Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Jupiter Wagons to set up new Vande Bharat, Metro coach plant in Hooghly

City-based Jupiter Wagons is setting up a new manufacturing plant in Hooghly district dedicated to producing Vande Bharat and Metro coaches, marking its largest-ever railway manufacturing facility. The company plans to invest over ₹2,500 crore in the project. The new facility will manufacture Vande Bharat and Metro coaches while creating significant employment opportunities. The plant will come up over 100 acres in Hooghly district, and construction is expected to begin soon after all approvals are received. It will have the capacity to manufacture around 300 coaches annually, with production expected to commence by 2027. The company expects the project to generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/jupiter-wagons-to-set-up-new-vande-bharat-metro-coach-plant-in-hooghly/articleshow/132139410.cms

West Bengal CM Suvendu seeks Canadian investment for Kalyani airport project

CM Suvendu Adhikari sought Canadian investment for the proposed second airport near Kalyani, announced in the recent state budget, during a meeting with Canadian High Commissioner Anita Anand on Monday. The meeting covered a range of investment opportunities. The CM mentioned the new airport project and Canadian investors may look into it, he said. Canadian infrastructure investors have a track record in Indian airport projects. Major investors such as Fairfax and Brookfield, along with several pension funds, may be interested in Bengal. The proposed greenfield airport at Kalyani is planned under the PPP model, with the state in the process of identifying 1,000 acres for the project. Beyond aviation, Canadian companies could also look at other infrastructure opportunities in the state, including ports, roads, renewable energy, IT and defence.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/suvendu-seeks-canadian-investment-for-kalyani-airport-project/articleshow/132073977.cms

Kolkata airport expands capacity, upgrades passenger facilities

As passenger traffic steadily rises, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport is undertaking a series of infrastructure projects aimed at increasing capacity while improving passenger comfort and environmental sustainability. Airport director Vikram Singh said the airport's annual passenger handling capacity is set to rise from 26 million to 28 million through ongoing expansion works. The airport currently handles nearly 21 million passengers every year. To accommodate future growth, the Airports Authority of India has expanded the domestic departure area by nearly 1,000 square metres and is adding around 300 square metres to the international departure section. The integrated terminal, which became operational in 2013, was originally designed to handle 20 million passengers annually.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/kolkata-airport-expands-capacity-upgrades-passenger-facilities-664218

Purulia hills in Bengal may be key to India's rare earth future; mining a major hiccup

The centuries-year-old hills of Purulia, a district located in the westernmost part of West Bengal along the Jharkhand border, may become the next frontier in India's critical mineral mission. Rich deposits of rare earth elements (REEs) hidden beneath the district's ancient geological formations promise jobs, investment and strategic self-reliance. Geological investigations by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the Atomic Minerals Directorate (AMD) have identified substantial deposits of rare earth elements and associated critical minerals across the North Purulia Shear Zone (NPSZ) and the South Purulia Shear Zone (SPSZ). The most significant discovery is the Kalapathar-Raghudih deposit, estimated to contain nearly 0.67 million tonnes of rare earth resources, making it one of eastern India's most important critical mineral prospects. The North Purulia Shear Zone, stretching between Jhalda and Raghunathpur, is known for its enrichment in rare earths, apatite-magnetite and barytes.

https://www.thestatesman.com/cities/kolkata/purilia-hills-in-bengal-may-be-key-to-indias-rare-earth-future-mining-a-major-hiccup-1503611894.html

Fusion CX to invest ₹100 cr in Bengal Silicon Valley campus, plans 9k jobs

Fusion CX, a multinational customer experience and business process solutions provider, said it will invest ₹100 crore over the next three years to set up an IT and ITeS campus at the Bengal Silicon Valley Tech Hub in New Town near Kolkata. The Kolkata-headquartered company said it has secured 1.06 acres of land in Action Area II for the proposed project, which will house an 11-storeyed facility with a built-up area of around 200,000 square feet. The upcoming campus is expected to generate employment for more than 9,000 people at full capacity and further strengthen West Bengal as Fusion CX's largest offshore delivery cluster.

https://www.business-standard.com/technology/tech-news/fusion-cx-to-invest-100-cr-in-bengal-silicon-valley-campus-plans-9k-jobs-126062800134_1.html

L&T plans ₹4,500 crore investment, data centre in Bengal

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) plans to invest more than ₹4,500 crore in Bengal over the next few years, with chairman S.N. Subrahmanyan expected to meet Chief Minister Shuvendu Adhikari next month to discuss the latest investment proposal. Dip Kishore Sen, adviser to the L&T chairman and managing director mentioned that Subrahmanyan is likely to hold a formal meeting with the chief minister in the third week of July after an earlier informal interaction. L&T is nearing completion of the first phase of its software park at Silicon Valley in New Town. Two more phases are planned, taking the total investment in the project to around ₹2,500 crore. The company is also planning a Tier-IV data centre in Kolkata and will apply for land for the project. The proposed 15 MW facility will involve an investment of around ₹2,000 crore.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/lt-plans-rs-4500-crore-investment-data-centre-in-bengal/articleshow/132017565.cms

Bengal BJP Govt's Maiden Budget Announces GCC Policy, Rs 5,000-Crore Investment Framework and AI Data Centre Incentives

In its maiden budget, Bengal's BJP govt announced it would formulate a global capability centre (GCC) policy, after consultation with stakeholders to attract multinational corporations and high-value technology operations, as part of a broader strategy to position the state as a leading destination for investment, manufacturing and innovation. Presenting the state budget, finance minister Swapan Dasgupta said the policy would leverage Bengal's pool of skilled professionals and help shift the state's economy from traditional outsourcing to high-value global business functions. The govt will also introduce a Rs 5,000-crore investment promotion framework, including a new incentive policy, aimed at accelerating industrial development through a cluster-based approach.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-bjp-govts-maiden-budget-announces-gcc-policy-rs-5000-crore-investment-framework-and-ai-data-centre-incentives/articleshow/131913662.cms

Malda: Rare mango varieties to take centre stage

Malda's famous mangoes are all set to captivate visitors at the upcoming Kolkata Mango Fair, with a special focus this year on several rare and endangered indigenous varieties. While iconic mangoes such as Fazli, Langra and Himsagar will remain crowd-pullers, the Malda District Horticulture Department has decided to showcase lesser-known heritage varieties, including Nawab Kusum, Mishrikand, Ashudagi and Rakhalbhog to promote their conservation and introduce them to consumers across the state. Organised jointly by the Food Processing and Horticulture Department, the fair will be held from June 27 to July 5 at the Joibo Haat in New Town, Kolkata. Around 2,000 kilograms of mangoes from Malda will be transported to the event, where the district will have 10 stalls featuring fresh mangoes as well as mango-based products such as pickles, juice and amsatta (mango leather).

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/malda-rare-mango-varieties-to-take-centre-stage-665817

FICCI Hosts Summit to Empower MSME Sector

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized the seventh edition of its flagship event, the FICCI Empower MSME Summit 2026 – East Chapter, in Kolkata. The summit brought together policymakers, industry leaders, financial institutions, technology experts, and MSME stakeholders to deliberate on the theme: 'From Challenges to Opportunities – The MSME Roadmap Ahead'. Shri Ashoke Dinda, Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles, Government of West Bengal, delivered the keynote address. He emphasized that the new West Bengal government is committed to collaborating closely with the Central Government to ensure that the benefits of central welfare schemes reach every eligible MSME in the state. The Minister assured attendees that grievances and issues faced by MSMEs would be resolved within 48 hours, signaling a significant acceleration in the pace of governance and service delivery.

https://ficci.in/event-details/25052610192981

Land being identified for IIT, AIIMS in Siliguri, says Anandamay Barman

After the formation in 2016, the first-ever meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) for Darjeeling district was held on Wednesday at the State Guest House in Siliguri, following the change in government in West Bengal. The meeting was attended by Anandamay Barman, Minister of State for Finance and Transport, Raju Bista, the MP of Darjeeling and senior officials from various government departments. Speaking to the media after the meeting, Minister of State Anandamay Barman indicated that Siliguri could emerge as a potential location for premier institutions such as an IIT and an AIIMS. He said the Central Government has initiated plans to establish major institutions, including an IIT, AIIMS, cancer hospital and many more in North Bengal, and that suitable land is currently being identified in and around Bagdogra.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/land-being-identified-for-iit-aiims-in-siliguri-says-anandamay-barman-666514

From 'nolen gur' to 'sitalpati', 23 more Bengal items bag GI tag, 7 await nod

Bengal has added another feather to its cap in the field of Geographical Indication (GI) recognition, with 23 more traditional products from the state receiving GI tags. The newly GI-tagged products include 'jalbhora' sandesh from Chandernagore, 'monohara' from Janai, Santiniketan batik and Santiniketan ektara from Birbhum, 'mecha' sandesh from Beliatore in Bankura, Banglar 'nolen gur', kanakchur popped rice, clay doll of Krishnanagar, sitalpati of Cooch Behar, Bengal singing bowl from Bikrampur, Balagarh boat from Hooghly, Kolkatti jewellery from Kolkata (see box). The names of the products were included in the registered list of the govt of India

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/from-nolen-gur-to-sitalpati-23-more-bengal-items-bag-gi-tag-7-await-nod/articleshow/132041496.cms

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