Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Bengal IT minister reviews progress of LTI Mindtree project

Bengal's IT minister visited the LTI Mindtree project at Bengal Silicon Valley (BSV) in New Town to review the progress of construction and assess the overall development of the state's flagship IT hub. Following the merger of L&T Infotech with Mindtree, the company was rebranded as LTI Mindtree, under which the project is now being executed. The project envisages the development of a large IT campus comprising six office towers to be constructed in phases. Phase I of the campus includes two towers and is progressing steadily. Based on the current construction pace and visible on-site progress, this phase is expected to be completed by April 2026. Once operational, the first phase is projected to accommodate about 7,000 IT professionals. By April 2027, upon full completion of all phases, the campus is expected to provide employment to nearly 25,000 IT professionals.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-it-minister-reviews-progress-of-lti-mindtree-project/articleshow/126425673.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Kolkata office leasing hits decade high as housing remains affordable

Kolkata's office market recorded its strongest performance in over a decade in 2025. Annual leasing volumes surged 69% year-on-year (YoY) to 2.3 million sq ft, crossing the 2 million mark for the first time. Momentum persisted in the second half of 2025, with leasing rising 78% YoY. Average rents grew 16% to Rs 47.5 per sq ft per month, marking the highest rental growth among eight major Indian markets tracked by Knight Frank India.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/kolkata-office-leasing-hits-decade-high-as-housing-remains-affordable/articleshow/126401656.cms

Annapurna Swadisht acquires 75% stake of Andri Agro

Kolkata-based Annapurna Swadisht Limited (ASL) is set to acquire a majority stake in Andri Agro Foods Private Limited (AAFPL) for an estimated ₹4.5 crore. ASL has entered into a share purchase agreement with the shareholders of AAFPL to acquire 75% of the equity share capital. Upon completion of the transaction and related formalities, Andri Agro Foods will become a subsidiary of Annapurna Swadisht Limited. The acquisition is expected to strengthen Annapurna Swadisht's manufacturing capabilities, expand its product portfolio and enhance its market reach in both domestic and international markets.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/annapurna-swadisht-acquires-75-stake-of-andri-agro/articleshow/126381344.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Garment buyers & sellers meet to generate business worth Rs 1,500 cr

The West Bengal garment industry came alive with the 59th Garment Meet and B2B Expo held over three days from 5-7 January at Science City. This event, that has been a pivotal part of the industry for 61 years, is expected to create significant business prospects. More than 1,000 national and international brands featured in this 59th Garment Buyers & Sellers Meet & B2B Expo, showcasing a wide selection of readymade garments for kids, men, and women, and it is projected to generate commercial dealings valued at around Rs 1,500 crore in the wholesale market.

https://www.thestatesman.com/bengal/garment-buyers-sellers-meet-to-generate-business-worth-rs-1500-cr-1503536107.html

Bengal emerges as frontrunner in green job potential

Bengal has emerged as eastern India's frontrunner in green job potential, according to the latest report by iFOREST, an environmental think tank. The report highlights the state as a key beneficiary of India's clean energy transition, provided it moves swiftly on policy and implementation. Rollout of renewable energy (RE), supported by clear regulations, skilled workforce development, green manufacturing, and robust local supply chains, could unlock large-scale employment across solar, wind, energy storage, green hydrogen, energy efficiency, electric mobility, and allied services.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-emerges-as-frontrunner-in-green-job-potential-with-policy-action-needed-for-renewable-energy-growth/articleshow/126412119.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com

7 satellites, Isro network to cover Sagar Mela crowd

The South 24 Parganas district administration will use Isro-developed NavIC technology to track and monitor crowds during the Gangasagar Mela. The Isro navigation technology, with an Indian constellation consisting of seven satellites and a network of ground stations, provides accurate information and precise timings. Officials said the system will help the administration track the movement of pilgrims, manage crowd density and respond quickly to any emergency situation during the mela.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/7-satellites-isro-network-to-cover-sagar-mela-crowd/articleshow/126401449.cms?utm_source=chatgpt.com