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

Bengal will set up shopping malls in every dist HQ: CM

Big shopping malls would come up in each district headquarter of Bengal, CM Mamata Banerjee announced on Thursday this week while inaugurating leather and cottage industry centre Shilpanna in Alipore. State govt will give land for only Re 1, based on only one condition: two floors to be given for self-help groups (SHG) as the state have excellent artisans. On those two floors, products which are famous in the districts will be available. The remaining space could be utilised for a cinema hall, coffee house etc.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-to-set-up-shopping-malls-in-every-district-hq-says-mamata/articleshow/122373483.cms

State plans post-Puja industrial conclave to boost investment

To accelerate Bengal's industrialisation, state govt would host a business and industrial conclave after the Pujas. Hon'ble CM decided to host the conclave after taking stock of investment proposals — received since the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) in February 2025. The state's exfinance minister, however, clarified that this conclave had nothing to do with BGBS and it would be held as usual. Through this conclave, Bengal govt wanted to showcase its achievements in industrial growth ahead of the 2026 assembly elections and also send a message to investors. While the focus would be on core sectors like steel, leather, apparel and hosiery, gems and jewellery, food and food processing, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, the conclave would also aim to boost cultural and historical tourism in Bengal.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-plans-post-puja-industrial-conclave-to-boost-investment-exports/articleshow/122328020.cms

West Bengal eyes self-sufficiency in fish production soon.

West Bengal is looking to grow its fish production rapidly to reduce the dependency on other States for its own requirement and export significant surplus production to other States and overseas markets soon. State Fisheries Minister Biplab Roy Chowdhury has expressed confidence that after a year such a situation would be achieved. Import has drastically come down. The State is focussing on harvesting large fish. This initiative is successfully going on. Moreover, the government is organising regular fish farming training programmes in every block.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/west-bengal-looks-to-grow-fish-production-rapidly-to-reduce-dependency-on-other-states/article69772694.ece

Alife Expands Its Presence in West Bengal with Gondhoraj & Neem Soap Launch.

AWL Agri Business Ltd. (formerly known as Adani Wilmar Limited), one of India's leading food and FMCG companies, has unveiled its latest innovation in personal care – Alife Gondhoraj & Neem

Soap. Launched in West Bengal, this unique variant brings together the invigorating freshness of Gondhoraj lime with the time-tested purifying benefits of Neem. Developed for discerning consumers, this new offering reflects Alife's commitment to delivering freshness & skincare solutions inspired by nature and regional preferences. This launch reinforces the brand's focus on innovation by seamlessly blending traditional ingredients with modern skincare solutions.

https://businessnewsthisweek.com/business/alife-expands-its-presence-in-west-bengal-with-gondhoraj-neem-soap-launch/

Aastha Group Debuts in Kolkata with "Advitya" at Kolkata.

Jamshedpur-based real estate developer **Aastha Group** has officially opened its new **office** in **Park Street**, **Kolkata**, marking its first step outside Jharkhand. Known for Iconic Projects, some soaring beyond **40 storeys** in **Jharkhand**, **Aastha Group** is now set to bring its expertise to the city of joy. Their debut Kolkata project, "**Advitya**", will be located at **99**, **Bosepukur**, promising quality and scale that **Kolkata** buyers expect.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kolkata-calling_aasthagroup-kolkatarealestate-advityakolkata-activity-7347844341417091073-cOVx?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABiHZswBhkTk7q5lVO3BwwNS8vGkrG9WhS8

JSW Infrastructure Bags ₹740 Cr Project to Modernize Kolkata Port's Netaji Subhas Dock.

JSW Infrastructure has bagged a **₹740 crore** project to reconstruct & mechanize berths at Netaji Subhas Dock in Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. With a **30-year** concession period, this transformative project includes: Reconstruction of **Berth 8**; Mechanisation of **Berths 7** & **8**; Enhanced container handling capacity; Diversification of Kolkata Port's cargo portfolio. This move not only strengthens JSW Infra's presence on the eastern coast, but also aligns with its shift from bulk cargo to container shipping, reinforcing **Kolkata's** strategic significance in India's maritime map.

https://www.business-standard.com/companies/news/jsw-infrastructure-bags-740-crore-project-to-develop-kolkata-port-125070701146_1.html