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

Rashmi Group to invest ₹10,000 cr in steel, power plant in West Bengal

Kolkata-based Rashmi Group said it would set up a 2.8 million tonne per annum (MTPA) integrated steel plant along with a 400 MW captive power plant in Purulia, West Bengal. The proposed investment in the project is about Rs 10,000 crore, and the target is to complete the project by 2030. The state government has allotted 938 acres of land for the project and awarded it "ultra mega project" status, enabling the group's expansion to receive fast-tracked approvals.

https://www.business-standard.com/companies/news/rashmi-group-to-invest-10-000-cr-in-steel-power-plant-in-west-bengal-125102700933_1.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Kolkata port signs series of investment MoUs worth ₹48,000 crore

The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) has signed a series of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) amounting to a committed investment of over ₹48,000 crore across diverse sectors of maritime trade and green energy. The MoUs have been signed at the India Maritime Week in Mumbai. SMPK signed an MoU with the Dredging Corporation of India to establish a long-term partnership for dredging operations at the port. Haldia Petrochemicals has pledged significant investment towards establishing tank farms and enhancing petroleum, oil, and lubricant-handling infrastructure at the Haldia dock.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/kolkata-port-signs-series-of-investment-mous-worth-48000-cr/articleshow/124917931.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Bengal to hold 'Shilper Samadhane' from Nov 10–28 to boost MSME biz

The Bengal government will hold the 'Shilper Samadhane' initiative from November 10 to 28 in all blocks of the state, coming just a week after the conclusion of the 'Amader Para, Amader Samadhan' programme on November 3. 'Shilper Samadhane' will help provide easy loans to entrepreneurs to boost the MSME sectors through the Bhabishyat Credit Card Scheme, and it will be held in all municipalities and KMC wards as well, an official said. 'Shilper Samadhane' is an initiative by the Bengal government to reach out to entrepreneurs with the target to sponsor at least 2 lakh applicants under the Bhabishyat Credit Card Scheme. Entrepreneurs will be guided on how to apply and avail of benefits under the scheme.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-to-hold-shilper-samadhane-from-nov-10-28-to-boost-msme-biz/articleshow/124710190.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Metro changes signal system on Blue Line to control crowd CBTC also on Blue Line to deal with crowd, 465 crores allocated

Reducing the time between two trains is the way to handle the heavy rush of passengers. This is the opinion of experts about the Blue Line of Kolkata Metro. But currently, the Metrorail authorities run one rake every six minutes during peak hours. It would be beneficial to reduce the gap of six minutes to two minutes. But to do that, it is necessary to increase the number of rakes, and it is also necessary to change the signaling system of the Blue Line to Communication Based Telecommunication Control (CBTC) like the Green Line.

https://eisamay.com/west-bengal-news/kolkata-news/metro-changes-signal-system-on-the-blue-line-to-control-crowds/200433521.cms

Kolkata riverfront to get a retail and office hub, Calcutta port awards Strand Road plot to Srijan Realty

Calcutta port has awarded a four-acre plot on Strand Road to Srijan Realty to build retail and office space as part of a broader plan to transform the Hooghly riverfront on both banks. Srijan will hold a 60-year lease on the plot, near the erstwhile Armenian warehouse, where an 800,000sqft project will come up at an investment of ₹350 crore. The developer intends to complete the project in four years. The plot is one of at least 10 projects that the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, formerly Kolkata Port Trust, is tendering out for the redevelopment of both banks of the river.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/kolkata/kolkata-port-awards-strand-road-plot-to-srijan-realty-for-hooghly-riverfront-retail-hub-prnt/cid/2130301