Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.
August 15, 2025 – August 22, 2025
Key Developments

Vikram Solar invests ₹400cr to expand production.

Vikram Solar will invest around Rs 400 crore to expand its solar module manufacturing capacity by 2 GW next year at its Falta unit as part of its plans to raise total production capacity to 6.3 GW. The company has two solar photovoltaic (PV) module manufacturing facilities in Bengal and Tamil Nadu. The Falta plant has a capacity of 3.2 GW, which will be raised to 5.2 GW in 2026. They have plans to expand the manufacturing capacity in the coming years. In the first phase, the expansion - comprising 6 GW of modules and 3 GW of cell manufacturing - will be funded through a mix of IPO proceeds, debt, and incentives.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/renewables/vikram-solar-shifts-expansion-focus-to-tamil-nadu-bengal-unit-to-see-limited-growth/articleshow/123413246.cms?from=mdr

Airport hub, six more stations all set to redefine Kol's metro commute experience.

The city is set to get seven new metro stations, including the pivotal Jai Hind station at the airport, and a stabling yard 13m below the century-old NSCB airport. Jai Hind is among Asia's largest underground metro stations and is connected to the airport via a 270m tunnel. The 7km Noapara-Airport or Yellow Line includes two additional stations: Jessore Road, constructed at grade on the surface, and Dum Dum Cantonment, an elevated station near Eastern Railway's Bongaon-Sealdah section. Four additional metro stations, part of the truncated Orange Line's or New GariaAirport corridor's Ruby-Metropolitan section, are also ready to be operational. These stations – VIP Bazar, Ritwik Ghatak at Topsia, Barun Sengupta at Science City, and Beleghata at Metropolitan on EM Bypass – offer superior facilities, spacious interiors, two elevated platforms each, escalators, lifts, and ample indoor space.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/airport-hub-six-more-stations-all-set-to-redefine-kols-metro-commute-experience/articleshow/123416753.cms

Bengal steel industry to get ₹8,000-crore investment over 5 yrs.

Bengal's steel industry is poised for an investment of Rs 8,000 crore over next five years, as two major players are set to expand their production capacity to meet rising demand. Shakambhari Group, an integrated steel manufacturing conglomerate, plans to invest Rs 5,000 crore to build a new steel plant in Purulia by 2030-31. Bengalbased player, Adukia Industries, will invest Rs 3,000 crore to ramp up the capacity of its existing facility in Purulia over next five years. Bengal had huge land banks at Junglesundari in Purulia and at Panagarh Industry Park in West Burdwan for steel manufacturing units.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-steel-industry-to-get-rs8000cr-investment-over-5-years/articleshow/123395374.cms

Concert arena, stadium gallery plans for entertainment hub in New Town.

Following chief minister Mamata Banerjee's announcement this May, the West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (WBHIDCO) has unveiled the detailed plan and initiated the process to engage a reputable firm for an international information, technology, entertainment and cultural park in New Town on a public-private-partnership (PPP) model. The idea is to make it a one-stop destination for social and cultural performances and activities. As of now, the centre is likely to be called 'Biswa Angan' in Bengali and is likely to be formally named the 'International Information Technology and Entertainment Park'. The objective is to develop a multi-functional, open, and built infrastructure for cultural performances, concerts, and public art exhibitions and aims to promote regional and national art forms, music, dance, and theatre to create a tourist-friendly destination that will boost the local economy, support livelihoods in the cultural and creative sectors, and enhance public engagement with culture, especially among the youth.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/new-town-entertainment-hub-to-house-open-air-concert-arena-stadium-gallery/articleshow/123346625.cms

Fusion CX Expands India Operations with New 1,000-Seat, 54,000 sq. ft. Facility in Siliguri.

Fusion CX, a global customer experience (CX), has launched a new 1,000-seat (~3,000 shift seats), 54,000 sq. ft. delivery center in Siliguri, West Bengal. The center is designed as a hub for Ecommerce and Retail support, focusing on customer and seller experience while providing omnichannel solutions across voice, email, chat, social, and in-app messaging. This expansion strengthens Fusion CX's presence in India and highlights Siliguri's growing role as a center for talent and education. The Siliguri expansion underscores Fusion CX's commitment to creating a next-generation hub for Ecommerce CX and advanced data-driven services.

https://fox40.com/business/press-releases/ein-presswire/841785430/fusion-cx-expands-india-operations-with-new-1000-seat-54000-sq-ft-facility-in-siliguri/

State to bring over 500 pvt buses under Yatri Sathi app.

The Transport Department will bring another 500–700 private buses in Kolkata under the 'Where Is My Bus' (WIMB) feature of the Yatri Sathi mobile app within the next month, enabling commuters to track their real-time location. At present, apart from 180 state-run buses, only two private routes — 223 and 45 under the City Suburban Bus Service (CSBS) — are covered by WIMB. The state is hoping to bring all private buses plying within the city under WIMB within a year. After that, it will extend the facility to the Kolkata Metropolitan Area (KMA) and subsequently to buses in rural areas as well.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/state-to-bring-over-500-pvt-buses-under-yatri-sathi-app-623915

New association formed to boost tourism in Himalayan regions.

A new initiative has been launched to strengthen the tourism and hospitality sectors across the Himalayan regions of North Bengal and North-East India. The Kanchenjunga Region Hospitality and Tourism Development Association (KRHTDA) has officially begun its journey with Padma Shri awardee and former footballer Bhaichung Bhutia as its helm. The 15-member body aims to expand the tourism and hospitality sectors while creating new avenues for employment. Siliguri has been chosen as the association's first center of operations owing to its geographical importance as a gateway to Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/new-association-formed-to-boost-tourism-in-himalayan-regions-623710

Zioks Launches 3rd Coworking Space in Salt Lake Sector V, Kolkata.

Kolkata's coworking ecosystem continues to grow as Zioks, a Kolkata-based coworking company, has opened its third centre at Millennium IT City Park in Salt Lake Sector V. The newly launched centre spans approximately 21,000 sq. ft. and offers a 242-seater capacity. One of its key highlights is the 24×7 accessibility, providing professionals and teams with the flexibility to work anytime, day or night. Prior to this launch, Zioks already operated two centres in Sector V: Godrej Genesis Building – 27,000 sq. ft. and Globsyn Crystal – 21,000 sq. ft. With this expansion, Zioks further strengthens its footprint in Salt Lake Sector V, reflecting the growing demand for modern and collaborative workspaces in Kolkata's leading IT and business district. Zioks' new centre is set to cater to startups, enterprises, and professionals who seek flexibility, scalability, and community-driven work environments.

https://www.kolkatacalling.com/news-details/corporate-expansion-business-news/zioks-launches-3rd-coworking-space-in-salt-lake-sector-v-kolkata

Kolkata Port Inaugurates First PPP Terminal at Khidderpore Docks.

The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) has commissioned its first Public-Private Partnership (PPP) terminal at Khidderpore Docks, marking a significant step in the modernization of the city's historic dock system. The facility, developed by Century Ports Ltd at a cost of ₹190 crore, is equipped with modern cargo-handling infrastructure including a mobile harbour crane, barge unloader, advanced yard equipment, and a Terminal Operating System (TOS). The inauguration of our first PPP terminal at Khidderpore Docks paves the way for increased cargo handling and encourages the modernisation of other berths at the dock. The concession agreement for the project, signed in 2022 for a 30-year period, will enable enhanced multimodal connectivity through road, rail, and inland waterways.

https://www.kolkatacalling.com/news-details/corporate-expansion-business-news/kolkata-port-inaugurates-first-ppp-terminal-at-khidderpore-docks