FY26

Rajesh Pandey, IAS, Principal Secretary, MSME & T, Govt. of West Bengal said that at the state level bankers committee, important departments like finance, MSME, agriculture department and others sit with the bankers and find out where the gaps are, where things are not moving and how to expedite them, which has resulted in the consistent credit flow to the MSME sector. He further said that in a bid to formalise the informal sector, the state has introduced the Bhabishyat Credit Card Scheme – subsidised enterprise loans — which has already got a significant response. "Almost ₹1000 crore worth of loans have been sanctioned in the last 1.5-2 years in the state, and that is leading to a lot of synergies at the grassroots level," Pandey said at a seminar organised by the FICCI West Bengal State Council on Tuesday on the occasion of the International MSME Day.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/credit-to-bengal-msmes-rises-7-5-set-to-cross-rs-2-lakh-crore-in-fy26-prnt/cid/2110297

State looks at pvt players to boost goat meat export.

The state animal resources development department is looking at investment from private players for processing meat of Black Bengal goat and boost its export in global markets. State animal resources development (ARD) asked stakeholders in the meat industry to invest in development of processing units to promote Black Bengal goat in international markets. About 300 farmers, mostly women, are farming Black Bengal goats that have a huge potential for export. The Black Bengal goat's meat has huge potential and we request the private sector to harvest it in other parts of the state. The ARD department has also included pig meat recently through a Broiler Integrated Project taken up three years ago.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/state-looks-at-pvt-players-to-boost-goat-meat-export/articleshow/122235751.cms

Def forces for more MSME role from eastern rgn.

Defence forces are keen to enrol more micro, small and medium enterprises from the eastern region, including Bengal, and have sought the support of leading chambers to work as a bridge with local MSMEs for defence manufacturing. At the BCC&I Atmanirbhar Bharat Award & Conclave in the city on Friday last week, defence officials appealed to the MSME sector to come forward. DRDO has been pushing new projects for developing indigenous capabilities as the number of projects from the eastern region was fewer compared to the south, especially Hyderabad. There are a few companies from Assam and Bengal involved in the projects.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/defence-forces-seek-more-msme-participation-from-eastern-region/articleshow/122120025.cms

IHG opens 3rd Kol property, to expand to rest of Bengal.

IHG Hotels & Resorts is planning to open several hotels in Bengal, with Siliguri, Darjeeling, Digha, Santiniketan, Asansol and Durgapur in their sights. The group opened its third hotel in the city — Holiday Inn Express, New Town — on Thursday last week. The 113-room New Town property is owned by real estate firm Samhi, and managed by IHG. The state had immense potential for tourism and hospitality industry, and Kolkata itself could have at least 20 Holiday Inn Express hotels. The group's next hotel outside Kolkata would be in Siliguri. Siliguri is a wedding destination for a lot of people in the northeast, and the market is strong there. The New Town Holiday Inn Express is Samhi's first investment in the east. Samhi owns 12 Holiday Inn Express hotels in India.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/ihg-opens-3rd-kol-property-plans-to-expand-to-other-bengal-cities/articleshow/122098784.cms

Dhapa plant to turn 120-tonne dry waste into wealth per day.

Three units have been launched at the Dhapa dumpyard that will be able to process 120 tonnes of dry waste every day. Apart from a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) plant, which has the capacity to process 100 tonnes of dry waste daily, mayor Firhad Hakim inaugurated a plastic processing facility and a thermocol processing unit, each with the capacity to process 10 tonnes per day. The MRF will boost the city's waste segregation system, which is yet to gain the desired momentum. The Mayor also placed advance bookings for 200 plastic chairs and tables for a Chetla-based govt school. These will be manufactured at the plastic processing plant from waste plastic. the thermocol unit will process tonnes of thermocol collected daily from the city's major fish markets.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/dhapa-plant-to-turn-120-tonne-dry-waste-into-wealth-per-day/articleshow/122054137.cms

State plans 4 new IT parks, 3 of them in north Bengal.

Bengal govt has planned to set up four new IT parks, of which three are in north Bengal and the other in Hooghly's Chinsurah. The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) has started work for the IT park in Kurseong while construction of another in Kalimpong is set to begin soon. The state IT Department is focusing on development of IT infra in north Bengal in a big way. There are three IT parks in Siliguri and all of them are functional with 100% occupancy, which encouraged to set up three more in north Bengal. A place around Delo has been identified for the IT park in Kalimpong and work will begin soon. Another IT park in being planned in Jalpaiguri

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/state-plans-4-new-it-parks-3-of-them-in-north-bengal/articleshow/121982448.cms

ST Telemedia Global Data Centres India Unveils STT Kolkata 2 in New Town.

On July 3, 2025, ST Telemedia Global Data Centres (India) inaugurated STT Kolkata 2 in New Town's Silicon Valley, their second infrastructure-grade data centre in the city. Purpose-built to meet the growing demand for digital infrastructure in East India, this state-of-the-art facility marks a significant step in Kolkata's emergence as a digital and tech hub. Their vision of scalable, AI-ready infrastructure is advancing the region's data needs with greater scale, unmatched reliability, and a deep commitment to sustainability.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kolkata-calling_cityofjoy-cityofjoy-stt-activity-7346742084999008257-dNtX?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABiHZswBhkTk7q5lVO3BwwNS8vGkrG9WhS8

Kolkata Startup Goes Global with Smart Pillbox Innovation.

In a landmark move for Indian health-tech, Kolkata-based Inovocare Healthsoft Solutions Pvt. Ltd. incubated at Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta has signed a strategic partnership with UK-based Meds on Time to take its flagship product MedpeR to the UK and EU markets. MedpeR, a Smart Pillbox, designed to ensure timely medicine intake and monitor adherence, is tailored for elderly and chronic patients. This innovation is now ready to make global impact, starting from Kolkata. The product is also featured in the Gates Foundation-backed Atlas of TB Innovations, underlining its global healthcare potential.

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TsquaredC Begins Its Deep-Tech Journey in Kolkata.

TsquaredC (T2C) opened their brand-new office in **Kolkata** marks an exciting chapter, where breakthrough ideas will be built, tested, and scaled from prototype to full deployment. With a mission to empower businesses in a digital-first world, TsquaredC's expansion from Coimbatore to Kolkata highlights the city's growing significance in India's deep tech journey. Turbostart Technology Development Centre (T2C) is a Centre of Excellence under global accelerator Turbostart. It empowers startups and businesses with end-to-end technology services, ranging from product development, DevOps, cloud consulting, and UI/UX to analytics, testing, and scalable deployment.

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Swiss Parking Giant 'Sotefin Bharat Private Limited' to Manufacture in Howrah.

The foundation stone has been laid for a cutting-edge manufacturing facility of Sotefin Bharat Private Limited, the India arm of Switzerland-based automated parking leader, with the presence of Swiss Ambassador to India, Maya Tissafi. Founded in 1956, Sotefin Patents S.A. has revolutionized urban mobility with its globally trusted automated car parking systems, some of which have been operating flawlessly for decades. With a legacy of innovation and reliability, Sotefin now turns its focus to India, combining Swiss innovation with Indian scale to build smarter, more efficient urban spaces. This facility in Howrah marks a significant step in Indo-Swiss collaboration and Bengal's emergence as a smart manufacturing hub.

https://x.com/SwissAmbIND/status/1938172295446679945