Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

Thakar Dairy invests in Howrah's Uluberia, plans to build new production center in dairy industry

There is good news of new investment in the dairy industry in West Bengal. Thakar Dairy is going to set up a new production plant in Uluberia, Howrah at a cost of Rs 250 crore. It is planned to start production within a year. The project is expected to create direct and indirect employment for more than 1,000 people. The new factory will be primarily export-oriented, sending milk and dairy products to foreign markets. The foundation of the food processing industry in Howrah is being strengthened, which is in line with the state's industrial policy. The new industrial policy will include land, incentives and investment support.

https://eibanglarmukh.com/investment-of-250-crore-rupees-in-thacker-dairy-howrah-hope-for-success-in-dairy-industry-in-new-production-center/

Tram revival, expansion planned with new Dakshineswar-Kalighat route

All defunct tram routes in the city will be revived, and a new route is being planned between Dakshineswar and Kalighat, with a possibility of extending the network to New Town, transport minister Arjun Singh said. The State will revive all the tram routes that used to exist, around 70 of them. There is planning for a new route connecting Dakshineswar and Kalighat and will also explore the possibility of extending the network to New Town. Tram enthusiasts have long demanded restoration of services in parts of the city, where the first horse-drawn tram ran from Sealdah to Armenian Ghat on February 24, 1873.

https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/kolkata/tram-revival-expansion-planned-with-new-dakshineswar-kalighat-route-prnt/cid/2168175

Bengal govt seeks inputs from businessmen for new industrial policy

The West Bengal government held a nearly three-hour meeting with leading industrialists and representatives of business chambers as it moved towards finalising a new industrial policy. The meeting at state secretariat Nabanna was attended by Chief Secretary Manoj Agarwal, Commerce and Industries Minister Tapas Roy and Labour and Transport Minister Arjun Singh. Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta and Tourism Minister Shankar Ghosh also joined the deliberations briefly. The consultation assumes significance as the BJP-led government of Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari seeks to position West Bengal as an investment destination and restore industrial activity and employment in a state where land acquisition has long remained a politically sensitive issue. The government has been working on a new industrial policy as well as a new incentive policy, with the stated objective of attracting investment and creating jobs.

https://theprint.in/india/bengal-govt-seeks-inputs-from-businessmen-for-new-industrial-policy/3011760/

Bengal identifies land for Bhavya industrial parks

The state govt has identified two land parcels in Nadia and Paschim Burdwan to set up industrial parks under the Centre’s Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (Bhavya) scheme, even as it prepares to roll out a new industrial policy by the end of this month. The state has identified 118.5 acres at Dhubulia in Nadia and around 148.6 acres at Hirapur near Asansol in Paschim Burdwan as potential sites for the scheme. The West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited (WBIDCL) will be the state nodal agency for implementing the scheme in Bengal. Bhavya, approved by the Union cabinet in March 2026, has a financial outlay of Rs 33,660 crore over six years from 2026-27 to 2031-32. The scheme aims to develop 100 world-class plug-and-play industrial parks across the country.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-identifies-land-for-bhavya-industrial-parks/articleshow/133069059.cms

West Bengal showcased its MSME Success Journey at Bhartiya Vyapar Mahotsav 2026

Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav (BVM) 2026 -- India's largest Make-In-India multi-sectoral trade expo is designed to bring together India's diverse business ecosystem under one roof, connecting traders, MSMEs, manufacturers, industry leaders, institutions, and policymakers from across the country. West Bengal is set to present its vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem, distinctive craftsmanship and emerging business opportunities at the Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav 2026, with a dedicated MSME pavilion showcasing the State's progressive initiatives, indigenous products, modern enterprise platforms and investment potential. Under the visionary

leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Suvendu Adhikari, the Government of West Bengal has placed strong emphasis on strengthening the MSME ecosystem as a catalyst for employment, entrepreneurship, inclusive growth and sustainable economic development. The State's participation at this national business platform will bring this transformation to the forefront, presenting Bengal not only through its celebrated craft traditions, but also through its evolving landscape of technology, innovation and enterprise.

https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/business/west-bengal-showcased-its-msme-success-journey-at-bhartiya-vyapar-mahotsav-2026/amp/?utm=relatedarticles

India Energy Week moves to Kolkata, to be held from Jan 28-31 next year

India Energy Week (IEW) will move to Kolkata next year, a year after a Rs 1,000-crore exhibition-cum-convention centre in Goa was inaugurated and touted as a permanent venue for the annual energy conference. The next edition of India Energy Week (IEW) will be held from January 28 to 31, 2027, at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in New Town, Kolkata, according to an announcement on the event's LinkedIn page. IEW has become the world's largest energy gathering, and 2027 will be bigger withglobal CEOs, policymakers, investors and innovators converging on India.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/business/india-energy-week-moves-to-kolkata-to-be-held-from-jan-28-31-next-year-671593

32nd Kolkata Int'l Film Festival from Dec 16 to 23

Finally, there's good news for the city's cine lovers. The 32nd edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival will take place from December 16 to 23. Actor Prosenjit Chatterjee announced the dates for KIFF 2026 at Nandan. He was joined by IAS officer Saumitra Mohan, Secretary to Bengal Governor RN Ravi, and Minister of State for Information and Cultural Affairs Purnima Chakraborty. This will be the first time the BJP government is organising the city's most coveted film event, following the change in power in West Bengal.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/32nd-kolkata-intl-film-festival-from-dec-16-to-23-672209

New railway line through Siliguri Corridor gets nod

A fourth railway line through the strategically important 'Chicken's Neck', also known as the Siliguri Corridor, has been approved by the Centre. Northeast Frontier Railway General Manager Chetan Kumar Shrivastava said the Malda-New Jalpaiguri section is a crucial rail corridor connecting the Northeast with other parts of the country. A third line had earlier been proposed for the section, but approval has now been accorded for a fourth line as well. In addition, the nearly 29-km double-line underground project between Tinmai Ghat and Bagdogra is another important infrastructure initiative.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/nation/new-railway-line-through-siliguri-corridor-gets-nod-672246