Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Bengal govt plans real-time pollution tracking across industrial parks

The Bengal government is all set to install real-time environmental monitoring and suppression systems across its industrial parks, aiming to strengthen pollution control and bring greater transparency to air and noise conditions inside these zones. The project, taken up through the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC), is one of the most extensive technology-based upgrades planned for state-run industrial clusters. The system will be introduced in five parks — Manikanchan SEZ and Shilpangan in North 24-Parganas, Paridhan Garment Park in Kolkata, Rishi Bankim Shilpaudyan in Naihati, and the Haldia Industrial Park in Purba Medinipur. These sites were selected because of their high activity levels and the diverse kinds of manufacturing units operating within them.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/bengal-govt-plans-real-time-pollution-tracking-across-industrial-parks-636364

State plans Rs 4,100 crore project to protect Sunderbans from cyclones and erosion

The state government is coming up with a holistic planning involving 12 government departments, World Bank with technical support of Dutch Water Resources experts to address the issue of coastal erosion and increase in the intensity of cyclones at Bay of Bengal that has buttressed erosion flooding. The planning is an integral part of the Rs 4,100 crore project proposed by the state Irrigation and Waterways department for protection of lives and livelihood of the residents of Sunderbans from natural disasters. A stakeholders' consultation was held at the auditorium of Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) in which departments like the Irrigation and Waterways, Forest, Fisheries, Animal Resources Development, Sunderban Affairs, Agriculture, Water Resources Investigation & Development, Agriculture Marketing, Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, Transport, Tourism and Panchayats and Rural Development proposed activities leading to holistic development.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/state-plans-rs-4100-crore-project-to-protect-sunderbans-from-cyclones-and-erosion-636070

Five Kalyani houses first to get piped gas in state

Piped natural gas reached the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) area last week, with Bengal Gas Company Limited commencing PNG supply to households in Kalyani. The pipeline has to travel another 50 km to reach Baranagar, located on the northern fringes of Kolkata. This will enable the re-introduction of piped gas to homes in Kolkata after several decades.

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/125417765.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Land swap with Nepal consulate facilitates for Kolkata Metro's Purple Line work

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), and the Consulate General of Nepal signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to exchange land parcels. Under the agreement, 409.53 sq. metres of land owned by the Consulate General of Nepal will be exchanged with 526.34 sq. metres of adjoining Metro Railway land, facilitating the construction of a ramp between Mominpur and Kidderpore for the proposed Mominpur-Esplanade underground section. The signing of the MoU took place at RVNL Model Room at the site of Victoria station in the presence of Consul General of Nepal, Kolkata, Jhakka Prasad Acharya, and senior officials of Kolkata Metro, RVNL and MEA.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/railways/land-swap-with-nepal-consulate-clears-hurdle-for-kolkata-metros-purple-line-work/articleshow/125400785.cms?from=mdr

Bengal govt to develop new airport in Purulia, access to several industrial areas in Jharkhand to get easier

The West Bengal government has decided to develop an abandoned airstrip in Purulia's Chharra into an airport. A delegation of the transport department recently went to Purulia to see the land and identified the old airstrip in the Chharra area for the new airport. But it will not be a regular large airport. It will likely be developed into a small airport at a cost of around Rs 150 crore. This airstrip remained abandoned for more than 80 years. The airport will be developed in two phases. The first phase will include the construction of a boundary wall, a 1,100-metre-long runway, four parking bays for aircraft, an Air Traffic Control (ATC) building, and a terminal building with capacity to handle around 160 passengers per day. The list also includes a fire station, an electrical substation, three watch towers, an underground reservoir, and a cooling pit.

https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/bengal-govt-to-develop-new-airport-in-purulia-access-to-several-industrial-areas-in-jharkhand-to-get-easier-10367610/

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority gets PIB nod for ₹1,839-crore dredging subsidy till 2031

The Public Investment Board (PIB) has backed a proposal from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to extend the dredging subsidy of ₹1,839.41 crore to state-run Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority for seven more years beginning FY25 for maintenance of the Hooghly River and the channel leading to Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex. The continuation of the dredging subsidy to Kolkata-based SMPA will have a sunset in FY31, beyond which the dredging has to be fully funded by the Port Authority as per approval from the PIB headed by the Expenditure Secretary in the Finance Ministry.

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ports-shipping/syama-prasad-mookerjee-port-authority-secures-1839-crore-dredging-subsidy-approval-until-2031/125378338