Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers
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Key Developments

Rs 42,000 crore in three weeks: Suvendu Adhikari taps Manohar Lal Khattar for Bengal development

Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari mentioned that Bengal had received over ₹42,000 crore of central assistance within three weeks of the formation of his government. At an event the Swachha mobile application was launched as a pilot project in eight municipalities, and Asansol and Durgapur municipal corporations. The app will be people-driven and help residents get garbage cleared from their areas within two hours by simply uploading a photograph of the site. Agreements worth ₹39,000 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission were signed along with agreements regarding the National Health Mission and Ayushman Bharat. The health ministry has sanctioned ₹2,193 crore under the NHM and ₹776 crore under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. The Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) is a ₹1 lakh crore initiative of the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs which seeks to shift urban development from traditional government grants to a competitive, market-driven model.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/rs-42000-crore-in-three-weeks-suvendu-adhikari-taps-manohar-lal-khattar-for-bengal-development-prnt/cid/2163247

Kolkata to join Centre's water metro project, says West Bengal CM

Kolkata is being joined in the water metro. The Government of India has decided to run water metro in 17 riverine or coastal cities. Kolkata will join as the 18th city. The Water Metro Project has been operational in Kochi since 2021 and is set to be rolled out in Guwahati, Srinagar, Patna, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Prayagraj. Mr. Adhikari said the West Bengal government was keen on strengthening maritime infrastructure and inland water transport in the state.

https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kolkata/kolkata-to-join-centres-water-metro-project-says-west-bengal-cm/article71062327.ece

Rashmi Group to invest ₹35,000 crore in steel, mining and power projects

City-based Rashmi Group announced a fresh investment plan of Rs 35,000 crore in West Bengal across steel, power and mining sectors. In a statement, the diversified group said over Rs 30,000 crore would be invested to expand its iron and steel manufacturing capacity by an additional 7 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), while another Rs 5,000 crore would be spent on operationalising three coal mines acquired in Birbhum and Paschim Bardhaman districts. The firm said the new investment plans would cover Purulia, Paschim Bardhaman, Birbhum, Jhargram and Paschim Medinipur districts. The company claimed the steel capacity expansion alone is expected to create nearly 35,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities, while the coal mining projects may generate another 15,000 jobs.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/rashmi-group-to-invest-35000-crore-in-steel-mining-and-power-projects/article71037139.ece

West Bengal set to emerge as Eastern India's Maritime Powerhouse with ₹19,209 crore Maritime Growth Agenda Investment Pipeline

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal met Chief Minister of West Bengal, Suvendu Adhikari in Kolkata to discuss possibility of transforming West Bengal as Eastern India's Maritime hub with a proposed maritime investment pipeline of ₹19,209 crore by 2031. The projects are expected to generate more than 62,500 employment opportunities both direct and indirect while positioning the state as a major maritime and logistics hub for eastern India.

https://indiashippingnews.com/west-bengal-set-to-emerge-as-eastern-indias-maritime-powerhouse-with-%E2%82%B919209-crore-maritime-growth-agenda-investment-pipeline/

Jadavpur University retrofits Ambassador taxi into electric vehicle

Jadavpur University has unveiled a functional prototype retrofitted electric Ambassador taxi, demonstrating a practical pathway to accelerate India's transition to electric mobility without forcing

the premature scrapping of existing Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles. In a country where millions depend on legacy vehicles for livelihood, the shift to new, custom-built EV platforms can impose significant socio-economic costs and leave owners with little salvage value. The university's initiative addresses this challenge by converting an in-service diesel vehicle into a zero-emission electric vehicle through a technically robust, scalable retrofit approach.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/jadavpur-university-retrofits-ambassador-taxi-into-electric-vehicle/articleshow/131412067.cms

Tajpur Port not feasible, Bengal eyes deep-sea port at Dadanpatrabar

The proposed deep-sea port at Tajpur was not feasible and announced an alternative plan to develop the project at Dadanpatrabar in East Midnapore, about 10 km from Tajpur. The state has joined the Centre's Sagarmala 2.0 programme and will prepare a five-year proposal worth Rs 22,700 crore focusing on port connectivity, fisheries infrastructure and coastal development. The project at Tajpur was not viable as there was neither rail and national highway connectivity nor warehousing infrastructure. The state has identified around 1,700 acres of government land at Dadanpatrabar in Ramnagar II block, where an old salt factory once operated, and that the site has received preliminary approval. The state is also willing to develop the port under a revenue-sharing model.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/tajpur-port-not-feasible-bengal-eyes-deep-sea-port-at-dadanpatrabar-663012

BJP government seeks Tata return to West Bengal's Singur as part of industrial revival push

The state government wants the Tata Group to return to the Hooghly township, describing it as both an economic necessity and a powerful signal that the state is again open for business. The remarks come at a time when the newly installed BJP government is preparing a fresh land policy that it believes will form the backbone of a renewed industrialisation drive in a state that was once India's manufacturing powerhouse but has steadily lost ground over decades.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/bjp-government-seeks-tata-return-to-west-bengals-singur-as-part-of-industrial-revival-push/articleshow/131403390.cms

World’s first AI-based Sundarbans museum

A landmark step towards preserving and showcasing the ecological and cultural legacy of the Sundarbans was witnessed on International Museum Day as the soft launch of the upcoming Sundarban Museum was successfully held. The event unveiled the vision, galleries and immersive experiences of the international-quality museum being developed on Gosaba Island in the Sundarbans. The museum aims to present the biodiversity, heritage, livelihoods and environmental significance of the world’s largest mangrove forest and UNESCO World Heritage site through an engaging and technology-driven experience.

https://www.thestatesman.com/bengal/worlds-first-ai-based-sundarbans-museum-1503600116.html

Industry seeks investment-friendly budget with tax relief and land reform push

Ahead of the BJP-led Bengal government’s budget later this month, industry bodies have sought a wide-ranging package of tax incentives, land reforms and infrastructure upgrades to improve the state’s investment climate, accelerate industrialisation and enhance ease of doing business. During a pre-budget consultation chaired by additional chief secretary (finance) Prabhat Kumar Mishra, representatives of industry associations called for faster approvals, stronger incentives and improved infrastructure to attract fresh investments.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/bengal-industry-bodies-seek-tax-relief-and-reforms-ahead-of-state-budget-session-prnt/cid/2163710