Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers
March 21, 2026 – March 27, 2026
Key Developments

Titagarh Rail Systems, BHEL to form JV for maintenance of Vande Bharat Sleeper trains

Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) have decided to form a joint venture (JV) for the maintenance of Vande Bharat Sleeper trainsets. The TRSL has set a March 31 deadline to complete the car bodies for the first rake of the Vande Bharat Sleeper train. It will manufacture 80 Vande Bharat Sleeper trainsets, each comprising 16 coaches. The contract value closes to Rs 24,000 crore and maintaining them for the next 35 years. The company is also targeting to rollout the first train by the third quarter of the financial year 2027.

https://indianexpress.com/article/india/titagarh-rail-systems-bhel-to-form-jv-for-maintenance-of-vande-bharat-sleeper-trains-10595082/

From the airport to South Kolkata, which areas are developing budget-friendly accommodation 'hotspots'?

Kolkata's real estate market is booming. Eye-catching housing is being developed in new areas of the state capital and its surroundings. As a result, it goes without saying that customers have multiple options when it comes to investing in flats. Along with Newtown, Rajarhat has emerged as a housing 'hotspot'. However, the middle class can also choose Joka in southwest Kolkata. Apart from this, EM Bypass, Garia and Tollygunge in South Kolkata can be called 'hotspots' for housing.

https://www.anandabazar.com/business/top-real-estate-hotspots-in-kolkata-for-investment-dgtl/cid/1675846

Tea Board unveils ‘Tea Mark’ for quality assurance

Tea Board has introduced ‘Tea Mark’ as a quality certification and assurance identifier to promote quality, consumption and marketing of tea. According to the order, ‘Tea Mark’ signifies that the tea has been tested and verified as prescribed under FSSAI parameters. “The board shall be the owner/proprietor of the mark. This order does not impose any restriction on trade and ‘Tea Mark’ certification is voluntary,” it added. It also added that in order to ensure sanctity of the mark, Tea Board may develop an e-commerce platform for the sale of ‘Tea Mark’ certified teas. In order to make the e-commerce platform sustainable, a nominal fee shall be charged from the authorised users.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/tea-board-unveils-tea-mark-for-quality-assurance/articleshow/129786094.cms

Acknit Industries Inaugurates New Factory Unit in West Bengal

Acknit Industries Limited inaugurated its new factory unit in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, in the presence of company directors and officials. The facility is located in Mouza Gopalpur Chandigarh, Barasat, Madhyamgram area. The company will announce the commercial production timeline in due course, indicating a measured approach to operational readiness.

https://scanx.trade/stock-market-news/stocks/acknit-industries-inaugurates-new-factory-unit-in-west-bengal/33398842

Chandan Healthcare Enters Maharashtra and West Bengal; Launches Mumbai, Kolkata & Kota Diagnostic Centres

Chandan Healthcare Limited, one of the leading diagnostic and healthcare service providers in North India, has expanded its presence with the launch of new diagnostic centres in Mumbai and Kolkata,

marking its entry into Maharashtra and West Bengal. These centres are designed to cater to a wide range of patient requirements while also supporting diagnostic needs of associated partner centres across the network, enabling integrated and efficient service delivery.

https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/business/chandan-healthcare-enters-maharashtra-and-west-bengal-launches-mumbai-kolkata-kota-diagnostic-centres/

Kolkata's Startup, Yes Sir Secures Funding to Expand

Kolkata-based men's grooming and wellness startup Yes Sir has secured fresh investment from Kolkata Ventures and Bengal Angel Network, as the fast-growing platform looks to accelerate expansion across India's rapidly evolving men's personal care and wellness market. Launched in 2024, Yes Sir has quickly emerged as a specialised platform offering on-demand grooming and wellness services exclusively for men, building a strong presence across 13 cities including Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Noida, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Faridabad.

https://www.business-standard.com/content/press-releases-ani/kolkata-s-startup-yes-sir-secures-funding-to-expand-men-only-at-home-massage-grooming-services-across-india-126031000644_1.html

CIMCON Automation opens Kolkata Office for East expansion

CIMCON Automation has expanded into Eastern India by opening an office in Kolkata. This move aims to enhance local execution, strengthen its domestic presence, and improve tender responsiveness in Eastern and Northeastern India, focusing on smart utilities, infrastructure, defence, and industrial automation. The new hub in Salt Lake City will facilitate faster project execution and streamline regional coordination and pan-India tendering.

https://www.manufacturingtodayindia.com/cimcon-automation-kolkata-office

Middle East travel alert: Qatar Airways suspends services to 12 major destinations in Asia and Europe, Kolkata flights resumed

Middle Eastern carriers had to pause international air routes and their disruption ever since the beginning of the conflict has impacted air travel to most parts of the world. While limited flights have been resumed, the impact has sent businesses and holiday tourists into shock. However, it reinstated flights to Kolkata (CCU) as it maintains a limited operational schedule with the continuing closure of the Qatari airspace.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/middle-east/qatar-news-middle-east-travel-alert-qatar-airways-suspends-services-to-12-major-destinations-in-asia-and-europe-kolkata-flights-resumed/articleshow/129766599.cms

Pollution rank: Kol 49th among 259 Indian cities in AQI global report

Kolkata has been placed 49th in pollution ranks among 259 cities in India in IQAir’s 2025 World Air Quality Report, which highlights persistent air quality challenges across eastern India and the wider South Asian region. Kolkata recorded an annual average PM2.5 concentration of 51 µg/m³. Kolkata falls in the category of cities that exceed safe limits by more than 10 times. In the survey, Kolkata ranks 49th among 259 most polluted cities in India.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/pollution-rank-kol-49th-among-259-indian-cities-in-aqi-global-report/articleshow/129785583.cms