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"By taking pro-active steps to make Bengal an attractive destination for investors, this state has demonstrated that it is ready to partner with the private sector "

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Bengal IT eyes new territories

The Information Technology sector in Bengal is well poised to charter new territories like engineering services, security software, animation and gaming software. Kolkata has enormous potential in the area of developing security software that entails analysis of complex mathematical algorithms and animation work which requires fine arts skill, says Kiran Karnik, the former Nasscom President. The city has already excelled in high end software development work wherein companies in Kolkata have undertaken prestigious global assignments besides the city has established its credentials in the space of Consulting, Knowledge Process and Back Office Services.

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Wipro BPO upbeat on headcount

Wipro BPO is set to reach 10000 headcount from its present strength of 4500 at its Salt Lake SEZ facility. The company has created the infrastructure and intends to elevate headcount by 30 % immediately. The company has developed the proficiency in areas like finance and accounting, procurement, HR services, loyalty and knowledge services and accordingly formed a customer base in Banking and Capital Markets, Insurance, Travel and Hospitality, Hi-Tech manufacturing, Telecom and Healthcare sectors. Keeping in line with its expansion program, the company has asked for 90 acres of land for the second campus in the city.

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HTMT on takeover spree

HTMT Global Solutions, company that excelled in providing Outsourcing Solutions to global clientele of Fortune 500 companies is set to invest Rs 450 crore in funding acquisitions. This will have a direct bearing on the company's growth map in the State. The company has grown fast to 1500 people at Durgapur within a short span of time. The company is in the process of constructing an additional facility for 1000+ employees which will be up and running by end of next year. Durgapur center is doing extremely well, servicing Bharti Airtel and drawing people from entire Eastern India.

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Alcatel Lucent ponders R&D facility in city

Alcatel-Lucent finds Kolkata remarkably prospective to house the company's R&D centre in the city. Availability of huge talent and the lowest attrition rates in the city made the company think of such a high end facility in Salt Lake IT Hub in Kolkata. A typical R&D lab needs to have an investment between \$20-70 million and needs requires a minimum 60,000 sq. ft. of space. The centre is expected to employ at least 200 professionals. Alcatel-Lucent already has a presence in Kolkata which is steadily increasing.

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Capgemini prospers in Kolkata

The leading consulting firm Capgemini has gone for a massive expansion with the company moving in to a brand new 200,000 sq. ft. SEZ facility at New Town, Rajarhat. The company presently has strength of 850 people in a 80,000 sq.ft. premises in Salt Lake, Kolkata. In the new SEZ facility at New Town, Rajarhat, the company will employ additional 1700 people to make it Retail Center of Excellence for its' global operation.

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Genpact to employ 7000 in Kolkata

Genpact, India's largest business process outsourcing company is looking big in the city with the company signing up with a SEZ in Kolkata to construct their stand-alone facility for 7000 people. The company intends to project Kolkata as its main centre for handling most of its voice and non-voice ventures from global clients as well as India-to-India business. Again the decision is influenced by the availability of skilled professionals and the operating cost in Kolkata. At present the company has 750 people at its Kolkata centre which specializes in finance and accounting, analytics and enterprise application.

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Cognizant invests more for growth in Kolkata

Cognizant, the leading IT consulting company, pumps in \$46 million (Rs 201 crore) to further expand its facility in Kolkata. The company will add 500,000 sq ft of office space in the first phase of its new fully-owned SEZ technology complex which is coming up near Kolkata. The new facility will accommodate additional 5,000 employees. The complex is expected to be up and running by the end of 2008. Presently Cognizant is working out of five locations in the city employing more than 5,000 people.

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HCL to expand presence in Kolkata

HCL Infosystems Ltd. has planned to make Kolkata its consulting hub in system integration. The company will employ around 1000-1500 people in next twelve months. The company already has a presence in Kolkata and in order to shape the expansion plan it has announced an investment of Rs 50 crore to setup its Eastern India hub in Kolkata on a 1.5 acres land already acquired on Eastern Metropolitan Bypass.

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Kolkata initiates for all green

The new Central Business District at New Town, Rajarhat has been designed with an environment friendly green theme with a unique fusion of the ethos of Dalhousie Square and Esplanade in the city and unlike these two business locations, the brand new business district will be wrapped in lots of foliage and leafy trees and green corridors. A huge 200 hectare green field, like one in Maidan at the heart of Kolkata, is planned alongside the CBD and IT Knowledge Corridor at New Town.

In line, the software major Infosys has decided to create all its future campuses following environment friendly and green buildings norms. The company plans to make its facility at Kolkata on a 90 acre plot near Rajarhat-New Town. The company feels that though the green building typically cost more but the economic pay back is much higher over a period of time and also it serves the corporate responsibility to contribute to a pollution free society.

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Airport township in Purulia

Purulia is now under the development scanner with a mega aerropolis (airport city project) planned in the district to develop the infrastructure and attract industries in West Bengal. A World War II airstrip in Purulia which was constructed by Royal Air Force will be converted into a state of the art airport facility, surrounded by an urban development consisting of manufacturing industries, IT and telecommunication units, hotels, retail, logistic and industrial parks, educational institutes and merchandise marts etc. This is one of the major projects in West Bengal where the airport will be built over 600 acres of land on a PPP model having facilities to accommodate operations of airbus and bulk cargo handling facilities.

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