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Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers
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Key Developments

Investment Proposals Worth Rs 60,000 Crore Received, Will Generate 62,000 Jobs: West Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari

West Bengal Hon'ble Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari said his government had handed over land allocation letters to 33 industrial entities to push industrialisation in the state. Investment proposals worth approximately Rs 60,000 crore have been received in the state with the potential to generate around 62,000 direct and indirect jobs. The list of projects includes sectors such as semiconductors, defense, solar power, electric vehicles, pharmaceuticals, steel, food processing, textiles, engineering, and MSME. The Chief Minister said his government aims not only to allocate land but also to reduce administrative bottlenecks hindering investments. He announced the introduction of a new industrial land policy before Durga Puja which will incorporate provisions for direct land purchase, land pooling, and a single-window system for large projects. There are also plans to expedite approvals from various departments through a centralized mechanism for investments exceeding Rs 100 crore. The Chief Minister also announced an incentive fund of Rs 5,000 crore to boost the industrial sector. The fund would be linked not only to the volume of investment but also to employment generation. The government also plans to distribute projects across various parts of the state, thereby reshaping the industrial landscape. The Chief Minister said proposals for land allocation have emerged for several industrial zones, including Panagarh, Raghunathpur, Kharagpur, Falta, Uluberia, Kalyani, Naihati, Haringhata, and Cooch Behar. A significant tract of land has been allocated in Raghunathpur for a defence manufacturing project. The Chief Minister highlighted the potential link between major industrial investments and the rural economy, citing examples ranging from Amul to Reliance. Mentioning Amul's dairy project, he announced plans to allocate land for it in Panagarh and Siliguri. He noted that the initiative would benefit not just the unit, but also the rural economy linked to milk procurement and dairy farming. Reliance Group is interested in investing in five or six sectors in West Bengal. Referring to a meeting with Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani in Mumbai, he indicated that a delegation from the company might visit the state soon. Regarding the healthcare sector, the Chief Minister highlighted a major investment- the Adani Group's proposed 2,000-bed hospital in New Town. The foundation stone for the project has already been laid, and the government is showcasing it as a prime example of large-scale health infrastructure and investment in the state. Government sources revealed that for 33 projects, conditions have been set requiring work to progress within a specified timeframe after the land is handed over. In essence, the real challenge now lies in ensuring that industrial land does not remain idle but actually leads to the commencement of factory operations and production. The Chief Minister said his government will provide a power subsidy of Rs 2 per unit to nearly four lakh farmers of the state. He said farmers of the state will get an enhanced support of Rs 9,000, instead of Rs 6,000, under the PM-Kisan scheme.
https://www.etvbharat.com/en/state/suvendu-announces-power-subsidy-of-rs-2-per-unit-for-farmers-enn26092504298

Adani Group to Invest Rs. 1 tn in West Bengal by 2035

Adani Group has outlined investments of more than Rs. 1 tn across ports, logistics, energy, roads, green cement and data centres in West Bengal by 2035. Chairman Gautam Adani described the state as the group's eastern base and said its geography, talent and economic potential supported wider industrial development. The announcement was made at the foundation stone-laying ceremony for Adani Arogya Mandir, a 2,000-bed healthcare and health city project in New Town, Kolkata. Spread across 51.75 acres at the Bengal Silicon Valley Tech Hub, the project involves an investment of more than Rs. 40 bn and is being implemented by the Adani Foundation. The not-for-profit institution will include a multispeciality hospital, step-down facilities and transitional care services. It is expected to serve more than 200,000 inpatients and over 2 mn outpatients annually, while creating around 10,000 jobs. About 1,000 of the 2,000 beds will be reserved for economically weaker sections and covered through state and central health insurance schemes. West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari laid the foundation stone and said the project would support medical tourism. He said Karan Adani, managing director of Adani Ports & SEZ, had discussed the hospital proposal after the chief minister took charge on May 9. The group also announced support for the revitalisation of Kumartuli Ghat. It signed two memoranda of understanding with the state government covering restoration of the historic Writers' Building and the promotion of Kolkata's Durga Puja internationally through The Durga Puja Adani Preview. Speaking at the Indian Chamber of Commerce annual session, Gautam Adani said the next phase of India's growth should create new economic centres in the eastern region. He identified West Bengal as an important part of the country's ambition to generate its next Rs. 1 tn of growth.

https://www.constructionworld.in/policy-updates-and-economic-news/adani-group-to-invest-rs.-1-tn-in-west-bengal-by-2035/97853

Bengal tourism draws Rs 12,534cr investment proposals

The state govt on Sunday received investment proposals worth Rs 12,534 crore from 37 investors for development of the tourism sector, with Ambuja Neotia Group proposing the highest investment of Rs 3,015 crore in the urban and business luxury segment. State tourism minister Shankar Ghosh on Monday shared details of the investment outcome of the tourism investors' meet held on Sunday on social media. Arya Tea Co Ltd submitted the second-highest investment proposal of Rs 915 crore for tea tourism and hill resorts, followed by Sree Balaji Group, which proposed to invest Rs 800 crore in heritage, wellness and eco-tourism. In the urban and business luxury segment, KK Group and Merlin Group proposed investments of Rs 700 crore and Rs 650 crore respectively, while The Park put forward a proposal of Rs 575 crore and MLA Group Rs 550 crore. Luxmi Group proposed an investment of Rs 400 crore in the tea tourism and hill resorts segment. In the heritage and wellness segment, Sonar Bangla Hotel Group proposed an investment of Rs 605 crore, the second-highest after Sree Balaji Group. According to the proposals, the investments are expected to generate 21,814 direct jobs across different segments of the tourism sector. The proposed projects will be spread across three regional investment footprints — North Bengal, the South and Central corridor, and the greater Kolkata and coastal region.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/bengal-tourism-draws-rs-12534cr-investment-proposals/articleshow/134545968.cms

Kolkata airport to get more room for flights after Rs 337 crore apron expansion

The apron area at Kolkata airport — where aircraft are parked, loaded and unloaded, refuelled and serviced between flights — is set for a major expansion worth Rs 337 crore on the southern side of the terminal building as part of a larger plan to augment the airport's airside capacity and prepare it to handle rising passenger traffic. The project is scheduled to be completed over the next three years and will add operational space for aircraft parking, servicing and ground handling. The airport handled around 1.1 crore passengers in the first half of 2025, nearly matching the corresponding pre-pandemic 2019 figure, and around 2.2 crore passengers during the full year. The apron project is part of a series of capacity augmentation measures at the airport. The integrated terminal's annual passenger-handling capacity has recently been raised from 2.6 crore to 2.8 crore. Additional passenger space has been created in the departure areas, including expanded seating and passenger facilities. The international section is also being expanded, with around 60,000 sq ft of additional space planned in the southern part of the terminal. The expansion will provide room for reorganising immigration and customs facilities and adding passenger amenities, retail and food-and-beverage outlets. AAI has also expanded the domestic departure area by 993 sqm and is adding another 300 sqm to the international departure section. Runway handling capacity has increased from 35 to 45 flights per hour with the addition of new taxiways and rapid-exit corridors. The airport's larger redevelopment plan envisages increasing annual passenger-handling capacity to around 4.5 crore by 2032-33. The old domestic terminal is proposed to be demolished to make way for a new U-shaped international terminal with 21 aerobridges. Aircraft parking bays are planned to increase from 73 to 132. Two new taxi tracks have also facilitated wide-body aircraft operations and improved ground movement. Other major upgrades include a new ATC tower, Metro connectivity and an advanced CAT III airfield landing system.
https://www.kolkatacalling.com/news-details/current-affairs-breaking-news/kolkata-airport-to-get-337-crore-expansion-to-handle-45-crore-passengers-by-203233

SAIL, BCCL sign MoU to jointly develop two West Bengal coal blocks

Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCCL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly develop and operate two coal blocks in West Bengal, as the companies seek to increase domestic coking coal production. The agreement covers SAIL's Indikatta Ramnagore coal block and BCCL's East of Damagoria (Kalyaneshwari) coal block in West Bengal. The two blocks have a combined peak rated capacity (PRC) of 4 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). Phase I of the integrated mining arrangement is estimated to have around 79 million tonnes of extractable reserves. Under the proposed integrated mining arrangement, mining and overburden management will be coordinated across the two blocks. Mining will be carried out at the Kalyaneshwari block, with dumping at the Ramnagore block during Phase I. The arrangement will be reversed in Phase II. The MoU aims to enable the integrated utilisation of coal resources, increase domestic coking coal production, and support the availability of raw materials for the Indian steel industry. The initiative is also aligned with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision.
https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/coal/sail-bccl-sign-mou-to-jointly-develop-two-west-bengal-coal-blocks/134497983

Howrah station area set for a facelift with skywalk, subways, and 13-storey hub

The area around Howrah Railway Station area is set for an infrastructure overhaul, with the West Bengal government planning a 13-storey mixed-use complex at the existing bus terminal site, a skywalk linking it to the station and a Rs 45-crore upgrade of two subways. The proposed complex, estimated to cost Rs 250-300 crore, will have a bus terminus on the ground floor with separate levels for app-cabs, traditional taxis as well as a two-wheeler and four-wheeler parking. Plans also include an air-conditioned passenger lounge and digital display systems. The upper floors are planned to accommodate retail units, a shopping mall, food court, auditorium and an affordable AC lodging with a multiplex on the top floor. A skywalk proposed by the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) will connect the complex with Howrah station. The current plan for it is to extend up to Platform 8, allowing passengers to access Platform 1 to 8 although officials said the final alignment would be decided after the Detailed Project Report (DPR) is prepared. The proposed infrastructure is aimed at improving movement in an area through which around 60 lakh passengers pass daily, according to officials. The state also plans to spend Rs 45 crore on renovating the station's 350-metre main subway and 50-metre ferry ghat subway. The work will include granite flooring, PVC ceilings, LED lighting, escalators, CCTV cameras, fire-safety systems and digital signage. Officials said work is expected to begin after Durga Puja and be completed before Puja 2027

https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/howrah-station-area-skywalk-subways-storey-hub-10897052/

Centre plans major aviation infra push in West Bengal

A major infrastructure boost from the Centre is planned for West Bengal's aviation sector. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to develop civil aviation infrastructure at four locations in the eastern state – at Hasimara, Kalaikunda, Malda and Balurghat. AAI and the Government of West Bengal are scheduled to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Kolkata next month, which will establish a framework for the coordinated implementation of the projects. Under the proposed arrangement, the responsibilities of AAI and the State government will be defined to facilitate coordinated implementation. Accordingly, the Government of West Bengal would facilitate the availability of land required for the civil enclaves and airports, free from all encumbrances. Besides, the State would extend support for statutory clearances, external infrastructure and inter-departmental coordination to enable timely implementation. The proposed transfer of Balurghat Airport back to AAI would facilitate systematic planning and phased infrastructure development. Meanwhile, the civil enclaves at Hasimara and Kalaikunda would provide facilities for civilian air operations at the existing Air Force stations. These projects, are envisaged to support tourism, trade, agriculture, healthcare, education and industrial development, while creating employment opportunities and driving economic growth. Furthermore, the proposal places the initiatives within the Ministry of Civil Aviation's broader efforts to expand regional connectivity and optimise existing aviation infrastructure. The proposal envisages these projects as part of an expanded regional aviation network, linking infrastructure development with opportunities across the sectors identified in the proposal. In addition, the plan proposes developing modern, efficient and future-ready airports, in line with the broader national vision of Viksit Bharat. However, the details shared so far do not specify project costs, construction timelines or dates for the commencement of passenger services. Additionally, sources said that specific project costs would be worked out subsequently within the framework of the MoU.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/centre-plans-major-aviation-infra-push-in-west-bengal/article71516609.ece?utm_campaign=mrf-twitter-businessline&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&mrfcid=202609286ab9e2a82db6350283862baf

Chingrighata-Sector V Orange Line trial run set to start on Oct 10

Trial runs on Beleghata-Sector V (IT Centre) stretch of New-Garia Airport Metro corridor, also known as Orange Line, will start from Oct 10. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), the implementing agency for Orange Line, is targeting a commercial run till Sector V from Christmas. A 366-metre gap on the elevated corridor, between Chingrighata crossing and Sukantanagar, had been bridged recently with RVNL launching girders, erecting the viaducts and laying the tracks. On Sept 17, a 'push trolley' inspection on Beleghata (Metropolitan)-IT Centre section was completed. Oct 10, which is the day of Mahalaya, when the trial run has been planned, is also the day when PM Narendra Modi is likely to be in Kolkata for a mega Durga Puja event at Eden Gardens. Orange Line is now operational on an over 9km stretch between Kavi Subhas and Beleghata stations. Once trains start running till Sector V, Orange Line will be operational on a stretch spanning over 14km and the passenger count on Orange Line is expected to witness a sharp rise.
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/chingrighata-sector-v-orange-line-trial-run-set-to-start-on-oct-10/articleshow/134524807.cms

Nitin Gadkari says Rs 61,500 crore, 630-km highway corridor to link Siliguri with Guwahati, Shillong; high-speed between UP & North East in works to cut travel time drastically

High-speed highway connectivity is in the works for the North-East connecting it to Uttar Pradesh in the future. Road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari said that the government will soon take up construction of a 630-km corridor linking Siliguri in West Bengal with Guwahati in Assam and Shillong in Meghalaya. The project is estimated to cost Rs 61,500 crore. The road transport ministry has also initiated an expressway connectivity project between Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh and Siliguri. Once these projects are complete, a high-speed highway connectivity will be established between Uttar Pradesh and the North East. Speaking at an event, Road transport and highways minister described the 630-km corridor as the "lifeline" of the North East. The project will combine new greenfield stretches with the upgradation of existing highways, with the aim of providing seamless connectivity across the entire route. The first part of the corridor will cover the 400-km stretch between Siliguri and Guwahati and is expected to involve an investment of Rs 30,000 crore. Road transport and highways minister said the alignment for this section is currently awaiting approval. The second section will link Jorabat in Guwahati with Barapani in Shillong. The greenfield road will bring down the existing distance from 100 km to 66 km. It will also reduce the travel time from around two-and-a-half hours to just one hour. The third leg will be a 165-km greenfield highway connecting Shillong with Silchar. The work order for this section is expected to be issued in November. This corridor will reduce the current 230 km to barely 165 km. The travel time will also be reduced by half - from the current eight hours to only four hours. 265 projects spanning around 4,700 km are currently being undertaken in Assam. These projects have an estimated cost of nearly Rs 2 lakh crore. In addition, another 31 projects covering approximately 1,470 km have been planned at an estimated cost of Rs 92,000 crore. A cumulative Rs 6.11 lakh crore was spent on development in the North Eastern Region (NER) between 2014-15 and 2024-25, against a cumulative allocation of Rs

6.02 lakh crore (RE), according to government data. In addition, several infrastructure projects have been completed across different sectors through various schemes of the Union government. The National Highway network in the North Eastern Region has expanded considerably. The total length of National Highways increased from 10,905 km in 2014 to 16,207 km as of March 31, 2025. Over the past decade, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has also led to the construction of 46,296 km of rural roads across the NER, involving expenditure of Rs 47,279 crore. Railway investment in the North Eastern Region has risen substantially in recent years. The annual budget allocation for the railway sector has increased from Rs. 2,122 crore during the 2009-14 period to Rs. 10,440 crore in FY 2025-26.Several railway projects currently under implementation are aimed at strengthening infrastructure connectivity under the Act East Policy. These include the Bhairabi-Sairang New Line (51 km), Agartala-Sabroom New Line (112 km), Agartala-Akhaura New Line (5 km), Jiribam-Imphal New Line (111 km) and Murkongselek-Pasighat New Line (27 km).Air Connectivity: The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) introduced the Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN) on October 21, 2016. The scheme follows a market-driven approach, under which the development of regional air connectivity routes is determined by market forces. Airlines evaluate demand and supply requirements for individual routes and take the lead in the process under the scheme.In the North Eastern states, Pasighat, Tezu, Hollongi, Jorhat, Lilabari, Rupsi, Tezpur, Dimapur, Shillong and Pakyong have been identified for the development and operation of RCS flights under UDAN. A total of 90 routes have been operationalised under the scheme.
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/nitin-gadkari-says-rs-61500-crore-630-km-highway-corridor-to-link-siliguri-with-guwahati-shillong-high-speed-between-up-north-east-in-works-to-cut-travel-time/articleshow/134558905.cms

Centre sanctions ₹1,175 crore for six-lane Teesta bridge to boost connectivity

The Central government has sanctioned ₹1,175 crore to build a six-lane bridge across the River Teesta in West Bengal's Darjeeling district, which is expected to strengthen connectivity between the Siliguri corridor in north Bengal, Sikkim and the Northeast. The project includes constructing an alternative major bridge and its approaches on NH-10 (formerly NH-31), managed by the National Highways Authority of India. The new bridge aims to ease traffic pressure on the age-old Coronation Bridge, strengthening connectivity to Sikkim and Northeast India. The proposed bridge will significantly strengthen connectivity between Sikkim, the North-Eastern states and the Siliguri Corridor, facilitating smoother movement of passengers and freight. The project will support regional integration, trade and commerce, tourism and logistics, while contributing to sustained socio-economic development across the region. The existing Coronation Bridge, popularly known as Bagh Pool, is situated around 2 km uphill from the location of the proposed alternative bridge at Sevoke. At present, only a railway bridge exists near the place where the construction of the alternative bridge is sanctioned. When the alternative bridge is completed, the travelling distance between Sevoke in Darjeeling district and Ellenbari in Jalpaiguri district will be reduced by around 10 km.
https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/centre-sanctions-rs-1-175-crore-for-six-lane-teesta-bridge-to-boost-connectivity-101790865030754.html