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"Our aim is to increase exchange of students and teachers between Bengal and Italy."

- Bruno Campria,
Consul General of Italy

Upcoming Events

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Physically Challenged get Pictorial Software for Communication

Webel Mediatronics Ltd. has developed a unique software to meet the need of physically challenged people. This software is known as Pictorial wherein 2000 pictures selected by Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy have been loaded. This is an audio-visual software which comes with a specially designed keypad and foot-switch for the visually challenged people. The software is not very expensive to install either. Institutes for the physically challenged will find this tool highly beneficial in teaching students to communicate with people. IT department in Government of West Bengal has been trying relentlessly to add value to the life of people and this development is indeed an important accomplishment.

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More funds for start up companies

Following the funding to companies in the areas of Education, Radio frequency identification technology (RFID), and Semi-conductor, the State Venture Capital Fund company, a wholly owned subsidiary company of state nodal agency Webel, is being geared up to pump in more funds to promote start up high value companies. Out of a total corpus of Rs 25 crore, a substantial fund has already been disbursed through the designated Venture Capital Fund Company. A number of Projects are under consideration for fresh funding.

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Kolkata to get a world University

Kolkata has been selected to get one of the proposed World Universities under the 11th Five Year Plan which will have state-of-the-art research and technology amenities. This university will have world class facilities and the location near the city will help to attract students. The university will have the best in class infrastructure and teachers to maintain a very high standard of education. The state will also get model colleges in 18 districts and the process of selecting such colleges has already begun. On meeting the criteria, these colleges will get regular grant from UGC to improve their infrastructure and facilities.

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Mittal R&D center in Kolkata

Arcelor-Mittal has requested for land in Kolkata for setting up its Research and Development center. The center will be a global hub for Design, Engineering and Shared services to provide captive consultancy to the plants around the world. Availability of high caliber human resource is one of the major reasons which prompted the company to decide on the center in Kolkata.

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German language course arrives at Salt Lake Electronics Complex

In order to enable students to upgrade their language skills, to improve job prospects and working with German clients on various projects, a city based IT company Descon Ltd. brought the facility of Max Mullar Bhavan in Sector V, Salt Lake. The company will teach the language to aspiring students in IT community. "Learning German will significantly improve job prospects in the global economy. It will be easier for companies to interact with clients and forge business ties" said Mr. Reimar Volkar, The Director of Maxmullar Bhavan. Six different courses on German language with a span of three months each are offered.

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Bengal and Italy comes closer in education

Eleven Italian Universities will be collaborating with four Universities in Bengal to bring in more interaction in higher education between Italy and Bengal. Calcutta, Jadavpur, Rabindra Bharati and Burdwan Universities will have this facility with eleven Italian Universities which include Universities of Milan, Rome, Naples and Venice among others. There will be an exchange of students and teachers in increasing numbers between Bengal and Italy and the agreement will work on a wide framework of disciplines giving opportunities to more number of students in diverse disciplines.

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More seats in Master Degree courses

West Bengal University of Technology will offer 1000 more seats in Master Degree courses which will benefit the under graduate students in Calcutta University and other universities in West Bengal to pursue post graduation. There is a shortage of seats in post-graduate Science stream which prevents many students to pursue higher education even if they score first class in graduation. In view of that, these additional seats will come as a boon to the aspiring students.

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Kolkata airport getting Metro link

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International airport will now be linked with East-West metro corridor and a detailed project report is under preparation by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The proposed link will provide a multi level entry and exit access between the metro station and the NSCBI airport arrival and departure lounges. The Rs 430 crore project is likely to be funded by Japan Bank for International Cooperation which will bring in access to airport through metro from any part of the city.

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Bengal Realtors on the fast track

Despite the meltdown scare the real estate players in Bengal brushed aside all apprehensions and are on a fair track of meeting all the commitments on their high profile projects which are already under way in different parts of Bengal. Housing, five star hotels, commercial buildings, multiplexes, departmental stores are coming up as per schedule all over Bengal.

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Companies can go operational in 24 hours in Bengal

The state is ready to give an added impetus to IT companies. The IT Department has created plug & play facilities in Kolkata and other growing IT locations in the state so that companies can start their operations within 24 hours. Such facilities are up and running at Taratala and Durgapur where companies have already started working. More such facilities at Siliguri, Kharagpur and other places are scheduled to come up soon. In order to avoid loss in business, big companies can start functioning within 24 hours and continue to do so till they make their own places ready. This facility also serves as Incubation Center for the start up and budding companies.

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