Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

₹71,000 crore highway projects in West Bengal; links all 23 district HQs

West Bengal is undergoing a massive infrastructure transformation with National Highway projects worth over ₹71,000 crore now in the pipeline to revolutionize North-South connectivity. From the landmark 5.46-km Farakka Bridge to the 6-laning of the NH-19 industrial corridor, these upgrades aim to slash travel times, boost local trade, and link all 23 district headquarters.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/infrastructure/centre-pushes-71000-crore-highway-projects-in-west-bengal-links-all-23-district-hqs/videoshow/129601634.cms?from=mdr

Rs 18,680-crore projects in Kolkata

The foundation stone laid for various developmental projects worth Rs 18,680 crore in West Bengal's Kolkata. These projects will give momentum to West Bengal and Eastern India, while also boosting trade and industry. The completion of the Kharagpur-Moregram Expressway will accelerate economic activity across the state. These projects will give a new momentum to West Bengal and Eastern India. The Haldia Dock complex is undergoing mechanisation, whereas the initiative will accelerate cargo operations, enhance the port's capacity, and create new facilities to facilitate trade.

https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/pm-modi-inaugurates-lays-foundation-for-rs-18680-crore-projects-in-kolkata20260314160929/?amp=1

West Bengal launches potato procurement project to support farmers: Government fixes ₹950 MSP, reserves cold storage space for small farmers, allows interstate trade

The Government of West Bengal has launched a potato procurement initiative aimed at preventing distress sales and ensuring that farmers receive remunerative prices for their produce. Under the scheme, the state has fixed a minimum support price of ₹950 per quintal for potatoes to provide financial protection to growers during the peak marketing season. Officials said most cold storages across West Bengal, including facilities managed by the state's Cooperative Department, will participate in the procurement process to help farmers store and sell their produce at fair prices.

https://www.bhaskarenglish.in/local/west-bengal/news/west-bengal-potato-procurement-project-msp-950-cold-storage-farmers-interstate-trade-support-scheme-137441040.html#:~:text=West%20Bengal%20launches%20potato%20procurement%20project%20to,Farmers%20allowed%20to%20trade%20potatoes%20interstate%20freely.

Cabinet approves Rs 33,600 crore BHAVYA scheme to develop plug and play industrial parks

In a move aimed to accelerate industrial growth, the Union Cabinet Wednesday approved the Rs. 33,660 crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) for developing 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across the country. Under the scheme, industrial parks ranging from 100 to 1000 acres will be taken up for development. Financial support of up to Rs one crore per acre will be provided for core infrastructure such as roads, value-added infrastructure including ready-built factory sheds, testing labs and warehousing, and social infrastructure which refers to worker housing and support amenities.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/cabinet-approves-rs-33600-crore-bhavya-scheme-to-develop-plug-and-play-industrial-parks/articleshow/129655182.cms?from=mdr

Postal Department launches premium service, delivery within 24 and 48 hours

The government aims to modernize the country's logistics system. At the same time, increase the speed and efficiency of delivery. 24 Speed Post and 24 Speed Post Parcel services will deliver within one day in six major metro cities: New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. This service will allow real-time tracking. Delivery will be confirmed with OTP. And there will be a compensation system in case of delay. Delivery will also be made on Sundays and holidays. However, delivery will not be made on national holidays.

https://eisamay.com/business/business-news/postal-department-launches-premium-services-with-24-hour-48-hour-delivery-guarantee/200486505.cms

Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels Limited signs THE Park Siliguri with Luxmi Group

Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels Limited (ASPHL) announced the signing of a landmark hotel management agreement with Luxmi Tea Co Private Limited for the development of THE Park Siliguri, a 100-room design-led destination set within the historic Chandmani Tea Estate in Siliguri, West Bengal. The signing marks a significant step in ASPHL's continued expansion across high-potential cultural and commercial gateways in Eastern India. Developed under the Tea Tourism Policy of the Government of West Bengal, the hotel will be set within approximately 3.25 acres. The hotel is proposed to be completed by March 2031.

https://hospitality.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/hotels/apeejay-surrendra-park-hotels-limited-signs-the-park-siliguri-with-luxmi-group/129569821