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

NavPrakriti sets up Bengal's first large-scale lithium battery recycling facility

City-based NavPrakriti has invested ₹25 crore to set up a battery recycling plant in Bengal and has plans to foray into chemical recovery and battery refurbishment in the coming years. The expansion comes at a time when India is looking to develop at least 270 kilo tonnes of annual recycling capacity, resulting in around 40 kilo tonnes of annual critical mineral production, and the Union government has announced a ₹1,500-crore incentive scheme to draw investments in this sector.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/navprakriti-invests-rs-25-crore-to-launch-bengals-first-lithium-ion-battery-recycling-plant-prnt/cid/2130920

Kolkata home registrations surge 32% in Jan-Sep 2025, highest since 2020

Apartment registrations in the Kolkata Metropolitan Area (KMA) have risen 32% year-on-year to 46,742 units in the first nine months of the year — the highest volume since 2020, according to real estate consultancy Knight Frank India. September 2025 alone saw 5,302 registrations, marking a 6% YoY rise, though down 14% month-on-month due to a high base and monsoon-season seasonality. The data includes both primary (new sales) and secondary (resale) market transactions.

https://www.business-standard.com/finance/personal-finance/kolkata-home-registrations-surge-32-in-jan-sep-2025-highest-since-2020-125110400897_1.html

Motorola leases over 200 seats with Smartworks in Kolkata

Motorola Solutions has leased over 200 seats with managed office space operator Smartworks at its Kolkata centre. The lease tenure is 60 months, and the firm has taken space at this 110,000 sq. ft. centre. Smartworks had leased over one million sq. ft. across four cities in the last quarter. The company leased 110,000 sq. ft. in Kolkata, 200,000 sq. ft. in Bengaluru, 557,000 sq. ft. in Mumbai, and 165,000 sq. ft. in Pune during the April–June quarter.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/property-/-cstruction/motorola-leases-over-200-seats-with-smartworks-in-kolkata/articleshow/125050154.cms?from=mdr

Titagarh Rail bags ₹2,481 crore order from MMRDA for Mumbai Metro Line 5

Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL) has secured a Rs 2,481-crore contract from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for the design, manufacture, supply and commissioning of 132 metro coaches and associated systems for Mumbai Metro Line 5. The contract also includes signalling for 24.9-km of track, telecommunication systems across 16 stations, platform screen doors, depot machinery and five years of comprehensive maintenance. The project covers both Phase 1 (Kapur Bawdi-Kasheli-Dhamankar Naka) and Phase 2 (Dhamankar Naka-Bhiwandi-Kalyan APMC) of the Line 5 corridor.

https://www.business-standard.com/companies/news/titagarh-rail-bags-2-481-crore-order-from-mmrda-for-mumbai-metro-line-5-125103101477_1.html

State approves 150 acres of land for two organizations

The state cabinet has decided to give land to two industrial organizations in Jhargram district to boost industrialization in the state. The proposal was approved in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The decision was taken based on the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Industry and Commerce, Infrastructure Development and Employment, according to Nabanna sources. According to government documents, a total of 149.64 acres of land under the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WIDC) in two mouzas of Jhargram, Sukhnibas and Ghagrashol, is being given to two industrial companies on 'freehold basis'. The two companies that are getting the land are Captain Industries India Private Limited and Ultratech Cement Limited.

https://eisamay.com/business/business-news/the-state-cabinet-decided-to-allocate-land-to-two-industrial-units-in-jhargram/200435179.cms