Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Vikram's big Bengal solar bet targets mega clean energy hub and 12,000 green jobs

Vikram Solar has proposed a ₹27,000-crore investment in Bengal to set up what it describes as a world-class energy transition manufacturing hub, potentially creating 12,000 green jobs and emerging as one of the country's largest clean energy manufacturing investments. The Calcutta-based solar major, which began its operations from the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Falta and now has a global presence, has sought an appointment with the Bengal chief minister to discuss the proposal. The proposal envisages the development of an integrated solar manufacturing ecosystem covering the entire value chain, from ingots and wafers to solar cells and photovoltaic modules. The company has indicated that it would require 700 acres for the project.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/vikram-solar-plans-rs-27000-crore-bengal-clean-energy-hub-with-12000-green-jobs-prnt/cid/2164460

Small tea growers seek separate development board in Bengal to boost sector growth

A proposal sent a letter to Bengal chief minister Suvendu Adhikari, seeking the constitution of the West Bengal Small Tea Growers Development Board. The board can largely help in the improvement of the small tea sector and its stakeholders, as they contribute over 50 per cent of the total tea produced in Bengal. In the letter, the growers have also mentioned that along with their representatives, the board should comprise officials of the Tea Board, the state commerce and industries department and administrations of the tea-producing districts, researchers and scientists. North Bengal has around 50,000 small tea growers and two to three lakh workers are associated with them.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/small-tea-growers-seek-separate-development-board-in-bengal-to-boost-sector-growth-prnt/cid/2164644

Durgapur Set to Get Second Major Steel Plant After 67 Years; ₹35,000 Crore Investment May Transform Industrial Landscape

West Bengal's industrial hub Durgapur is likely to witness a major boost in steel production capacity as plans are underway for a new integrated greenfield steel plant, nearly 67 years after the city got its first major steel facility. According to reports, the proposed project may be developed by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) with an estimated investment of around ₹35,000 crore. The project is being seen as a significant step toward strengthening the industrial ecosystem of the region. The proposed plant is planned to be set up on approximately 500 acres of land near the Andal airport area. Reports suggest that the facility could have an annual production capacity ranging between 3 to 5 million tonnes of steel. A detailed project report (DPR), land survey and groundwork are understood to be underway, while preliminary approvals and clearances are being pursued.

https://english.hindusthansamachar.in/Encyc/2026/6/6/Durgapur-Set-to-Get-Second-Maj.php

Metro eyes Kolkata terminal link; survey gets nod

Metro is eyeing another expansion of Kolkata's rapid transit network, with the Railway Ministry approving a preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey for a new metro corridor linking Kolkata Terminal and Karunamoyee in Salt Lake. The project has been included in Metro Railway's list of surveys and feasibility studies for 2026-27. According to the proposal, the 7-km double-line corridor will run from Kolkata Terminal to Karunamoyee via Khudiram Bose Road, Bagjola Khal and Number 6 Island/Circle in Salt Lake. Metro has earmarked Rs 8 lakh for the preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/metro-eyes-kolkata-terminal-link-survey-gets-nod-663088

Kolkata emerges as Eastern India's Data Hub

Kolkata is steadily strengthening its position as Eastern India's digital infrastructure gateway, with the city's live data centre capacity increasing nearly sixfold over the past decade, according to a report

released by Knight Frank India.The report, India Data Centre Market Update 2025: Tracking Capacity, Demand and Supply Pipeline, said Kolkata's live data centre capacity grew from 3.9 MW in 2016 to 23.1 MW in 2025, registering a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 22 per cent during the period.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/kolkata-emerges-as-eastern-indias-data-hub-662803

Kolkata Airport expands capacity, upgrades passenger facilities

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport has undertaken major infrastructure augmentation measures to enhance passenger convenience and improve operational efficiency amid growing air traffic demand. As part of the expansion, an additional 966 square metres of space has been commissioned at the departure level of the existing terminal building. The newly added area has been developed to ease passenger congestion and increase seating capacity in the domestic departure section as well as the swing gate zone, which caters to both domestic and international travellers. Airport authorities said the facility has already been made operational for passengers.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/nation/kolkata-airport-expands-capacity-upgrades-passenger-facilities-662786

CREDAI Kolkata seeks land, housing reforms

Real estate developers' body CREDAI Kolkata has proposed a series of policy reforms aimed at improving ease of doing business, unlocking land for development and enhancing government revenues. At a pre-budget session held at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, the organisation called for scrapping the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, arguing that easing land ceiling limits would facilitate the development of large housing projects, townships, commercial and industrial hubs, and IT parks. According to the proposal, the move would attract investment, generate employment and help lower housing costs by reducing compliance burdens.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/credai-kolkata-seeks-land-housing-reforms-before-state-budget-662631

Amul to lay foundation stone of Rs 700 crore plant in West Bengal on June 14

West Bengal’s first major investment in the month-long BJP government tenure is going to take shape on June 14 when dairy giant Amul lays the foundation stone of its Rs 700 crore plant. The proposed plant will produce curd in Howrah’s Sankrail area. The project will have Rs 700 crore investments. The factory at the Sankrail Food Park will be built with the capacity to produce a 10 lakh kilograms of dahi, mishti doi, yogurt, lassi and buttermilk every single day and will be processing up to 15 lakh litres of milk every day.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/food/amul-to-lay-foundation-stone-of-rs-700-crore-plant-in-west-bengal-on-june-14/articleshow/131614329.cms

Centre approves Rs 4,000 cr for rural projects in Bengal

Centre has approved the construction of 11 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in Bengal, while also sanctioning funds of Rs 1,700 crore for rural roads under the rural employment scheme and agriculture development. Of this, Rs 1,700 crore will be for agriculture development. Centre has approved Rs 1,000 crore for rural roads, and Rs 500 crore for rural pension schemes. State government restarted the work under rural job schemes, relaunching the programme from Mabeta. Centre had already released Rs 700 crore for the project. Work under rural job schemes have been successfully restarted, under MGNREGS.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/centre-approves-rs-4000-cr-for-rural-projects-in-bengal/articleshow/131619876.cms

JSW Infra secures Kolkata port container terminal bidding

JSW Infrastructure has received a Letter of Award from the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority, pursuant to a competitive bidding process, for the integrated development of the Outer Container Terminal comprising of two berths and five berths at Netaji Subhas Dock (NSD) at the Kolkata Dock System. The project has been awarded on a design, build, finance, operates, and transfer (DBFOT)

basis under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework and is aimed at enhancing container handling capacity, improving operational efficiency, and supporting growing trade volumes in the region.

https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/west-bengal/jsw-infra-secures-kolkata-port-container-terminal-bidding/article71083525.ece

Centre clears Rs 215-crore cargo terminal at Kolkata Port

The Centre has decided to move ahead with a Rs 215.23-crore multi-modal cargo terminal project at Kolkata Port, in a development that could offer one of the first signals of how infrastructure execution unfolds under West Bengal's new political alignment. According to information accessed, the project involves the redevelopment of Kidderpore Dock-II (KPD-II) at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata, into a modern cargo handling terminal through private participation. The proposed facility is expected to add cargo handling capacity of 2.478 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) and will cater to a broad commodity mix including fertilisers, food grains, gypsum, timber and other general cargo, sources indicated.

https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/centre-clears-rs-215-crore-cargo-terminal-at-kolkata-port-amid-new-bengal-political-equation-report-13946801.html

Blackstone acquires South City Mall in Kolkata for Rs 3,250cr

Global investment firm Blackstone has acquired South City Mall, comprising 10 lakh sq ft retail area, in Kolkata for Rs 3,250 crore. Real estate consultant, Anarock was the sole transaction advisor in the deal. South City Mall spans over one million (10 lakh) square feet and the asset generates an average annual turnover of over Rs 1800 crore. Blackstone is committed to continuing South City Group's wonderful work and positioning South City Mall for long-term success, benefiting from their scale, operational expertise, and deep experiences in the retail sector, particularly in India.

https://retail.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/industry/blackstone-acquires-south-city-mall-in-kolkata-for-rs-3250-crore/121908464

FMCG major Emami to acquire majority stake in Vedix, SkinKraft parent co IncNut

The Kolkata-based home-grown FMCG firm announced that it has entered into a binding agreement to acquire a controlling stake in Hyderabad-based IncNut Digital, the parent company of personal care brands Vedix and SkinKraft. The digital personal care market is growing at an incredible pace and IncNut has been a pioneer in building deeply consumer-centric, data-driven personal care brands. The strategic acquisition marks Emami's aggressive expansion into the rapidly growing premium digital-first personal care segment, moving further into the direct-to-consumer (D2C) ecosystem.

https://retail.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/food-entertainment/personal-care-pet-supplies-liquor/fmcg-major-emami-to-acquire-majority-stake-in-vedix-skinkraft-parent-co-incnut/130884849