**Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers**
**January 10, 2026 – January 16, 2026**
**Key Developments**

## 7 Amrit Bharat Express Trains from West Bengal

Bengal is strengthening its rail connectivity with the rest of the country. Hon'ble Prime Minister will flag off seven new Amrit Bharat Express Trains from West Bengal, marking a major step towards affordable, long-distance travel and improved interstate mobility. These are - New Jalpaiguri ↔ Tiruchchirappalli (Tamil Nadu), New Jalpaiguri ↔ Nagercoil (Tamil Nadu), Alipurduar ↔ SMVT Bengaluru (Karnataka), Alipurduar ↔ Mumbai (Maharashtra), Santragachi ↔ Tambaram (Tamil Nadu), Howrah ↔ Delhi, and Sealdah ↔ Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh). These routes connect North Bengal, South Bengal, Metro Kolkata and industrial belts directly with major economic, cultural, and educational hubs across India.
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/infrastructure/nine-new-amrit-bharat-express-trains-soon-indian-railways-announces-routes-check-list-and-features/articleshow/126540223.cms

## Centre plans three AI data centres in Bengal

The Union government plans to set up 3 artificial intelligence (AI) data centres in West Bengal in collaboration with state governments and other private players, considering the State's intellectual capital to leverage AI, which could act as a significant economic multiplier for the state. The project would require an investment of Rs 20 crore.
https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/centre-plans-three-ai-data-centres-in-bengal-643608

## Kolkata Records Highest Office Leasing Growth in India in 2025

Kolkata's office real estate market has delivered its strongest performance in over a decade, emerging as India's fastest-growing office market in 2025, according to a report by Knight Frank India. Kolkata recorded a remarkable 69% year-onyear growth in office leasing in 2025, the highest among India's top eight cities, with annual leasing volumes touching 2.3 million sq.ft., the first time the city has crossed the 2 million sq ft milestone. This strong demand pushed average office rents up by 16% YoY to Rs. 47.5 per sq.ft. per month, marking the highest rental growth in the country. Momentum was powerful in the second half of the year, with H2 2025 office leasing surging 78% YoY to 1.2 million sq.ft..
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/kolkata-office-leasing-hits-decade-high-as-housing-remains-affordable/articleshow/126401656.cms

## LTIMindtree Innovation Campus in New Town to Employ 7,000 IT Professionals by April 2026

Phase I of the LTIMindtree Innovation Campus at Bengal Silicon Valley, New Town is set to be completed by April, 2023, marking a major step forward for the city's growing technology landscape. The first phase includes the construction of two state-of-the-art towers, which will together employ 7,000 IT professionals once commissioned. This development further strengthens New Town's position as one of eastern India's most promising IT and innovation hubs. Beyond job creation, the campus is expected to boost infrastructure growth, attract global tech investments, and reinforce Kolkata's emergence as a future-ready digital economy.

https://www.kolkatacalling.com/news-details/corporate-expansion-business-news/ltimindtree-innovation-campus-in-new-town-to-be-ready-by-april-2026-bringing-7000-it-jobs-to-kolkata

**KMDA to Build 5,616 Urban Roads Across Five Districts**

The Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) will construct 5,616 roads in urban areas across five districts under the fourth phase of the 'পথশ্রী-রাস্তাশ্রী প্রকল্প.' The project will benefit residents of 35,000 villages and 128 urban local bodies, with an expenditure of ₹8,487.83 crore spent by the Government of West Bengal.

❖ South 24 PGS will account for the highest number, with 2,492 roads across five municipalities. Maheshtala alone will see 1,451 roads, followed by Rajpur Sonarpur (661), Budge Budge (298), Pujali (66) and Baruipur (16).

❖ North 24 PGS will have 1,742 roads across 19 urban local bodies, including Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, where 135 roads will be built. North Dum Dum will have the highest number in the district with 170 roads, followed by Baranagar with 166.

❖ Howrah district will see 341 roads built within Bally Municipality, Uluberia Municipality, and Howrah Municipal Corporation, with the civic body accounting for 157 roads.

❖ In the Hooghly district, 971 roads will be constructed across 11 urban local bodies.

❖ In Nadia district, 70 roads will be constructed, including 46 under Gayeshpur Municipality and 24 under Kalyani Municipality.

https://x.com/TheBengalIndex/status/2008175623617839159

**Indian Navy to Establish New Naval Base at Haldia**

In a major boost to India's maritime security and Bengal's strategic importance, the Indian Navy is establishing a new naval base at Haldia (Purba Medinipur) to strengthen its presence in the northern Bay of Bengal. The base will function as a naval detachment, focused on deploying high-speed small warships. Around 100 Navy officers and sailors will be stationed at the facility. It will leverage the existing Haldia dock complex, enabling faster operationalisation. A dedicated jetty and shore-support infrastructure will be developed, as Haldia, located about 100 km from Kolkata offers a key strategic advantage, direct access to the Bay of Bengal without the time-consuming Hooghly River transit.

https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/india-navy-base-haldia-bay-of-bengal-china-bangladesh-pakistan-activities-2849770-2026-01-10