Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers
November 29, 2025 – December 5, 2025
Key Developments

Sagardighi supercritical thermal power unit to start ops from Dec 10

Sagardighi's new supercritical thermal power unit will start operations from December 10. A supercritical power unit of 660 MW, it would be Bengal's largest and northeast India's first supercritical thermal power plant. The unit was being built at a cost of over ₹4,567 crore, would provide power supply to 16,70,000 families. About 26,000 people will get jobs directly or indirectly.The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL) has set up the 660 MW unit after receiving clearances from the state government and the Ministry of Environment and Forest.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/sagardighi-supercritical-thermal-power-unit-to-start-ops-from-dec-10/articleshow/125774756.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

2 cr-plus jobs, 4.4 times rise in state GDP: Mamata lists achievements

The Bengal government has provided jobs to more than 2 crore people and the state GDP has increased 4.4 times to ₹ 20.3 lakh crore. 1.7 crore people had been lifted above the poverty line between 2011 and 2023. The Chief Minister launched the report, titled Unnayoner Panchali. The scheme Swasthya Sathi now reaches 2.5 crore families, and ₹ 13,156 crore has so far been spent on it.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/2cr-plus-jobs-4-4-times-rise-in-state-gdp-mamata-lists-achievements/articleshow/125728161.cms

Bengal issues global tender for Tajpur deep sea port development

Bengal govt floated a fresh global tender (request for proposal) for Tajpur deep sea port. The state promises 1,000 acres of freehold land to the operator for the development of the port and industrial facilities, while other terms of reference largely remained unchanged. This comes ahead of a proposed industry conclave, set to be held by Bengal govt on Dec 18.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-issues-global-tender-for-tajpur-deep-sea-port-development/articleshow/125703455.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Smartworks leases 1.68 lakh sq ft office space to a global IT services firm in Kolkata

Realty firm Smartworks Coworking Spaces Ltd has provided on lease around 1.68 lakh sq ft office spaces in Kolkata to a global IT services firm. Smartworks, which got listed on the stock exchanges recently, has a portfolio of 14 million sq ft across 61 centres in 14 cities in India and Singapore. The IT major's new office is distributed across two Smartworks campuses - Victoria Park and Mediasiti, located in Salt Lake City, Sector V, Kolkata.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/digital-real-estate/realty-news/smartworks-leases-1-68-lakh-sq-ft-office-space-to-a-global-it-services-firm-in-kolkata/articleshow/125764979.cms?from=mdr

CM to address over 12k traders, MSMEs on Dec 17

CM Mamata Banerjee will address over 12,000 traders and MSMEs at the Byabasayi Sammelan 2025 to be held at Netaji Indoor Stadium on Dec 17, a day ahead of the Bengal

Business Conclave. This will be the biggest gathering of traders in decades. The traders will come from every district of Bengal. Traders play an indispensable role in Bengal's economy, with an estimated 60–65 lakh traders operating across the state and creating livelihood opportunities for more than one crore people, including those in the unorganised sector.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/cm-to-address-over-12k-traders-msmes-on-dec-17/articleshow/125751815.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Bangur Concrete strengthens footprint in eastern India with RMC plant

Bangur Concrete, part of Shree Cement Ltd, commissioned a new ready-mix concrete (RMC) plant at Baidyabati in West Bengal's Hooghly district, strengthening its footprint in eastern India. The plant, with a production capacity of 60 cubic metres per hour, expands the company's national RMC network to 26 units, a statement said. RMC is factory-produced concrete made in a controlled batching plant and delivered to construction sites in a ready-to-use form, ensuring consistent quality, accurate mix proportions and faster project execution.

https://www.ptinews.com/editor-detail/bangur-concrete-strengthens-footprint-in-eastern-india-with-rmc-plant/3147931

GI tag for hill Darjeeling Mandarin, 'register all orange growers as authorised users'

Darjeeling Mandarin — the iconic winter fruit from the hills — has officially been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, reaffirming its distinct characteristics and exclusive link to the region's unique geography and climate. Darjeeling Mandarin met all qualification requirements and was published in the GI Journal followed by the mandatory public notice period.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/darjeeling-mandarin-gets-gi-tag-from-centre-cheers-to-4000-farmers-next-step-register-all-orange-growers-of-the-region-as-authorised-users-prnt/cid/2135582