Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers

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Key Developments

LTM Inaugurates its New Global Delivery & AI Competency Center in Kolkata

LTM, the Business Creativity partner to the world's largest enterprises, today inaugurated its new Global Delivery & AI Competency Center in Kolkata. The move reinforces L&T Group's long-term commitment to West Bengal as a strategic technology and innovation hub. The center was inaugurated by Shri Suvendu Adhikari, Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal. The ceremony was also attended by Shri S. N. Subrahmanyan, Chairman & Managing Director, Larsen & Toubro and senior leadership of L&T and LTM, alongside other dignitaries. The Global Delivery & AI Competency Center in Kolkata represents an important milestone in LTM's growth journey in India and reflects the company's continued investment in regional expansion, talent development and technology innovation. The facility will support LTM's growing global delivery capabilities and AI ambition while creating new opportunities for skilled professionals across West Bengal and the neighbouring states.

https://www.ltm.com/news-events/press-releases/2026/ltm-opens-global-delivery-and-ai-center

Digha emerges as a potential location for Haldia Petrochemicals' proposed AI data center

Digha has now emerged as a possible location for Haldia Petrochemicals' proposed AI Data Centre. The company is looking for about 100 acres of land in Digha for the project. This is a major change from the original plan. Earlier, the Haldia Development Authority had identified several plots in Haldia. But now the search has shifted to Digha. The state government is keen on attracting investment in the AI and digital infrastructure sectors. If this project gets approved, it will be a big achievement for West Bengal.

https://kolkata24x7.in/west-bengal/haldia-petrochemicals-ai-data-centre-digha/

Centre clears Andhra Pradesh route for Kharagpur-Amaravati high-speed road corridor

The central government has approved the 457-kilometre alignment within Andhra Pradesh for a Kharagpur to Amaravati High-Speed Road Corridor connecting West Bengal to the state's capital region. The Alignment Approval Committee of the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) cleared the specific route, which connects Kharagpur in West Bengal directly to the Amaravati Outer Ring Road near Agiripalli. The new greenfield expressway will span 1,107 kilometres and run through West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, aiming to establish a massive multi-state transit network. Officials said the Andhra Pradesh portion of the road project would be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 32,000 crore.

https://www.maritimegateway.com/centre-clears-andhra-pradesh-route-for-kharagpur-amaravati-high-speed-road-corridor/

Kumortuli is getting ready for a big change before Durga Pujo

Adani Group is redeveloping a 300-metre stretch along the Hooghly with a promenade, seating, boating, food and exhibition spaces, while keeping the old temples, houses and heritage character intact. The best part: 300+ artisans should benefit from better working conditions and year-round visibility. If done well, this can turn Kumortuli from a seasonal Pujo destination into a permanent heritage-tourism landmark for Kolkata.

https://x.com/HemanNamo/status/2091026358327787907

Titagarh Rail Systems inaugurates Design & Operations Centre in West Bengal

Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL) on Friday inaugurated a new Design & Operations Centre at its Passenger Rail Systems facility in Uttarpara, West Bengal, strengthening its in-house design, engineering and operational capabilities. The facility will serve as a hub for advanced engineering, design-led innovation and technology development, supporting Titagarh's growing portfolio across passenger rail systems. The company said the inauguration reinforces its commitment to building

world-class rail manufacturing capabilities in India, particularly in Bengal, and to strengthening West Bengal's position in India's evolving rail manufacturing ecosystem. It also supports Titagarh's "Make in India, Make for the World" approach.

https://infra.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/railways/titagarh-rail-systems-inaugurates-design-operations-centre-in-west-bengal/133418087

Govt's Tollywood revival plan: New SOP, film policy & single-window clearance

Chief Minister, Suvendu Adhikari's BJP government in West Bengal is going the extra length to form a collaborative framework between producers, technicians, guilds and government in order to revive the industry and make Bengal an attractive destination for film and TV production. Recently, Dr Saumitra Mohan, IAS, Secretary, Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, met representatives of producers' associations, technicians' guilds, Federation office bearers, directors, MLAs and officers of the Information & Cultural Affairs Department at Nandan. At the meeting, the representatives of the various guilds requested the government to facilitate the immediate reopening of the Federation office.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/govts-tollywood-revival-plan-new-sop-film-policy-single-window-clearance-673855

Bengal govt forms 24-member panel to advise on Kolkata Book Fair

The 50th International Kolkata Book Fair, one of Asia's largest literary events, will be the first edition to be organised under the new BJP government in West Bengal. Keen to make the landmark edition bigger and better than those held under the previous regime, the Suvendu Adhikari government has constituted a 24-member committee to advise on and fine-tune the organisation of the fair. The committee brings together representatives from the Ramakrishna Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangha and the Publishers and Booksellers Guild, among others. However, the Guild's current secretary, Tridib Kumar Chattopadhyay, and president, Sudhangshu Sekhar Dey, have not been included in the panel.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/bengal-govt-forms-24-member-panel-to-advise-on-kolkata-book-fair-673694

Kolkata to host India Energy Week 2027

Kolkata is set to host the next edition of India Energy Week (IEW) from January 28 to 31, 2027, with the event scheduled at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in New Town. The move marks another major international event for the city after the International Yoga Day celebrations and comes after the BJP-led government at the Centre stepped up its focus on Kolkata. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had reportedly favoured Kolkata as the venue for the energy gathering. IEW brings together industry leaders, policymakers, investors, innovators and technology pioneers to discuss the global energy landscape. The 2027 edition is expected to focus on clean-energy transition and India's push for energy self-reliance. ONGC announced the event on social media, saying India's biggest energy conversations would be heading east to the "City of Joy".

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/kolkata-to-host-india-energy-week-2027-673220

Siliguri Dist Hosp to go paperless, dialysis beds to be doubled

The Siliguri District Hospital will be gradually transformed into a completely paperless hospital as part of a major modernisation plan. The number of dialysis beds will also be doubled from five to 10 also. The hospital will introduce a fully computerised system in phases, including e-prescriptions, e-reports and e-billing. The move is aimed at making the preservation of patient records and various administrative and medical processes faster and more efficient. although the hospital was originally designed to cater to around 500 patients, nearly 2,000 patients currently seek treatment every day. The existing infrastructure is therefore unable to adequately accommodate the growing patient load.

https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/siliguri-dist-hosp-to-go-paperless-dialysis-beds-to-be-doubled-673688

Mega Taxi Drivers Meet Maruti, Huge Number of Car Bookings

Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL), one of the country's leading car manufacturers, organized a mega taxi drivers' meet for free health check-ups, eye check-ups and booking of their cars. More than 250 taxi drivers attended the event at a banquet hall in the city where a large number of cars from the taxi segment were also booked. A large number of taxi drivers said that MSIL's Dzire Tour S and WagonR Tour S CNG are on their list of choices. The mileage of both the cars is very similar, which has also helped in increasing their profit figures. They also praised Maruti Suzuki's service network.

https://eisamay.com/business/business-news/mega-meet-maruti-kolkata-taxi-drivers-on-thursday/200536010.cms

Chief Minister to give land to 33 industrialists, 'business friendly' message

Chief Minister Subhendu Adhikari will soon give land to 33 artisans to set up factories by holding a 'business conclave'. His goal is to make West Bengal self-reliant instead of dependent on allowances. And to achieve that goal, the BJP leadership is also repeatedly giving the message of creating a 'business-friendly' environment in the state. CM described the potential investment opportunities in Bengal in the near future at a private media event. On October 14, a new project worth 6,000 crore rupees of the Purnendu Chatterjee group is coming to Haldia. The Chief Minister also claimed that the communication system has also changed positively after the BJP came to power.

https://eisamay.com/west-bengal-news/kolkata-news/cm-suvendu-adhikari-hand-over-land-to-33-industrialists-at-business-conclave/200535441.cms

GRSE Warship Model Unveiled to Showcase Defence Self-Reliance

A large-scale model of an advanced Indian Navy warship has been unveiled at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata, highlighting India’s growing capabilities in indigenous defence manufacturing. The installation showcases India’s focus on self-reliance in warship building and is expected to attract the attention of passengers travelling through the airport. The 20-metre-long model represents the Project 17A Himgiri-class advanced guided-missile frigate. It has been installed in the city-side open area outside the airport terminal building. The model has been designed, installed and will be maintained by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE). GRSE has played an important role in the construction of Project 17A frigates. The first GRSE-built frigate, Himgiri, was delivered to the Indian Navy on July 31, 2025.

https://aviationjeta.com/kolkata-airport-news-grse-warship-model-unveiled-to-showcase-defence-self-reliance/