**Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.**
**July 12, 2025 – July 18, 2025**
**Key Developments**

**Birla Tyres re-enters market, plans full capacity utilisation.**

Birla Tyres re-entered the market with 10% capacity utilisation under new ownership. The company aims to achieve 100% capacity utilisation within the next two to three years and initiate exports to the Middle-East and Africa. Currently, the company manufactures commercial vehicle tyres and off-the-road tyres for mining, agriculture, and other purposes. The company planned to enter the passenger car radial and EV tyres segment. Besides Bengal, Birla Tyres has presence in Odisha, Punjab, UP and Rajasthan. The company plans to start exports as well.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/birla-tyres-re-enters-market-with-plans-for-full-capacity-utilisation-export/articleshow/122593479.cms

**Bengal govt plans to export surplus potato to other states**

Bengal govt is planning to export potato to other states following bumper production this year. In 2024-25, Bengal recorded a production of 1.4 crore tonnes of potatoes, but the bumper crop resulted in distress sale owing to lack of adequate cold storage facilities. The State Govt. is looking for partnership from farmer producer organisations (FPOs) and private entrepreneurs for setting up cold storages. The state was also looking for private players to set up processing units for maize cultivated in Murshidabad, Malda and North and South Dinajpur.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-govt-plans-to-export-surplus-potato-to-other-states/articleshow/122531897.cms

**Bengal to hand over 40-acre Uttarpara plot to Titagarh rail on 99-year lease.**

A Bengal cabinet meeting, chaired by CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday this week, decided to hand over a 40acre plot of contiguous land at Kotrung and Bhadrakali in Hooghly's Uttarpara to Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL). TRSL would use the land to enhance its production capacity and for testing of Metro and Vande Bharat coaches. The plot is part of the land of Hind Motors, which Bengal had acquired, and would now be given on a 99 year lease to TRSL. TRSL, in collaboration with Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd, had unveiled the production line for Vande Bharat sleeper trains at its manufacturing facility in Uttarpara earlier this year. The production line was set up after TRSL bagged a contract from the Indian Railways to manufacture 80 such train sets under a consortium.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-to-hand-over-40-acre-uttarpara-plot-to-titagarh-rail/articleshow/122461597.cms

**23 cos setting up campuses in new tech hub.**

Twenty-three companies, including Reliance and L&T, have started construction of their buildings at Bengal Silicon Valley (BSV), an upcoming tech hub in New Town, while NTT, ST Telemedia and CtrlS data centres are on the verge of launching their operations. About 41 companies have taken plots at BSV spread over 250 acres. The construction work of five companies is nearing completion while 23 companies are in different stages of construction. The state was looking at an investment of Rs 30,000-35,000 crore from the companies setting up units at BSV. The land price at BSV is Rs 40 crore per acre, but govt has given it for Rs 5 crore per acre. The State will come up with an amended version of the existing IT policy and are also working on global capability centre and semiconductor policies.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/23-cos-setting-up-campuses-in-new-tech-hub-babul-supriyo/articleshow/122395096.cms

**Polish major among 6 firms in fray for Deocha Pachami coal mining contract: WBPDCL**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd (WBPDCL) is hopeful of finalising the appointment of a mine developer and operator (MDO) soon for underground mining at the mega Deocha Pachami coal block in Birbhum district, with six companies, including one from Poland, already expressing interest through a global tender process. The world's second-largest coal mining project is expected to attract an investment of Rs 35,000 crore over its project period. The list of bidders who have shown initial interest includes JMS Mining Pvt Ltd, Gainwell Commosales Pvt Ltd, Minop Innovative Technologies Pvt Ltd, Minsol Ltd, Maheshwari Mining Pvt Ltd, and JSW SA, the largest underground coal mining company in Poland.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/metals-mining/polish-major-among-6-firms-in-fray-for-deocha-pachami-coal-mining-contract-wbpdcl/articleshow/122419193.cms?from=mdr

**West Bengal gears up for rare earth mining in Purulia district.**

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is conducting advanced exploration of rare earth minerals in West Bengal's Purulia district, with GSI Director General Asit Saha saying that G2-level exploration is underway in two blocks in Assam and West Bengal. The blocks are located in Purulia and in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam and would be ready for auction within a year. the findings of the ongoing exploration in the two blocks will be submitted to the mine departments of the respective States and the Union Ministry of Mines for subsequent action once the exploration is completed.

https://www.thehindu.com/business/west-bengal-gears-up-for-rare-earth-mining-in-purulia-district/article69801130.ece

**Kolkata's RS Software Gears Up for Global Payments Integration.**

RS Software (India) Ltd, the Kolkata-based tech pioneer that built the UPI platform in 2015, is now taking Indian fintech to the global stage. The company has started work on a Global Payments Integration Platform to streamline international trade flows, making cross-border payments faster, more transparent, and affordable. With cross-border payment transactions valued at USD 162 trillion in 2024, this move addresses the growing demand for efficient international transactions. RS Softwares  is investing INR 100 Crore over the next 5 years working with National Payments Corporation of India on bilateral platforms in 10 countries including UAE, Singapore & France.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/rs-software-starts-work-to-integrate-global-payments-systems/articleshow/122461966.cms?trk=feed_main-feed-card_feed-article-content