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

Ultraviolette Automotive Arrives in Bengal.

Kolkata Calling welcomes Ultraviolette Automotive, India's homegrown trailblazer in performance electric mobility, to the heart of West Bengal. The company has launched two state-of-the-art Experience Centers, or UV Space Stations in Kolkata and Behrampore, and are soon going to come up in Siliguri and Howrah. Founded in Bengaluru, Ultraviolette Automotive isn't just building electric motorcycles; they're building the future. With the acclaimed F77 series, they've crafted machines that rival traditional superbikes, boasting up to 323 km of range and 0-100 km/hr acceleration in under 3 seconds, all proudly Made in India. Their Bengal entry marks more than just business expansion; it's a cultural shift toward clean, performance-driven mobility.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kolkata-calling_ultravioletteautomotive-electricvehicles-activity-7359199141039624192-TF0T?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABiHZswBhkTk7q5lVO3BwwNS8vGkrG9WhS8

From Bengal to the World: Electrosteel's Global Play.

A homegrown giant with roots in Kolkata, Electrosteel Group (Electrosteel Castings Ltd.) has just made a decisive global move — acquiring Italian precision valve manufacturer T.I.S. Service S.P.A. This isn't just about expansion, about engineering self-reliance, deepening manufacturing capability, and redefining India's position in global water infrastructure. From its plants in Purulia and Khardah to markets across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East — this is the story of an Indian company thinking globally (spanning 5 continents and 110+ countries) while building locally. With this acquisition, India will no longer rely on imported precision components; Innovation and design will meet scale and execution; From pipelines to valves — end-to-end water solutions will be Made in India.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/electrosteel-castings-to-manufacture-precision-water-valves-in-india-after-italian-acquisition-prnt/cid/2116460

SRFTI signs MoU with IIM-C unit.

Indian Institute of Management Calcutta Innovation Park (IIMCIP) signed an MoU with Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) Deemed to-be University to boost creative entrepreneurship. This alliance allows IIMCIP to support start-ups in the media and entertainment sector with the right blend of business development and artistic innovation. The film school also signed another MoU on Monday this week with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in Dhenkanal for exchange programmes. The MoU with IIMCIP will promote entrepreneurship and explore ways to support SRFTI's alumni. The partnership will empower creative entrepreneurs with business expertise, IP guidance, and access to funding and mentorship.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/srfti-signs-mou-with-iim-c-unit/articleshow/123102316.cms

Bengal govt to launch state-wide drive to curb illegal sand mining.

The Bengal government is set to roll out a comprehensive enforcement initiative aimed at curbing illegal sand mining and transportation across the state. The initiative, officially launched by the West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (WBMDTCL), is part of the West Bengal Sand (Mining, Transportation, Storage and Sale) Rules, 2021. The government will establish a network of strategically-located checkpoints across 17 districts to monitor the movement of riverbed materials and other minor minerals. These checkpoints will be operated by a designated Check Point Operator (CPO), who will be responsible for verifying mineral quantities, checking transport documentation and ensuring that only vehicles with valid permits and e-challans are allowed to proceed. Penalties for violations such as overloading or lack of proper documents will be enforced and remitted to the state within a specified timeframe. The initiative aims to address the twin challenges of environmental degradation and revenue loss resulting from illegal mining.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/bengal-govt-to-launch-state-wide-drive-to-curb-illegal-sand-mining-622105

Bata India upgrades Batanagar facility with Rs 300 mn investment.

Bata India has announced a major upgrade to its Batanagar manufacturing facility with an investment of Rs 300 million. The initiative is part of the footwear major's broader transformation journey aimed at enhancing product quality, automation and global competitiveness. The investment has gone into installing cutting-edge technologies such as the Polyurethane Direct Injection Process (PUDIP) and Injection Moulded EVA (IM EVA) machines. These systems are used to manufacture Bata's Floatz and industrial footwear lines and include robotic spraying, automated roughening arms and advanced mould handling units—features expected to boost consistency, precision and efficiency in production.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/bata-india-upgrades-batanagar-facility-with-rs-300-mn-investment-622103

Boost for Jhargram: Mamata unveils projs worth Rs 550 crore.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday this week, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for a slew of development projects worth over Rs 550 crore in Jhargram. The flurry of initiatives, including road and bridge construction, school renovations, health infrastructure, community halls and hostel development, marks a significant investment in the region's future. The Chief Minister also rolled out benefits under 94 social welfare schemes, directly reaching nearly 3 lakh people. Hon'ble CM inaugurated 215 projects worth Rs 392.21 crore and laid the foundation stones of 106 projects worth over Rs 157.31 crore. Major projects included a drinking water project in Nayagram Block, ten more water supply projects in Jamboni, Nayagram, Binpur II, Jhargram and Sankrail, and a road construction project stretching from Rantua to Gobindapur, Niguri Bus Stand to Dhumsai, Belpahari to chakadoba.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/centre-trying-to-snatch-voting-rights-inflicting-language-terrorism-on-bengalis-mamata-622169

State plans processing of fruits & veggies to curb wastage of crops.

The state government is actively considering large-scale processing of various fruits and vegetables to prevent post-harvest losses and promote a range of value-added products aimed at boosting farmers' income. In this direction, the Agriculture Marketing department, in collaboration with the Food Processing and Horticulture (FPI&H) department, held a meeting with around 100 entrepreneurs in Hooghly district on Wednesday. The objective was to explore processing opportunities for crops such as potato, maize, tomato, pineapple and mango. Given the immense potential in processing these crops, the state government assured support in the form of subsidies, polyhouse infrastructure and other incentives to promote and strengthen the food processing industry.

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Titagarh Rail Systems wins INR 1,598 Cr contract to manufacture 108 coaches (18 train sets) for Mumbai Metro's Line 6.

Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd has secured a massive INR 1598.55 crore contract to supply 108 coaches for Mumbai Metro Line 6. This project is being implemented by NCC Ltd on behalf of MMRDA. The 15.3 km elevated Line 6 will connect Swami Samarth Nagar to Vikhroli(Eastern Express Highway) and will significantly ease traffic and improve commute in Mumbai. 18 train sets (6 coaches each) will be delivered in just 104 weeks. This is not just a win for Titagarh, it's a win for Bengal's engineering excellence, powering national infrastructure from Kolkata to Mumbai. The margins remain strong, and will only improve with capacity ramp-up and ongoing backward integration.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kolkata-calling_titagarhrailsystems-mumbaimetro-urbantransport-activity-7359078390563262464-NpvS?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABiHZswBhkTk7q5lVO3BwwNS8vGkrG9WhS8