



15 GLORIOUS YEARS OF BENGAL

2011- 2025



The Central Government owes Bengal more than ₹1.96 Lakh Cr. Yet, for the past 15 years, from birth to death, across every sector and every region, and irrespective of caste, creed, or religion, this Government has successfully worked and will continue to work for the people.

Women Empowerment

- Under the revolutionary **Lakshmir Bhandar** scheme, **2.21 Cr.** women have been financially empowered with an annual budget allocation of **₹26,700 Cr.**, spending a total of **₹74,000 Cr.** since its inception.
- Under **Rupashree**, **22.02 lakh** women have been provided financial assistance of **₹25,000** for marriage at an expenditure of **₹5,558.66 Cr..**
- Women's representation** in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Bengal has increased by **14.6%** from **36.8%** in 2008 to **51.4%** in 2023, surpassing the national average of **45.6%**.
- To ensure the safety of women and girl children, the Government introduced the '**Aparajita Bill**' in 2024, instituted distress assistance through '**Rattirer Sathi**' initiative, and allocated **₹157.34 Cr.** for improvements in public amenities and security.
- Through the **Karmanjali** scheme, **13 hostels** have been set up across Bengal till 2025 to provide safe and affordable rental housing for single working women, at an expenditure of **~₹1.24 Cr.** annually.
- Under **Sabujshree**, **68 lakh saplings** have been distributed to mothers of newborns. Through **Anandadhara**, **1.21 Cr.** women have been enabled to pursue livelihood opportunities, backed by **₹1.48 lakh Cr.** in bank-linked credit, significantly strengthening women's economic independence across the State.
- Under the **Muktir Alo** scheme, vocational training has been provided to socially marginalised and distressed women across Bengal, with **₹1.47 Cr.** spent till 2025.

Social Security

- The Government of West Bengal has launched **94 Social Welfare schemes** since 2011 to ensure inclusive development of all residents of the State.
- ~**9 Cr.** people have received fully subsidised ration under **Khadyasathi** at the cost of **₹1,09,468 Cr.** Additionally, **7.5 Cr.** beneficiaries have benefited from doorstep ration delivery through **Duare Ration** at an expenditure of **₹1,717 Cr.**

- ⌚ **20.57 lakh** widows, **50.61 lakh** senior citizens, **7.59 lakh** persons with disabilities, and **2.12 lakh** other beneficiaries are receiving monthly pensions under the **Jai Bangla** scheme with an annual expenditure of **₹10,573.87 Cr.**.
- ⌚ Under **Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha Yojana**, **1.84 Cr.** unorganised workers have been brought under comprehensive social security coverage at an expenditure of **₹2,880 Cr.**, ensuring medical, death, and welfare benefits for them.
- ⌚ **Karmasathi (Parijayee Shramik)**, launched in 2023, safeguards and addresses grievances of our migrant workers, while **Shramashree** (2025) extends **₹5,000** monthly support to **31.77 lakh** returning workers until they find employment. They also get access to job cards, skilling, food rations, and healthcare benefits.
- ⌚ The **Kendu Leaves Collectors Social Security Scheme** has aided **35,000** beneficiaries, largely from the ST community. The scheme provides a one-time financial assistance to the registered collectors on completion of 60 yrs of age. Apart from this, the collectors can also claim for accidental death, maternity benefit, disability benefit, health assistance etc. In the event of the collectors' death, the nominee can claim the death benefit along with funeral assistance.

SC, ST, OBC, and Minority Empowerment

- ⌚ As of 2025, under the **Jai Johar** and **Taposili Bandhu** schemes, the Maa-Mati-Manush Government has provided pension support of **₹9,108.45 Cr.** to **14.64 lakh** SC and ST senior citizens.
- ⌚ Over **1.69 Cr.** people belonging to the **Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes** have been issued **caste certificates** by the Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal.
- ⌚ The State Government has ensured that Adivasi land cannot be transferred, protecting the ancestral rights of tribal communities. Alongside this, **forest pattas** and **community forest pattas** are being provided to Adivasi families, strengthening their legal rights and livelihood security.
- ⌚ To honour the heritage and sentiments of the Rajbanshi community, the '**Narayani**' Battalion has been created with Mekhliganj as its headquarters.
- ⌚ Matua-dominated areas have witnessed holistic development. The **Habra–Gaighata Jaltripti Water Project** now ensures safe drinking water for all households. Connectivity has been strengthened through the construction of new bridges, Murighata bridge over the Ichamati river and the Kuthipara-Nagbari bridge over the Baldaghata Canal. Opportunities for youth have expanded with the establishment of a new **ITI** and a **Polytechnic College** in Gaighata, while farmers are benefitting from a dedicated **Kishan Mandi**. In Thakurnagar, the hub of the region's renowned floriculture, a specialised **Flower Mandi** is being developed alongside



major town beautification works, reflecting both cultural pride and economic advancement for the community.

- ⌚ West Bengal now ranks No. 1 in India in implementing infrastructure development projects in minority-populated areas. The budget of the Minority Affairs Department has been increased nearly ten-fold. The Government has earmarked **₹1,387 Cr.** for the construction of boundary walls around nearly **9,900 burial grounds**.

Agriculture

- ⌚ Since 2011, **expenditure on agriculture** and allied sectors has increased by **9.16 times**, reflecting the State Government's commitment to strengthening Bengal's farming community and ensuring long-term food security.
- ⌚ As of 2025, financial assistance of **₹27,016 Cr.** has been provided to over **1.10 Cr.** farmers in the State under the **Krishak Bandhu (Natun)** scheme.
- ⌚ **Bangla Shasya Bima Yojana** has safeguarded **1.13 Cr.** farmers against crop losses, claims worth **₹3,938 Cr.** disbursed at zero cost till 2025.
- ⌚ In last 15 years, State's irrigation coverage grew by **25.67%**. Today **64.45%** of Bengal's cultivable area is under irrigation while the national average stands at **56.3%**. Bengal also has the highest cropping intensity in the country at **194%** (national average: 143.6%).
- ⌚ West Bengal is one of India's strongest agricultural powerhouses. It is the country's **largest rice producer** (contributing 12.87% of national output); the **undisputed leader in jute** with the highest cultivated area (491.1 thousand ha) and yield (2,883 kg/ha); the **2nd-largest producer of vegetables** (29.19 million tonnes, 2023); and the **2nd-highest in both meat and fish production**, with meat output rising 90.83% (2011 – 2023) and fish production growing 38.93% (2011–22). The State also ranks **3rd nationally in total horticulture output** (33.19 million MT, 2021) and **2nd in tea production** (373.48 million kg, 2024).
- ⌚ Every year, nearly **55 lakh metric tonnes** of paddy are procured directly from **16 lakh** small and marginal farmers.
- ⌚ Bengal ranks first in India in cold storage capacity at **5.95 million MT** (413% above the national average). Further, **3,905** low-cost storage structures have been set up across West Bengal (2023–2024) through the '**Amar Fasal, Amar Gola**' scheme, providing marginal farmers with financial support to build their own storehouses and have vending carts, reflecting the massive investment in post-harvest infrastructure enabling farm-to-market efficiency.
- ⌚ Under the **Sufal Bangla scheme**, **640** outlets and **9 bulk hubs** serve **3.5 lakh consumers daily** and connect over 80,000 farmers. In the State Budget FY 2025–26, **₹200 Cr.** has been allocated to expand the scheme with **350** new outlets and **200** procurement centres in haats and regulated markets.



- With an annual allocation of **50 Cr.**, the **Matir Srishti** scheme has transformed **42,000 acres** of fallow land into productive farm sites across **5,455 locations**, creating new income sources for rural families through horticulture, fisheries, and livestock.

Economy & Industry

- West Bengal is one of the leading economies in India, with its GSDP rising by **4.41 times** to **₹20.31 lakh Cr.**, while the average per person income has nearly tripled from **₹51,543** in **2011–12** to **₹1,63,467** in **2024–25**.
- With sustained economic growth and socio-economic progress, West Bengal has lifted **1.72 Cr.** people out of poverty.
- Productive infrastructure has strengthened with a **17.67 times** increase in capital expenditure. Additionally, physical sector infrastructure grew by **6.93 times**, and social sector expenditure has grown **14.46 times**. Simultaneously, the State's income through Own Tax Revenue has increased **5.33 times** since 2011.
- To promote industries and generate employment, **6 new economic corridors** are being set up in the State (Raghunathpur-Tajpur, Dankuni-Kalyani, Dankuni-Jhargram, Dankuni-Cooch Behar, Kharagpur-Morgram, from Purulia's Gurudi to Kolkata's Joka). These corridors will attract **₹2 lakh Cr.** in investments to the State.
- Bengal is one of the leading States, nationally, in the number of registered companies, and average profit per factory rose **546%** between 2011 and 2024.
- West Bengal has emerged as a **major manufacturing hub** in the country with the nation's **largest Leather Complex**, **largest Garment Cluster**, **largest Hosiery Park**, **largest Foundry Park** and a **very large Railway Manufacturing Hub**.
- A new **semi-conductor hub** is being built in the State by the world's third largest chip developer company GlobalFoundries Inc.
- A shale gas plant is being developed in the Durgapur-Asansol region with an investment of **₹22,000 Cr.** Additionally, ONGC is setting up a new oil and natural gas extraction plant in Ashoknagar.
- There has been a real-estate boom in West Bengal with investments worth **₹45,000 Cr.** in just two years (2023-25).



Employment

- At a time when the unemployment rate across the country is at its highest in 45 years, Bengal has successfully reduced the unemployment rate by a whopping **40%**, generating over **2 Cr.** employment opportunities.
- When Central funds for MGNREGA stopped, Maa-Mati-Manush Government launched

Karmashree scheme, generating **104.58 Cr.** man – days of work for over **78.31 lakh** job card holders, at an expenditure of **₹20,776 Cr.**

- ⌚ Nearly **1.3 Cr.** people are employed through **93 lakh MSMEs** (49 lakh registered on Udyam and Udyam Assist portals). The State ranks 1st nationally in women-owned MSMEs with a **23.42%** share of India's total, and top ranked in the overall number of MSMEs. To propel MSMEs further over **₹9.35 thousand Cr.** of bank loans have been facilitated by the State Government.
- ⌚ Through the **Anandadhara** initiative, over **12 lakh SHGs** have been set up in Bengal. We have supported SHG Credit Linkage with loans worth **₹1,48,000 Cr.** being disbursed. To ensure stronger market access, income security, and self employment avenues for lakhs of local artisans, youth, and SHG members, initiatives such as Shilpanna, Biswa Bangla, Rupanna, Banglar Saree, Biswa Bangla Haat, Gramin Haats in different districts, and **514 Karmatirthas** have been completed, and another **23 Marketing Hubs** (shopping malls) are being set up in district headquarters where two floors will be dedicated to SHGs for marketing their products.
- ⌚ The World's second largest coal reserve is being developed in **Deocha-Pachami**, projected to generate **1 lakh jobs**. Also, to create lakhs of jobs, **₹72,000 Cr.** is being invested in Purulia's Raghunathpur to create **Jungle Sundari Karmanagari**. More than 3,000 acres have already been allotted to renowned companies, which will attract investments worth **₹27,000 Cr.** **7.75 lakh new jobs** are being generated through the **₹35,000-Cr. Karmadiganta Leather Complex** in Kolkata. Over **2 lakh IT professionals** are employed in **2,800 IT companies** in West Bengal. **₹35,000 Cr.** have been invested in the State's Silicon Valley.
- ⌚ The **Bhabishyat Credit Card Scheme** has benefitted over **48,000** aspiring entrepreneurs with loans worth **₹12,000 Cr.** being approved. Simultaneously, we have also invested **₹3,900 Cr.** to expand self-employment and entrepreneurship among minority youth. Job-oriented skill training is being provided under **Utkarsh Bangla**, with **42 lakh** youth trained under the scheme.
- ⌚ The State Government has taken proactive measures to reopen sick tea gardens in the State and has successfully operationalised **85** such tea gardens, benefiting **23,000 tea garden workers and their families**. In 2025 itself, 25 **tea gardens** resumed functioning. Daily wages of tea workers in West Bengal have been increased to **₹250 per day**, which is the highest in the country. We are also providing free ration, water, electricity, healthcare services, aprons, umbrellas, shoes, blankets, and other essential support to ensure the well-being and dignity of workers and their families.
- ⌚ To strengthen skill development and livelihood opportunities in minority-dominated areas, **27 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** and **5 Polytechnics** have been set up. Additionally, **305 Karmatirthas** are being constructed to support livelihood opportunities, while coaching facilities are also being provided to minority students preparing for various government job examinations, strengthening their access to employment.



Electricity, Roads, and Water

- Through the consistent efforts of the Ma-Mati-Manush Government, West Bengal, that was once widely regarded as a “load-shedding State” has evolved into a power-surplus State. We achieved **100% electrification** in the State in 2019, and since then every single household has received uninterrupted access to electricity, significantly improving living standards. The State Government has spent **₹90,000 Cr.** towards infrastructural development in the sector.
- Strengthening Bengal’s energy infrastructure, the **₹4,567 Cr. supercritical unit at Sagardighi** (660 MW), the first of its kind in eastern India, is set to supply uninterrupted electricity to **16.7 lakh families**, while generating **26,000** direct and indirect jobs. Further expanding capacity, the foundation stone has been laid for a **1,600 MW thermal power plant at Salboni**, developed with an investment of **₹16,000 Cr.** and expected to create **15,000** direct and indirect jobs.
- During 2024–25, WBPCL achieved a record **22,286 MU** of gross generation up to December 2024, with Sagardighi ranked second nationally and WBPCL emerging as the top-performing power utility in India. For the first time, all coal requirements of WBPCL plants were met entirely from captive mines, eliminating reliance on Coal India subsidiaries. In the same year, WBPCL paid a **₹104 Cr.** dividend to the State Government and commissioned a **5 MW** floating solar plant at Sagardighi with an investment of **₹40.96 Cr.**
- Eastern India’s largest solar power generation facility has been inaugurated in **Goaltore** (Paschim Medinipur) with a generation capacity of **112.5 MW**, built at a cost of **₹750 Cr.** Additionally, to promote the use of renewable energy, the State Government has introduced the **Alosree** scheme to install Grid Connected Solar Photovoltaic (GRTSPV) System in all Government buildings and buildings of local bodies which are technically fit for such installations.
- Since 2011, a total of **1,83,084 km** of State highways, rural roads, and other roads have been constructed or reconstructed across the State. Additionally, **361 major and medium bridges** and **20 ROBs (Road Over Bridges)** have been built at the cost of nearly **₹83,000 Cr.**
- Under **Pathashree I, II and III**, over **39,000 km** of roads have been constructed at an expense of **₹10,902 Cr.** to ensure State-wide connectivity despite central funds for PMGSY being stalled. Under **Pathashree IV**, the State Government has taken up construction of another **20,030 km** of roads with **₹8,488 Cr.**
- 99 lakh** rural households in West Bengal have been provided functional tap water connections till 2025, compared to less than **2 lakh** rural households in 2011, in our mission to ensure safe drinking water for all.
- The **Ghatal Master Plan**, long stalled by the Centre despite being submitted under FMBAP, has been taken up entirely by the State Government, which has already invested **₹341 Cr.** to dredge **115 km** of river, and will now complete the full project on its own within two years at a total cost of **₹1,500 Cr.**



Housing

- Since 2011, the Government of West Bengal has ensured dignified housing for nearly **1 Cr. families**.
- Until the Central Government unjustly halted funds, Bengal ranked first in the country in rural house construction, with **47.5 lakh houses** having been completed under Awas Yojana (Gramin).
- Banglar Bari (Gramin)**, funded entirely by the Maa-Mati-Manush Government, has provided housing to over **12 lakh families** in West Bengal at an expenditure of **₹14,400 Cr.** Phase II of the Banglar Bari (Gramin) scheme is set to benefit **16 lakh** more families, with **₹19,700 Cr** to be spent for this purpose.
- For the urban homeless, more than **5.20 lakh** housing units have been constructed at a cost of nearly **₹18,000 Cr.** For distressed minority women, **₹2,500 Cr.** has been spent to construct nearly **2.60 lakh houses**. Additionally, more than **10,000 houses** are being constructed for people in the Raniganj coalfields.
- The Government of West Bengal's **Chaa Sundari** and **Chaa Sundari Extension** schemes have provided over **28,500 tea-garden** workers with roofs over their heads. Additionally, under **Gitanjali**, nearly **3.84 lakh** houses have been provided at a cost of over **₹3,500 Cr.**
- Further, for **14,794** affected families in North and South Bengal whose homes were fully or partially damaged by recent natural disasters, the State Government has sanctioned **₹161.33 Cr.** in housing assistance, ensuring timely rehabilitation.



Healthcare

- Public expenditure** on healthcare rose by **6 times** since 2011 reflecting a deep commitment towards resilient and accessible medical care.
- Under **Swasthya Sathi**, **8.72 Cr.** people from **2.45 Cr.** families have received health insurance benefits, with services worth **₹13,156 Cr.** availed till October 2025. Bengal's telemedicine initiative has delivered over **7 Cr.** consultations through **11,000+** health and wellness centres, and **63 hubs** at higher health facilities.
- Bengal today has the finest **public health infrastructure** in the country. We have invested nearly **₹70,000 Cr.** towards strengthening health infrastructure. **14 new government medical colleges**, **42 super-speciality hospitals**, more than **13,500 Suswasthya Kendras**, **76 CCUs**, **3 HDUs**, **17 mother & child hubs**, **13 mother's waiting huts**, **117 fair-price medicine shops**, and **158 free diagnostic centres** have been established.



- ⌚ Further Government **hospital beds** in our State increased by **36.25%** from **71,200** in 2011 to **97,000**.
- ⌚ The State Government has launched the **Swasthya Bandhu** scheme under which **110 Mobile Medical Units** (MMUs) have been presented into service, with another **100 units** to be operationalised soon. Staffed with doctors, nurses, and technicians, each unit is a self-contained mobile clinic designed to deliver free diagnosis, consultation, and advanced healthcare services to the remotest corners of our State. Within 20 days of launch, camp footfall has already crossed the **1 lakh** mark.
- ⌚ Under **Shishu Saathi**, life-saving surgeries have supported nearly **64,000 children**, with a State expenditure of **₹307 Cr.**.
- ⌚ Through **Chokher Alo**, **26 lakh** people have received free cataract surgeries and **34 lakh** have received free spectacles, supported by **₹181 Cr.** in State funding.
- ⌚ The number of MBBS seats has risen from **1,355** to **6,349**. Nearly **14,000** doctors have been recruited. The number of nursing training institutes has increased from **57** to **451**. As a result, the total number of seats in nursing training institutes has gone up from **2,265** to **28,547**. The sanctioned nursing staff in government hospitals has increased from **33,831** to **59,113**.

Education

- ⌚ Under **Kanyashree** scheme, almost **1 Cr.** girls have been provided financial support for their education at the cost of **₹16,554 Cr.**
- ⌚ Under **Sabooj Sathi** scheme, over **1.44 Cr.** students have been provided bicycles at the cost of **₹4,903 Cr.**
- ⌚ Through the **Aikyashree** and **Minority Scholarship schemes**, **4.56 Cr.** scholarships have been provided, with an expenditure of **₹9,747 Cr.** Under the **Shikshashree** scheme, **₹1,173.95 Cr.** has been disbursed to **1,46,74,373** SC/ST students. Additionally, under the **Medhashree** scheme, **₹70.92 Cr.** has been provided to **8,86,492** beneficiaries.
- ⌚ Not a single child was deprived of basic education in Bengal, with the State recording **0 dropouts** at the primary and upper primary level since 2023.
- ⌚ **Taruner Swapna** aided digital learning through grants for tablets/smartphones, for **53 lakh** students across classes XI and XII in the State at an expense of **₹5,300 Cr.** Further, free books, school uniforms, bags, and shoes have been provided to **18 Cr.** students, backed by a State expenditure of **₹10,350 Cr.**
- ⌚ The **Student Credit Card** scheme has supported over **1 lakh students**, with loans worth **₹3,807 Cr.** provided at a nominal interest rate where the State Government acts as the guarantor .



- 🕒 Over ₹69,000 Cr. has been invested in strengthening education infrastructure across the State. **42 new universities** and **500 colleges** have been set up since 2011; both figures well above the national averages (**16.43 universities** and **262.65 colleges**).
- 🕒 The **Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship** has supported **36.55 lakh** students with a total expenditure of ₹6,356 Cr..
- 🕒 Creating a dedicated centre of higher learning for the Matua community, we established the **Harichand Guruchand University** near Thakurnagar (close to Thakurbari), with an extension campus also established in Krishnanagar. Additionally, the **P.R. Thakur Government College** has been set up in Gaighata, further expanding access to higher education for Matua students.
- 🕒 Close to **200** schools offering Rajbanshi-medium instruction have received government approval, reinforcing access to education in the community's mother tongue. Also **100** schools in the Sadri language are being established to further support linguistic inclusion in education.
- 🕒 Nearly **40,000** minority students have benefitted from the State's **Education Loan scheme**. The State has invested ₹327 Cr. in this initiative. The State Government has granted recognition to a large number of madrasas as un-aided institutions. Furthermore, a fully funded initiative has been launched to provide honoraria to both teaching and non-teaching staff.

Governance

- 🕒 Since 2011, to ensure improved service delivery, the State Government has formed **4 new administrative districts** (Kalimpong, Alipurduar, Jhargram and Paschim Bardhaman), **4 subdivisions** (Jhalda, Manbazar, Mirik and Dhupguri) and **4 administrative blocks** (Kalyani, Lava, Pedong and Kranti). The **Farakka subdivision** will be operationalised soon. Additionally, for structured and planned urban growth, **11 Development Authorities** and **2 Planning Authorities** been constituted.
- 🕒 **10.43 Cr.** public services have been delivered to the people's doorsteps through **8.07 lakh Duare Sarkar camps**, additionally **15.86 Cr.** public services have been provided through **3,500+ Bangla Sahayata Kendras**.
- 🕒 For the first time in India, under the path-breaking **Amader Para Amader Samadhan** initiative, people across all **80,000 booths** in West Bengal democratically decided upon utilising **₹8,000 Cr. (₹10 lakh per booth)** to address local-level issues.
- 🕒 The West Bengal Government has strengthened citizen-centric governance through technology-enabled mechanisms for grievance redressal. Under **Sorasori Mukhyamantri**, a direct interface has been created for citizens to connect with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and secure prompt action on their concerns. Across **54 Departments** and **5,818** offices, a total of **60,14,644** grievances have been lodged, of which **54,17,898** have been redressed, reflecting a success rate of over **90%**.



Law & Order

- 🕒 Kolkata consistently features as the “**safest city**” in India. At **83.9**, Kolkata records the **lowest rate of cognizable crimes** among all Indian metropolitan cities, significantly below the national average (**828**). Remarkably, West Bengal records one of the **lowest rates of crimes against SCs**, a **30 times** reduction from the rate of **2.8 per lakh population** in 2011 to the rate of **0.1 per lakh population** in 2023.
- 🕒 Reflecting the efficiency and responsiveness of the State’s law and order system, the **chargesheeting rate** of cognizable crimes is **88.9%**, compared to the national average of **80.1%**. Kolkata a top ranked city with a chargesheeting rate of **94.7%**.
- 🕒 We continue to strengthen policing and public safety through administrative expansion, infrastructural development and technology-led reforms. During the last **15 years 1 police directorate, 6 police commissionerates, 14 police districts, 2 new units, 4 new divisions, 10 battalions, 49 women police stations, 8 coastal police stations, 36 cyber police stations, and 106 police stations** were created to enhance jurisdictional coverage and service delivery.
- 🕒 A wide range of road safety measures, including installation of **CCTV cameras, RLVD systems, ANPR cameras** and allied technologies, have been adopted to reduce road accidents. Public awareness campaigns under the ‘**Safe Drive, Save Life**’ initiative are being regularly conducted to promote responsible driving and social vigilance.
- 🕒 Forensic capabilities have also been enhanced to ensure faster and more scientific investigation. At the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Kolkata, major technological upgradation is underway, including the procurement of GCMS equipment for the Narcotics Section at a cost of **₹1.10 Cr.** Historical records dating back to the year 2000 have been digitised to improve accessibility and efficiency, and a new Serology Unit has been opened at RFSL, Jalpaiguri.



Youth & Sports

- 🕒 The **budget for the Department of Youth Services and Sports** has **increased seven-fold** in the last 15 years signalling a steady and strategic focus towards youth and sports development across Bengal.
- 🕒 Since 2011, a total of **8** specialised sports academies have been set up. **74** stadiums (comprising 19 newly constructed and 55 renovated facilities), along with the creation of **4,112** multi-gyms, **795** mini indoor games complexes and **423** improved playgrounds have been set up. A dedicated **Sports Medicine Centre** at **SSKM Hospital** for health assessment and injury management of sportspersons has been set up.



- 🕒 A total of **44** youth hostels have been created or upgraded accompanied by the introduction of an online reservation system and the establishment of **912** Youth Computer Training Centres and **12** Youth Vocational Training Centres.
- 🕒 Under the **Khelashree Scheme**, financial grants of **₹2 lakh** in the first year and **₹1 lakh** per year for the subsequent three years have been provided to **38,425 clubs**, supplemented by grants of **₹5 lakh** each to **34 State Level Associations** registered with the BOA and financial assistance of **₹1 lakh** each to **1,321 coaching camps**, alongside the introduction of a monthly honorarium of **₹1,000** from 2023 for **1,580** retired sportspersons who represented West Bengal at national and international levels.
- 🕒 More than **₹27 Cr.** has been provided to **East Bengal F.C.**, **Mohun Bagan F.C.**, and **Mohammedan S.C.** for further infrastructural development. They have also been felicitated with Banga Bibhushan.

Environment

- 🕒 In the last 15 years, West Bengal's forest cover increased by **2,688 sq km** (18.91%), from **14,214 sq km** to **16,902 sq km**; **1.4 lakh hectares** of land have been afforested under the State Development Scheme (State plan). Rooted in the belief that nature is the first line of defence against climate adversity, the State has also established over **15 crore mangrove plantations** across coastal areas of South 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur.
- 🕒 Under the **Jal Dharo Jal Bharo** scheme, **4,15,384 water bodies, water detention structures and rainwater harvesting structures** have been created or renovated across West Bengal till 2025, enhancing irrigation, groundwater recharge, and rural water security.



Tourism

- 🕒 According to the recently released India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, West Bengal ranks second in the country in terms of foreign tourist arrivals. Till October 2025, Bengal has welcomed **24.24 Cr.** domestic and international tourists.
- 🕒 To make Kolkata more attractive for tourists, the **Eco Park (Prakriti Tirtha)** at New Town has been created — a spectacular **112-acre** waterbody set amidst **480 acres** of lush greenery.
- 🕒 Additionally, sites for tourism and cultural significance such as **Rabindra Tirtha**, **Nazrul Tirtha**, **Mother's Wax Museum**, and **Kolkata Gate** have been constructed. At Barrackpore, in memory of the brave martyr Mangal Pandey, the **Utsodhara tourism** project has been undertaken.



- ⌚ World-class facilities like the **Biswa Bangla Convention Centre**, **Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium**, **Fintech Hub**, **Alipore Museum**, **Sampanna**, **Soujanya**, and the **Uttirna** open-air stage welcome visitors and locals alike. A convention centre has been built in Digha, with another convention centre coming up in Siliguri.
- ⌚ The development of **Tea Tourism** has ensured new employment opportunities for local residents, helping them diversify income sources and thus boost regional economic development.

Culture

- ⌚ The **Lok Prasar Prakalpa** supports **1.92 lakh folk artists** (Retainer: 1.5 lakh, Pensioner: 42,000) with **₹1,000** monthly retainer fee/pension. Additionally, they are engaged in all government functions and are adequately remunerated for their contributions, thus ensuring preservation of the art forms and steady income for folks artists.
- ⌚ **Bengal's Durga Puja** (generating **₹70,000 Cr. annually**), recognised as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and the **₹250 Cr. Jagannath Temple** in Digha, stand as powerful symbols of our State's cultural pride. Additionally, upcoming landmarks like the **₹1,700 Cr. Ganga Sagar Setu** for Gangasagar pilgrims, the **17-acre Mahakal Temple and Cultural Complex** in Matigara near Siliguri, and the **15-acre 'Durga Angan'** in New Town will further deepen our State's spiritual fabric.
- ⌚ **Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, Odia, Nepali, Punjabi, Santhali, Kurukh, Kurmali, Rajbanshi and Kamtapuri** have been accorded the status of official languages, reflecting the State's commitment to linguistic inclusion and representation. To further support these communities, the **Rajbanshi Development Board**, **Nashya Shaikh Development Board**, **Rajbanshi Language Academy**, **Kamtapuri Language Academy**, and **Rajbanshi Cultural Academy** have been established.
- ⌚ A Bill has been passed in the Legislative Assembly for the **recognition of the Sarna/Sari religion** in 2023, and the matter has been formally communicated to the Central Government.
- ⌚ **Nabadwip** and **Cooch Behar** are being developed as **heritage** towns. Development Boards have been formed for Tarakeswar, Tarapith, Bakreshwar, and Patharchapuri.

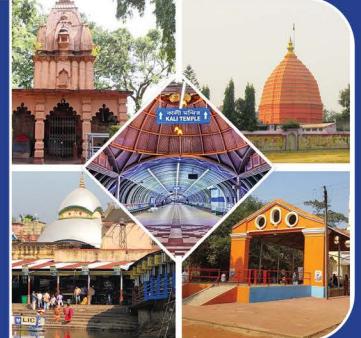


Sacred Roots, A Renewed Bengal



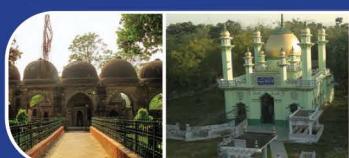
Across Bengal, our Government has taken special initiatives, worth several thousand crore rupees, for the development of pilgrimage sites of all religions.

We have inaugurated the Rani Rashmoni Skywalk in Dakshineswar, Kalighat Skywalk, and the Skywalk at Jalpesh Temple. Renovation and beautification have been carried out for countless small and large temples such as Tarakeswar Temple, Tarapith Temple, Kankalitala Temple, Fullara Temple, Kapil Muni Temple, Mahesh Jagannath Temple, Radhaballav Temple, Kanaka Durga Temple in Jhargram, Madan Mohan Temple in Cooch Behar, Baneswar Temple, Shivyagna Temple, Devi Chaudhurani Temple, Temple of Bhabani Pathak, Temple of Bhramari Devi, Garteshwari and Garbheshwari Temples, Jatileswar Temple, Rajbari Shiva Temple, and Manasa Temple.



The State Government has undertaken significant efforts to preserve and enhance Bengal's spiritual and cultural heritage. Baba Lokenath's Dham in Kachua and Chakla, Sri Sri Thakur Anukul Chandra's Ashram, and the sacred abode of Ma Sarada Devi have been renovated and beautified. Additionally, the road in front of the Omkarnath Mission at Bonhooghly has been renamed as Omkarnath Sarani. An archway dedicated to Baba Omkarnath has also been constructed.

The ancestral house of Swami Vivekananda, as well as both residences associated with Sister Nivedita, have been acquired and handed over to the Ramakrishna Mission and the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission for preservation and public engagement. For the museum at Swamiji's house, an annual grant is provided by the State Government to support its maintenance and activities. Additionally, "Vivek Tirtha," an educational and cultural centre inspired by the ideals and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, is being developed in New Town. We have provided the land and have also borne a portion of the construction cost with RKM.



At the same time, various works have also been undertaken for the development of Furfura Sharif. The beautification of the Ghazi Zafar Khan Dargah has been carried out.



Christmas is joyously celebrated across Bengal, most notably at Park Street in Kolkata.



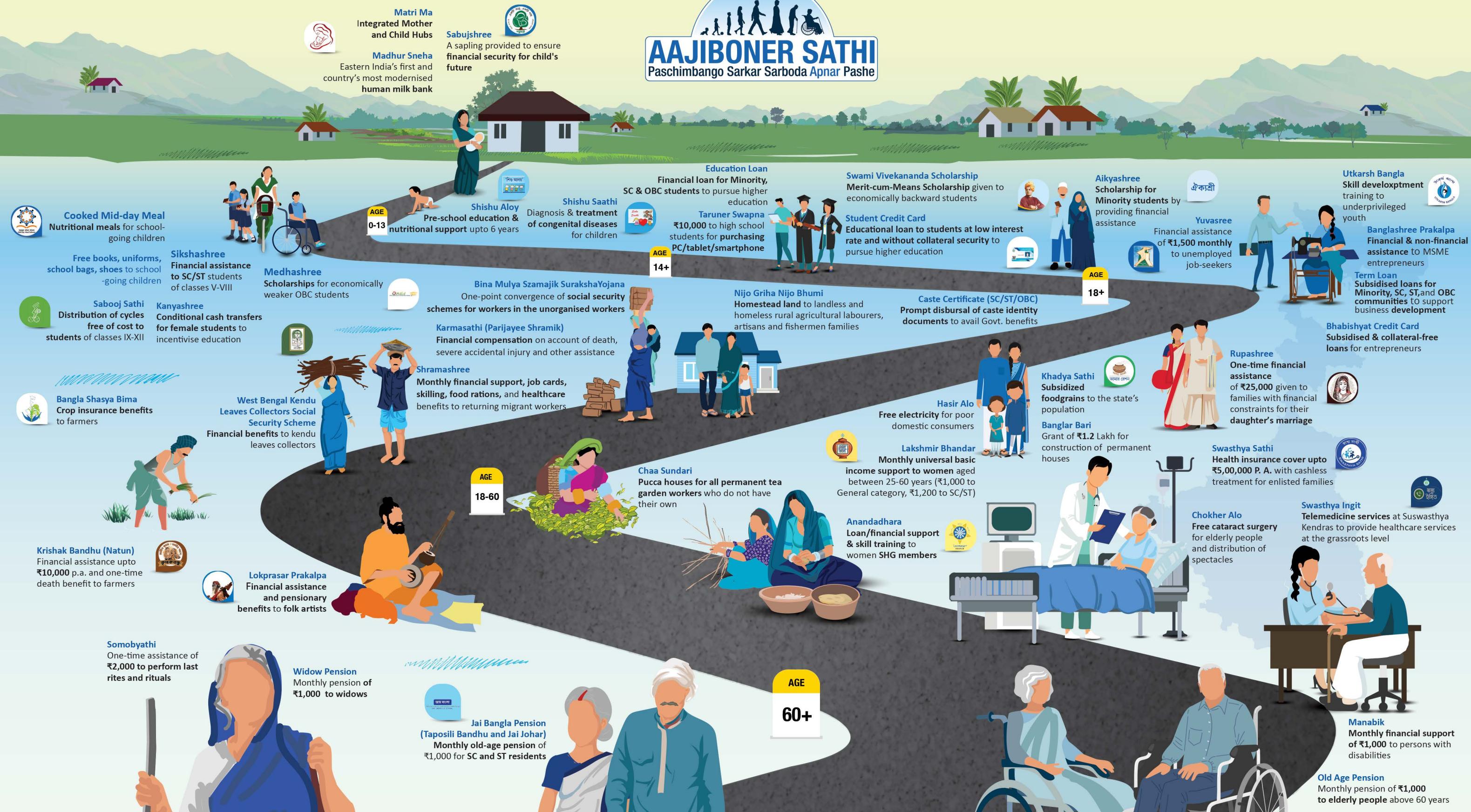
The State observes key events honouring tribal heritage, including Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, Karam Puja, International Indigenous Peoples' Day, Hul Diwas, Junglemahal Utsav, Adivasi Utsav and the Joy Johar Adivasi Mela. We have also provided financial assistance for the renovation of Jaher Than and Majhi Than.

A 15-foot bronze statue of Mahavir Chila Roy has been installed at Baburhat, marking a significant tribute to the Rajbanshi community's history and reinforcing the region's cultural heritage.



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