Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Kolkata Metro Purple Line: Tunnelling work from Kidderpore to Park Street begins

Tunnelling work on Kolkata Metro's Purple Line from Kidderpore to Victoria began with the launch of a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) named 'Durga'. The entire underground stretch to Park Street is targeted for completion by the end of 2026. The launch shaft—measuring 37 metre in length, 22 metre in width, and 17 metre in depth—has been constructed within the premises of St Thomas' School, Khidderpore. Two TBMs, 'Durga' and 'Divya', are being deployed to construct the twin tunnels between Khidderpore and Park Street. Beyond Park Street, the final stretch up to Esplanade will be built using the cut-and-cover method.

https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/kolkata-metro-purple-line-tunnelling-kidderpore-to-park-street-begins-10118295/

PE 12 Flags Backs Sumosave in Middle India's Grocery Value Chain

Sumosave Retail Ventures, founded in 2022 in Kolkata, has secured INR 50 crore in a pre-Series B round led by 12 Flags Group , with additional venture debt from Stride Ventures. While the startup remains in its high-growth phase with revenues currently scaling under the INR 10-50 crore bracket, this fresh injection builds on the $3.3 million previously raised from Lightspeed and other investors. The investment from 12 Flags signals a decisive shift: investors are pivoting away from aggressive cash-burn models toward "disciplined growth."

https://m.dailyhunt.in/news/india/english/retail+updates-epaper-realupdt/pe+12+flags+backs+sumosave+to+disrupt+middle+indias+grocery+value+chain-newsid-n719275716

Tech campuses get go-ahead as TCS, Wipro projects resume in New Town

Upcoming campuses of Tata Consultancy Services and Wipro in New Town are among the under-construction projects that have received the state government's nod to resume work after safety audits. Four under-construction projects of the Ambuja Neotia group in Calcutta are also among the 11 projects that have been cleared. The TCS campus is coming up in New Town's Action Area II, while the Wipro campus is in Action Area III, a government official said. The upcoming Wipro unit is near the southern end of New Town. TCS is building a 20-acre campus at the Bengal Silicon Valley tech hub. The multi-phase project is expected to generate around 25,000 direct jobs. In June last year, the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) approved the building plan for the first phase, covering 9 lakh square feet and including an 11-storey office building. Once complete, the first phase is expected to create employment for 5,000 people.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/kolkata/tech-campuses-get-go-ahead-as-tcs-wipro-projects-resume-in-new-town-prnt/cid/2170252

Garment firms pitch textile hub, Bengal weighs plan to boost jobs and investment

Bengal government will examine a proposal from the garment industry to set up a dedicated textile hub in the state, a move that could potentially attract large-scale investments and create employment opportunities. Speaking at an expo organised by the West Bengal Garment Manufacturers & Dealers Association, MSME and Textiles minister Dipak Barman said the industry had approached the government seeking support for establishing a textile hub. The minister urged the industry to leverage Bengal's traditional strengths in muslin, taant and silk to expand textile and garment exports. Barman added that Bengal has a substantial pool of skilled textile workers, reducing the need for labour

migration outside the state. He also indicated that discussions were underway with industry representatives on issues such as removal of land ceilings and also on incentive structures, and that the government is expected to make announcements on them soon.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/bengal-textile-hub-proposal-gains-support-to-boost-garment-exports-and-investment-prnt/cid/2169960

TCS's new initiative to apply artificial intelligence in industry

Tata Consultancy Services has taken a new step to implement artificial intelligence in industry and business. On Thursday, the company, in collaboration with Google Cloud, launched the 'Gemini Experience Center' (GEC) in Kolkata. Where companies from the retail, consumer goods, travel, tourism and hospitality industries will get the opportunity to create, test and implement AI-based solutions. The company claims that this center will not only be a place to showcase technology, but also act as a joint innovation platform to introduce more and more AI applications in the industry.

https://eisamay.com/business/business-news/tcs-takes-new-measures-for-implementing-ai-in-their-business/200520059.cms

West Bengal to roll out single-window clearance for investments above Rs 100 crore: CM Suvendu Adhikari

West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Saturday announced that his government would introduce a single-window clearance mechanism for investment proposals of Rs 100 crore and above, asserting that land availability would not be a constraint for industries in the state. Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of a new manufacturing facility of Lux Industries at Dankuni in Hooghly district, Adhikari said the government was committed to creating a business-friendly environment and attracting fresh investments. There will be a single-window clearance system for investment proposals worth Rs 100 crore and above. He added that land availability will not be an issue for industry while laying the foundation stone for the Rs 600-crore plant.

https://www.deccanherald.com/india/west-bengal-to-roll-out-single-window-clearance-for-investments-above-rs-100-crore-cm-suvendu-adhikari-4070359

‘Double-engine’ farming: Shivraj Singh Chouhan outlines steps to revive agrarian Bengal

The BJP-led governments — both at the Centre and the state — are focusing on developing Bengal’s farm sector, keeping in mind that only industry would not help ensure the benefits of a “double engine” government as over one-third households in the state solely depend on agriculture. The Centre would frame an agriculture road map for Bengal in association with the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and agricultural universities. Soil in the districts will be tested and suitable crops suggested based on soil test results and the climate of a particular area and launch a drive to give more Kisan Credit Cards to Bengal farmers. For example, there is a lack of agriculture activities in dry districts like Purulia and Jhargram. If the Centre suggests suitable crops for these regions and provides required inputs and imparts training to farmers, the scenario of these districts can change.
https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/double-engine-farming-shivraj-singh-chouhan-outlines-steps-to-revive-agrarian-bengal-prnt/cid/2170081

Flipkart bets on Bengal, deepens investment in logistics, technology and jobs growth

Walmart-owned Flipkart reaffirmed its long-term commitment to Bengal, saying it will deepen investments in the state's supply chain, technology and seller ecosystem, buoyed by a 20 per cent year-on-year growth in the market. The e-commerce major said Bengal is central to its expansion strategy and is home to its largest fulfilment centre in India at Haringhata. Spread across 50 lakh cubic

feet, the automated facility serves as a key logistics hub for the e-commerce major. Beyond Haringhata, Flipkart has built a network of over 300 fulfilment centres, mother hubs and last-mile delivery facilities across the state, supporting more than 1.2 lakh direct and indirect jobs. Its quick commerce arm, Flipkart Minutes, has also set up 90 micro fulfilment centres in Bengal, generating nearly 10,000 employment opportunities.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/business/flipkart-expands-bengal-investment-strengthens-supply-chain-and-seller-network-prnt/cid/2169962