Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Mitsubishi eyes semiconductor unit in Bengal

Japanese conglomerate Mitsubishi Group is interested in setting up a semiconductor unit in Bengal. Two representatives of Mitsubishi Chemical Group, Teruo Fujita and Tomofumi Koyama, called on industry minister Tapas Roy and finance minister Swapan Dasgupta to discuss the project. Roy pointed out that the Mitsubishi representatives would visit again in the fourth week of this month for further discussions on the project. He added that the Japanese giant has been offered land in Durgapur and Panagarh for the purpose. The land requirement is not very large, and it will be arranged. GCC and semiconductor projects shall be encouraged.
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/mitsubishi-eyes-bengal-for-semiconductor-unit/articleshow/132266053.cms

173-year-old Howrah railway station to get new platform this month to handle rising train traffic

The Ministry of Railways has planned to commission a new platform at Howrah railway station to handle rising train traffic. With this, the total number of platforms at the 173-year-old railway station will rise to 24. It is one of the oldest and largest railway stations in the country; the history of Howrah station in West Bengal dates back to 1854. Over the years, Howrah Railway Station has undergone expansion multiple times to meet the rising demand. In 1905, six new platforms were added, increasing the total to seven. In 1984, eight more platforms were constructed, increasing the count to 15. A new terminal complex was built in 1992, along with four additional platforms. Later, in 2009, the station was further expanded, raising the total number of platforms to 23. It falls under the administrative control of Eastern Railway's Howrah Division.
https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/173-year-old-howrah-railway-station-new-platform-rising-train-traffic-10771132/

Kolkata Metro likely to receive 14 new-generation rakes in FY27 to boost passenger capacity

Kolkata Metro is likely to receive 14 new-generation rakes in the financial year 2026-27 to enhance passenger capacity and improve operational efficiency. These new trainsets are expected to provide better services to commuters by increasing fleet availability and supporting the growing demand for metro travel. Around 14 rakes are expected to be received during the financial year 2026-27. The rakes will be manufactured by the Chennai-based Integral Coach Factory (ICF). These new-generation rakes will be equipped with three-phase AC motors and automatic sliding doors. The rakes will have a design speed of 90 kmph and an operational speed of 80 kmph.
https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/kolkata-metro-14-new-generation-rakes-fy27-passenger-capacity-10778522/

Malda's Ashapur Brinjal receives GI tag, brings recognition to farmers

In a significant achievement for Malda's horticulture sector, the district's famous Ashapur Brinjal has been awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, granting legal protection and national recognition to the unique agricultural produce. The GI has been registered under GI No. 992 in Class 31 (Brinjal), with the certificate issued and sealed in Chennai on March 27, 2026.The registered proprietor of the GI is the Ashapur Fruits and Vegetables Growers Welfare Society of Kharba in Chanchal-I Block.
https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/maldas-ashapur-brinjal-receives-gi-tag-brings-recognition-to-farmers-666358

Adani Group to set up a ₹2,500 crore Health City in New Town

The Adani group will set up a health city in New Town Action Area 2 with an investment of at least Rs 2,500 crore. This will be the third such facility the conglomerate will set up in the country after Mumbai and Ahmedabad.Sources close to Nabanna said the Suvendu Adhikari govt has approved the project, which is likely to be set up in collaboration with Mayo Clinic of the US and will come up on a 51-acre plot that is already with the Adanis.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/adani-group-to-set-up-rs-2500cr-health-city-in-new-town/articleshow/132170274.cms

Sealdah Division to launch 14 new train services for suburbs from July 6

The Sealdah Railway Division is set to introduce 14 new local train services from July 6, 2026, for the six suburban sections to address the growing daily needs and cut down the peak-hour crowding. According to the officials, these new services will include two electric multiple units (EMU) including an air-conditioned one for Sealdah-Barasat section, two trains also from each Diamond Harbour section, Canning section, Lakkhikantopur section, Dum Dum Cantonment - Hasnabad section, Krishnanagar section, and Shantipur-Krishnanagar-Amghata section.
https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kolkata/sealdah-division-to-launch-14-new-train-services-for-suburbs-from-july-6/article71171074.ece

West Bengal Targets Industrial Revival, Eyes Semiconductor Investments and AI-Led Growth

West Bengal has unveiled an ambitious roadmap to restore its position as one of India's leading industrial destinations, with the State Government prioritising investment, industrial regeneration, technology-driven manufacturing, and employment generation. Addressing an interactive session, Tapas Roy, Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, said the government's foremost objective is to transform the state into the preferred investment destination in Eastern India. Highlighting the government's industrial vision, Roy said equal emphasis will be placed on reviving traditional sectors such as the jute and tea industries while aggressively promoting high-technology sectors including semiconductors, artificial intelligence (AI), data centres, and Global Capability Centres (GCCs). He noted that industrial growth must be driven by both innovation and modernisation, creating sustainable employment opportunities for the state's youth while strengthening Bengal's manufacturing ecosystem.
https://ibgnews.com/2026/07/09/west-bengal-targets-industrial-revival-eyes-semiconductor-investments-and-ai-led-growth/

Bengal govt to kick off industrial revival drive with Shyam Steel, Lux Industries projects

The foundation stones for two major manufacturing expansion projects by Shyam Steel and Lux Industries will be laid in West Bengal later this month, marking some of the first significant industrial investments to be implemented since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) formed the government in the state. Roy said Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari is expected to attend both foundation stone-laying ceremonies, for hosiery major Lux Industries' manufacturing expansion project at Dankuni in Hooghly district on July 11 followed by the launch of diversified steelmaker Shyam Steel's expansion project at Mejia in Bankura district on July 18, underlining the government's focus on accelerating industrial growth and attracting fresh investments into the state. The proposed projects are expected to boost manufacturing capacity, generate employment opportunities and strengthen West Bengal's industrial ecosystem.
https://www.businessaajkal.com/business/bengal-govt-to-kick-off-industrial-revival-drive-with-shyam-steel-lux-industries-projects--minister-30616

West Bengal Notifies Facilitation Centre for Biometric Aadhaar Authentication and Document Verification of GST Registration Applicants

The Commissioner of State Tax, West Bengal, has issued Notification No. 03/2026-C.T./GST dated June 30, 2026, notifying a designated Facilitation Centre for applicants seeking registration under the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax framework in specified jurisdictional areas. The measure is aimed at facilitating biometric-based Aadhaar authentication, taking the photograph of the applicant and verification of original documents uploaded with the GST registration application. Under the revised arrangement, Facilitation Centre GSK-2 has been designated for applicants falling within several specified jurisdictional areas of Kolkata. These include Park Street, Beliaghata, Bhabanipur, New Market, Taltala, Bowbazar, Esplanade, Fairley Place, Chandni Chawk, Princep Street, Colootola, Ezra Street, College Street, Sealdah, Lalbazar and Radhabazar.
https://a2ztaxcorp.net/west-bengal-notifies-facilitation-centre-for-biometric-aadhaar-authentication-and-document-verification-of-gst-registration-applicants/