

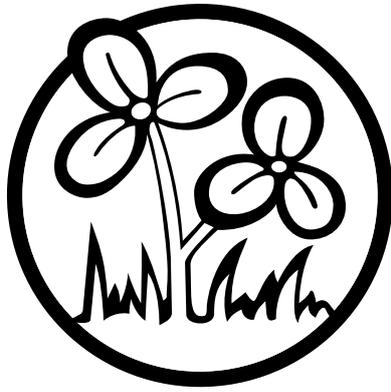


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# Appeal

## Dear Residents of Bengal,

I begin with deep, abiding, and heartfelt gratitude. For fifteen years, you have placed your faith in us, and it is that faith which has been our greatest strength and our most solemn responsibility. When the Trinamool Congress assumed the stewardship of West Bengal, we carried with us a single, unshakeable conviction that governance must be an act of service, and that the welfare of the people and the growth of the state are not competing ambitions but one inseparable purpose.

With your blessings, we have honoured that conviction. Today, the Bengal model of governance stands as a testament to what is possible when a people and their government walk together in trust. Across the country, other states have looked to Bengal as a living example of what a people-first administration can achieve. Bengal's transformation over these fifteen years has been total. Today, the individual lives with dignity, the family stands protected against adversity, the locality is equipped with the amenities it deserves, and every region of our state thrums with new life and opportunity.

I give you my solemn word that this journey of progress shall not pause. Bengal will continue to move forward.

As I have done every term, I have placed before you a full account of our work in the form of Unnayoner Panchali, the Ballad of Development. Allow me to recount, with pride and humility, what we have been able to accomplish together.

West Bengal is today one of the foremost engines of India's growth. We have risen to become the sixth largest economy in the country, recording double-digit growth. We have lifted 1.72 crore people out of poverty and restored to them the dignity that is every citizen's birthright. Unemployment has been reduced by 40%, even as we created two crore new employment opportunities across the state.

We have ensured that not a single child drops out of school at the foundational level. Over one crore girls have completed their schooling under our award-winning Kanyashree scheme, a feat that has drawn recognition from across the world. Sabooj Sathi has given wings to 1.44 crore students through free bicycles. Aikyashree, Medhashree and Shikhashree scholarships have made education truly universal, leaving no child behind on account of circumstance.

No family in West Bengal today need fear the cost of illness. Swasthya Sathi has extended cashless medical care to 2.45 crore families. We have transformed Bengal from a state plagued by power cuts to a power-surplus state, achieving 100% electrification as early as 2019. Nearly one crore families have received housing and piped water connections. We have built over 1,83,000 kilometres of roads, carrying connectivity to the last habitation.

Governance now reaches your doorstep through Duare Sarkar. Your voice shapes our policies through Amader Para Amader Samadhan and Sorasori Mukhyomantri. 1.10 crore farmers have been supported under Krishak Bandhu (Natun), and 1.13 crore have secured their harvests through Bangla Shasya Bima. Bengal leads the nation in cropping intensity and paddy production. We are pioneers in jute and tea. Our cold storage infrastructure is unmatched in the country.

And beyond bricks and roads, we have nourished the soul of Bengal. It is our honour that UNESCO has recognised Durga Puja as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity. With devotion and care, we have consecrated the Jagannath Dham in Digha, the Durga Angan in New Town and the Mahakal Temple Complex in Matigara. Kolkata's Christmas draws visitors from every corner of the world. Eid and Muharram are observed with the same reverence as every other festival in our land.

Bengal is a rare and living mosaic of cultures, faiths and tongues. We have strived to honour every thread of that tapestry. Santhali, Kurukh, Kurmali, Rajbanshi, Kamtapuri, Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, Odia, Nepali, and Punjabi now carry the status of official languages alongside Bangla, a recognition that every community belongs, and every voice counts.

I promise you that Bengal will continue to lead, and in the next five years, no individual in our state will be left untouched by progress.

Each day I am inspired and humbled by the legacy of those who shaped this land. Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Maa Sarada Devi, Swami Vivekananda, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Michael Madhusudan Dutt, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Thakur Panchanan Barma, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Sri Sri Harichand Thakur, Sri Sri Guruchand Thakur, Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Raghunath Murmu, Mahatma Gandhi, Sidhu-Kanhu, Guru Nanak, Sri Aurobindo Ghosh, Sir Prafulla Chandra Ray, Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose, Satyendra Nath Bose, Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, Rashbehari Bose, Matangini Hazra, Master Da Surya Sen, Pritilata Waddedar, Khudiram Bose, and countless others who gave their lives for justice, dignity and freedom.

I am born of this revolutionary soil. As its daughter, I consecrate every breath of my life to the service of this land, the protection of its people and the preservation of its irreplaceable values.

We live in a federal democracy, where Centre and State are meant to be partners, bound by the Constitution in a relationship of mutual respect and shared responsibility. It has been our misfortune that the Central Government has repeatedly violated the spirit of this partnership, driven not by national interest, but by their frustration at failing to capture power in Bengal.

They have acted as the Zamindars of Delhi, fearing our spirit, envying our prosperity, and seeking to diminish what they cannot control. Failing to compete politically or earn the love and trust of Bengal's people through democratic means, the Centre has withheld Bengal's rightful funds to the tune of nearly ₹2 lakh crore across various central schemes, denying the poor and the vulnerable their hard-earned wages, a roof over their heads, road connectivity, and something as basic as drinking water. We have watched them attempt to disenfranchise the people of Bengal, criminalising our language, assaulting our citizens, insulting our icons, and even deeming us strangers in our own land. The SIR exercise stands as a particularly dark chapter. It is a calculated attempt to erase ordinary voters from the rolls. Over 160 lives have been lost as a consequence. The average voter was gripped by anxiety. The elderly and the ailing were forced to stand in queues. The marginalised were dropped from lists en masse, all in the service of engineering an electoral outcome.

They know they do not have your mandate. And so they sought to extinguish your very existence as voters. The time has come for them to be held accountable, to be reminded, firmly and unmistakably, that democracy is not a mechanism to be engineered. It is the will

of the people. It cannot be stolen. It cannot be manufactured. It must be earned.

The Trinamool Congress has had but one agenda. Bengal First. When the forces of division and intimidation descended upon our state, we stood firm as soldiers of our motherland. We fought for Bengal's rights on the floor of Parliament and in the streets. We built new safeguards when the Centre stripped away the old ones. We laboured, without rest, to weave together welfare and development into a single fabric.

The last fifteen years were about bringing Unnayan (development) into the heart of Bengal's public life. The next five years will be about making Bengal truly self-reliant, so that no Zamindar of Delhi can ever again dream of holding us hostage by withholding what is rightfully ours.

You called me through Sorasori Mukhyomantri, and I heard you. When I travelled across every corner of Bengal, you came to meet me and spoke to me directly. At the Amader Para Amader Samadhan camps, you shared your inputs with my officials, and every one of them was brought back to me. You also shared your hopes and aspirations with leaders of my party, and they listened, acknowledged them, and ensured they reached me.

I have not taken a single word lightly. Every concern you raised, every demand you made, every dream you shared, I have held them close, reflected on them, and asked myself: how do I honour this trust? The vision that follows is my answer. Here are my Ten Commitments to you, the people of Bengal. My Ten Protigyas. I take personal and complete accountability for each one. Every one of these pledges will become a living reality within the next five years. This is my word.

I will ensure that the purses of Bengal's Lakshmis never run empty. The financial assistance under the flagship Lakshmir Bhandar scheme is being increased by ₹500 across all categories. I pledge, in the interest of Bengal's farmers, to introduce a dedicated Agriculture Budget that accords the agricultural and allied sectors the focused attention they deserve, improving farmer incomes, strengthening infrastructure, and providing targeted economic support for agricultural labourers. I understand the struggle of a young person searching for work, and the anxiety that weighs upon their family. I want every youth in Bengal to know that their Government stands beside them. The Banglar Yuba-Sathi scheme will extend ₹1,500 per month to every educated, unemployed youth in the state between the ages of 21 and 40, for a period of five years.

I will ensure that no family in Bengal is without a home of dignity. I will ensure that every household has access to a functional piped water connection. I will bring medical services to every doorstep. Annual healthcare camps will be organised at the block level, so that the people of Bengal no longer have to travel far for advanced medical care. Every government school in the state will be comprehensively upgraded. It is my goal to make Bengal the gateway of trade for Eastern India. The foundations have been laid. In the years ahead, we will build upon our industry-ready infrastructure to realise Bengal's full potential as the natural corridor of eastern commerce. I will ensure continued financial security of senior citizens in Bengal, in the autumn of their life, with an uninterrupted Old Age Pension. To bring governance closer to the people and ensure that no community is left at the margins of administration, I will establish 7 new districts and expand the number of Urban Local Bodies through a comprehensive geographical reorganisation of the state.

What I promise today is not a leap into the unknown. It is built upon fifteen years of proven work, of resilience tested and trust honoured. We consulted a body of experts who worked

to translate your lived experiences into concrete, actionable interventions. We have been steadfast, and now we shall be Swanirbhar. Bengal will be the leading light for every state in India and beyond, proving that welfare accelerates growth, and growth, in turn, deepens welfare.

I, Mamata Banerjee, appeal to my Maa-Mati-Manush, to cast their precious votes by pressing the Jora-Phool symbol. Vote for the Trinamool Congress. Vote for the custodians of Bengal.

We must stand firm against those who have betrayed us, not once, not twice, but time and again. We must win this battle to protect the peace, the harmony and the very ethos of our Bengal. In the next five years, I pledge to turn our collective dreams into living reality, to tend to this land with the same love and devotion that Bengal has always inspired in her children.

In the interest of Bengal, choose the future that upholds our motherland. Choose the trustees who have stood by this state against every adversity. Choose, for the fourth time, the Trinamool Congress.

**Jai Hind! Jai Bangla! Joy Maa-Mati-Manush!**



**Mamata Banerjee.**



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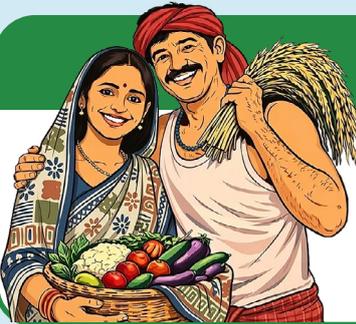


## Lakshmider Joy, Swanirbharata Akshay

Monthly ₹500 increase in Lakshmir Bhandar — ₹1500 for general women (₹18,000 annually) and ₹1700 for SC/ST women (₹20,400 annually)

## Yubader Pashe, Jibikar Aswase

Monthly financial support of ₹1,500 (₹18,000 annually) under Banglar Yuba-Sathi to unemployed youth



## Budget-e Krishi, Krishaker Hashi

A ₹30,000 crore Agri-Budget for continued assistance to farm families, financial assistance to landless farmers and holistic upgradation of the sector

## Nishchit Basasthan, Chintar Abashan

Ensure that every family in Bengal has a pucca home



## Ghore Ghore Nal, Porisruto Paniyo Jal

Mission to provide piped drinking water to every household in Bengal

## Suswasthyer Adhikar, Banglar Sobar

Annual Duare Chikitsa camps in every block/town for effective doorstep delivery of healthcare

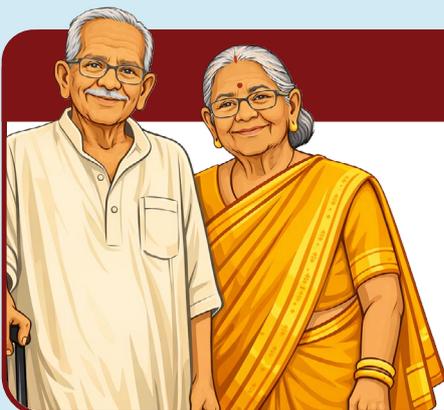


## Shikshai Sampad, Bhabishyat Nirapad

Holistic infrastructural upgradation of all Government schools under Banglar Shikshayatan

## Purber Banijjyer Kandari, Bangla-i Dishari

Bengal to become the Gateway of trade for Eastern India with world-class logistics, ports, trade infrastructure and a state-of-the-art Global Trade Centre.



## Prabeender Pashe, Jotner Aswase

Strive to ensure uninterrupted Old Age Pension support for all existing beneficiaries while gradually extending the safety net of the pension to all eligible senior citizens

## Prashasonik Subiday, Notun Diganta Banglay

Establish 7 new districts; expand the number of Urban Local Bodies through a holistic geographical reorganisation



# The BJP Government at the Centre is betraying the people of Bengal by withholding the State's legitimate dues:

## Economic and Developmental Betrayal by the BJP Government at the Centre

» The Central Government owes Bengal nearly ₹2 lakh crore and has stalled crucial funds meant for key welfare and development programmes:

**100 Days Work  
(MGNREGA)**  
₹36,095 crore

**Rural Roads**  
2,724.11 crore

**Rural Housing**  
16,134.08 crore

**Drinking Water**  
₹997.90 crore

» Apart from these, funds are also due from the Central Government for other critical sectors including Women & Child Development, Backward Classes Welfare, Urban Development, Public Health Engineering, Irrigation, among others.

» They have withheld funds amounting to ₹11,750.19 crores meant for Food Subsidy, ₹19,045.15 crores meant for School Education, ₹7010.45 crores

meant for Health & Family Welfare and ₹15,215.29 crores meant for Rural Development. These are examples of only a few of the major sectors.

- » Meanwhile, the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) continues to release water in a manner that causes floods in Bengal almost every year, yet the Central Government has denied over ₹400 crore in flood relief to the state.
- » The dues for providing assistance to the people affected by Bulbul, Amphan and Yaas Cyclones are still pending to the tune of ₹43,509 crores from the Central Government.

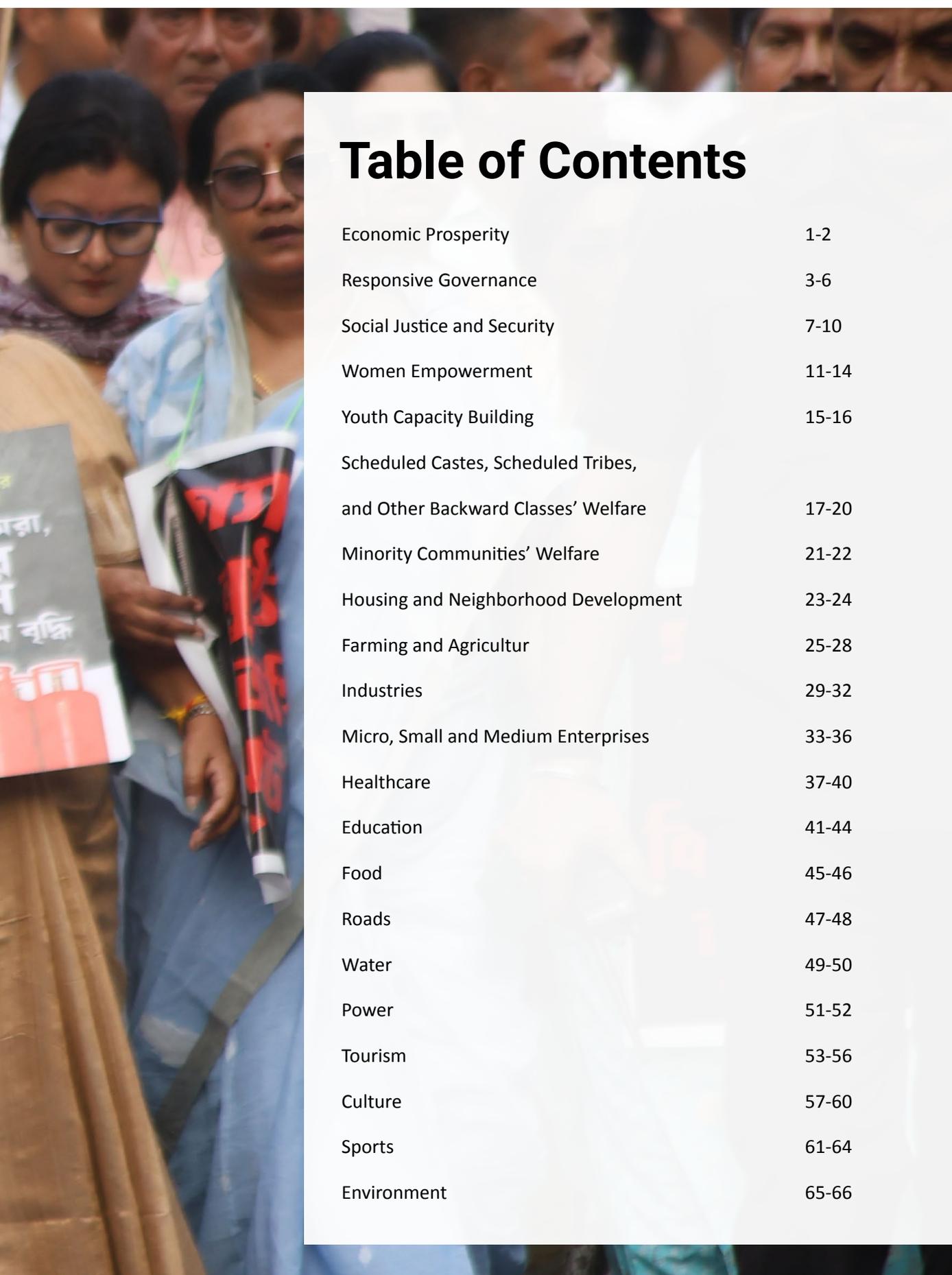
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## **Political and Cultural Betrayal by the BJP**

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- » Beyond financial deprivation, the BJP has also attempted to undermine Bengal's democratic rights, cultural identity, and social stability.
- » They have repeatedly attacked Bengal's cultural heritage by vandalising the statues of our icons, misnaming our icons, and misquoting our beloved poets and novelists, showing disregard for the state's linguistic and cultural pride.
- » Bengal's migrant workers have faced hostility and displacement in several BJP-ruled states, forcing them out of work and livelihood.
- » The BJP has also sought to undermine democracy in Bengal by attempting to deny the rights of legitimate voters through SIR, an attempt to disenfranchise large sections of the electorate.
- » In the face of these actions, Bengal has continued to defend its language, culture, democratic rights, and dignity, standing united against attempts to weaken the State's voice.





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1.



## ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

### Key Goals



Position Bengal as the 3rd largest economy in India within the next 10 years, and build a ₹40 lakh crore economy within the next 5 years, sustaining double-digit growth and accelerating investments across sectors.



Establish Bengal as India's Gateway of Trade for Eastern India by developing the Global Trade Centre, expanding deep-sea and river port networks, and creating modern logistics hubs to boost exports and generate high-quality employment.

## Our Achievements:

### Rise in GDP and Macro Indicators

- » Bengal's nominal GDP has grown almost 6 times in the last 15 years.
- » The average per capita income has tripled in the same period.
- » Our government successfully lifted 1.72 crore people out of poverty.
- » Bengal's productive capital expenditure increased by ~18 times, while our physical sector expenditure grew by ~7 times in the last 15 years.

### Reduction in Unemployment Rate in West Bengal

- » Unemployment rate in West Bengal for persons aged 15 years & above has reduced by 45.65% within just 6 years, as per Government of India Report.

### Fiscal Discipline Indicated by the State: Adhering to FRBM Act

- » Revenue Deficit as % of GSDP is expected to be reduced from 3.75% in 2010-11 to 1.01% in 2026-27.
- » Fiscal Deficit as % of GSDP is expected to be reduced from 4.24% in 2010-11 to 2.91% in 2026-27.
- » Debt stock as % of GSDP is expected to be reduced from 40.65% in 2010-11 to 37.98% in 2026-27.

### Increase in Monthly Family Consumption

- » The monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) in Rural West Bengal has nearly tripled from ₹1291 to ₹3620 within 12 years.

### State's Own Tax revenue rises significantly

- » State's Own Tax revenue is projected to increase from ₹ 21,129 Crore in 2010-11 to ₹1,18,669 Crore in 2026-27, i.e. growth of about 6 times.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- » **Position Bengal as the 3rd Largest Economy in the country in the next 10 years:**  
West Bengal has seen double digit growth for the last 2 fiscal years (2024-25 and 2025-26) at an average of 10.5%, this steady pace of growth will ensure Bengal's ascension into the top three economies in the country. Bengal will emerge as a ₹40 lakh crore economy in the next 5 years
- » **West Bengal will emerge as India's Gateway of trade for all of Eastern India:**  
A state-of-the-art landmark infrastructure, the Global Trade Centre, the dense river and deep sea port network, new logistics hubs will be set up to position Bengal as India's gateway of trade for all of Eastern India . Thus, attracting international companies, strengthening export linkages, and creating high-quality employment for Bengal's youth.



2.



## RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE

### Key Goals



Strengthen administrative and urban governance by creating seven new districts and developing 25 major towns as model cities under Mission Mahanagar with state-of-the-art urban infrastructure.



Introduce the 7th Pay Commission in the State to rationalise pay structures and ensure fair compensation, improved purchasing power, and financial security for government employees.



## Our Achievements:

- » 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 have been constituted.
- » 10.43 crore public services have been delivered to the people's doorsteps through 8.07 lakh Duare Sarkar camps, additionally 15.86 crore 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 crore (₹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 Mukhyomantri, 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%.
- » 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.
- » 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, 49 women police stations, 8 coastal police stations, 36 cyber police stations, and 106 new police stations were created.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Setting up of a High-Performance Delivery Unit for effective delivery of all key measures:**

The West Bengal High Performance Delivery Unit will be established to ensure efficient implementation of Government's vision and last-mile delivery of priority government policies, with regular monitoring and performance evaluation to improve service-delivery. This unit will work closely with the Chief Minister's Office and operate under the chairmanship of a specially appointed Principal Advisor. This unit will provide a platform for a two-way engagement

between the people and the Chief Minister's Office for collating and analysing people's aspirations, feedback, and grievances regarding Government policies and programs in order to make informed State-level policy-making decisions on a regular basis.

\* **7th Pay commission to be introduced in the State:**

The State Government will rationalise pay structures, ensuring fair compensation, improved purchasing power, and financial security in line with rising living costs.

\* **Clearance of Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears:**

State Government employees, pensioners, teachers and non-teaching staff of educational institutions, along with employees and pensioners of grant-in-aid institutions such as panchayats, municipal bodies and other local bodies to receive their pending ROPA 2009 Dearness Allowance arrears in a time-bound manner, as per the modalities notified by the Finance Department from March 2026.

\* **Geographical reorganisation and expansion in numbers of Urban Local Bodies:**

With significant changes in demographics, several urban local bodies are now serving a large number of residents. In order to ensure that public services are delivered efficiently and on time, a holistic reorganisation exercise will be conducted to maintain an ideal public governance ratio.

\* **Seven new districts to be formed in the State:**

To enhance government service delivery and reduce the burden on existing district administrations, seven new districts will be formed in West Bengal, namely Kandi, Beharampore, Bishnupur, Sundarbans, Ranaghat, Ichhamati and Bashirhat.

\* **We will continue our fight for renaming West Bengal as 'Bangla':**

Almost 80 years after independence, Bengal still has to bear the name West Bengal which was born out of the partition horror. In order to aid that, we have repeatedly sought to change our state's name to Bangla but the Central Government has continuously created impediments. We will continue our fight to ensure that West Bengal is renamed as Bangla.

\* **Continued focus on participatory governance:**

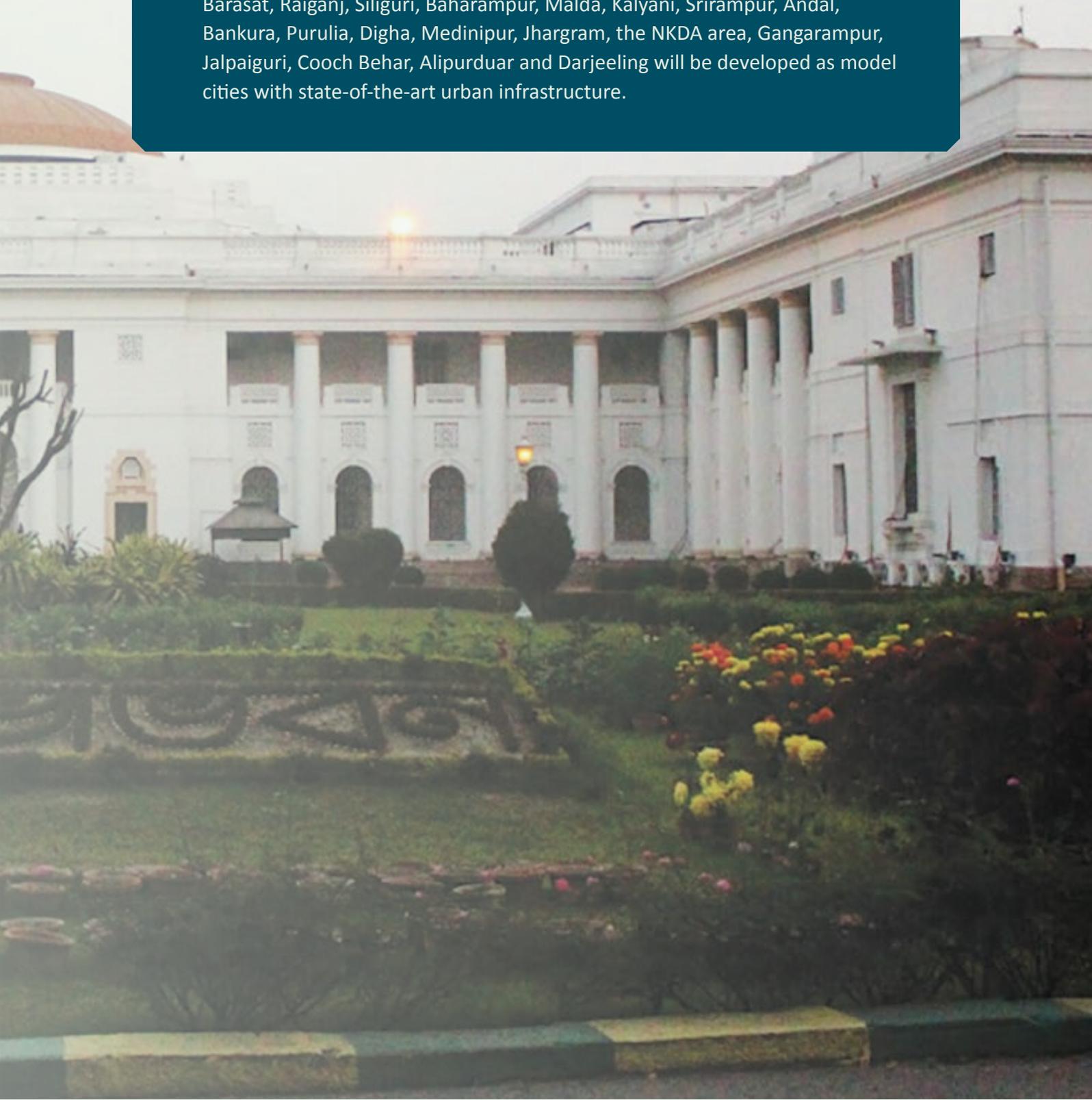
Bengal has set a national benchmark in participatory governance through programmes like Duare Sarkar, Paray Samadhan, and Amader Para, Amader Samadhan. To strengthen truly people-driven governance, we will ensure these initiatives continue without interruption.

\* **Protect Bengal from unwarranted flooding:**

We will firmly pursue the matter of unwarranted flooding in Bengal with the Central Government to ensure that Damodar Valley Corporation adopts a coordinated and scientific water-release protocol, safeguarding the interests, livelihoods, and safety of the people of our State.

\* **25 Major towns of West Bengal to be developed as model cities with state-of-the-art Urban Infrastructure under the Mission Mahanagar programme:**

Howrah, Diamond Harbour, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Bolpur, Krishnanagar, Barasat, Raiganj, Siliguri, Baharampur, Malda, Kalyani, Srirampur, Andal, Bankura, Purulia, Digha, Medinipur, Jhargram, the NKDA area, Gangarampur, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Alipurduar and Darjeeling will be developed as model cities with state-of-the-art urban infrastructure.





### 3.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY

### Key Goals



Introduce a Gig Workers Policy and bring all registered gig workers under the Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha Yojana (BM-SSY) to ensure social security and institutional protection.



Ensure the strengthening and gradual expansion of the Old Age Pension scheme to ensure that all eligible senior citizens lead a life of dignity.

## Our Achievements:

- » The Government of West Bengal has launched 100 Social Welfare schemes since 2011 to ensure inclusive development of all residents of the State.
- » 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 crore.
- » Under Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 1.84 crore unorganised workers have been brought under comprehensive social security coverage at an expenditure of ₹2,880 crore, ensuring medical, death, and welfare benefits for them.
- » Karmasathi (Parijaye 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 years 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.
- » When Central funds for MGNREGA stopped, Maa-Mati-Manush Government launched the Karmashree scheme, generating 104.58 crore man-days of work for over 78.31 lakh job card holders, at an expenditure of ₹20,776 crore.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Strengthening and expanding the Old Age Pension Safety Net :**  
Strive to ensure uninterrupted Old Age Pension support for all existing beneficiaries while gradually extending the safety net of the pension to all eligible senior citizens; so that our elders in Bengal lead a life of dignity.
- \* **A new Gig Workers Policy to be introduced and a comprehensive security net will be extended to them:**  
A dedicated policy framework for gig workers will be brought in whereupon a board will be set up with representation from gig workers, aggregators and the Government. Additionally, every registered gig worker will be brought under the purview of the Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha Yojana.
- \* **Enhance the monthly financial assistance to Purohits and Muezzins by ₹500:**  
To ensure strengthened financial support to Purohits and Muezzins in Bengal, the existing monthly financial assistance of ₹1,500 has been enhanced to ₹2,000 (₹24,000 annually).

- \* **The Mahatma-Shree initiative of the State Government will now provide 100 days of employment to all job card holders in the State:**

In the wake of the scrapping of the MGNREGA scheme by the Central Government, the State Government will extend guaranteed work of 100 days to all job card holders to ensure the workers of Bengal are safeguarded.

- \* **The minimum wages of Tea Garden Workers to be increased to ₹300 per day from ₹250 per day:**

To ensure financial upliftment of tea garden workers and acknowledge the indispensable nature of their service, their minimum wages will be increased from ₹250 to ₹300 per day.

- \* **Exploration of practical solutions to the challenges faced by the Queer and Transgender communities:**

A focused effort will be undertaken to identify real, implementable measures that address everyday barriers in education, healthcare, employment, housing, safety, and social inclusion.

- \* **Increase the honorarium of ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and helpers, Para teachers, Part-time contractual teachers, Sahayak, Samprasarak, Mukyasamprasarak, Management staff, Special Educators, Civic volunteers, Village Police and Green Police Workers in the State by ₹1,000 per month:**

To meet the long-standing demand of wage increments and acknowledge the extensive work that these grassroots workers do to keep governance running, their honorarium will be increased by ₹1,000 per month. Additionally, the nearest kin of the workers will be given a one time compensation of ₹5 lakh in the unfortunate event of the workers' death before he or she turns 60 years of age.

- \* **Exploring humane solutions for stray cats and dogs:**

To ensure humane treatment of stray cats and dogs and to protect their caregivers, we will set up a dedicated committee in ULBs to explore evidence-based, scientific solutions.





# 4.



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

### Key Goals



Enhance household incomes by increasing financial assistance under Lakshmir Bhandar to ₹1,700 per month (₹20,400 annually) for SC/ST women and ₹1,500 per month (₹18,000 annually) for General category women.



Increase women's labour force participation from 44.7% to 50% in the next 5 years by expanding employment, entrepreneurship opportunities, and strengthening the Self Help Group (SHG) ecosystem.

## Our Achievements:

- » Under the revolutionary Lakshmir Bhandar scheme, 2.4 crore women have been financially and socially empowered.
- » Under Kanyashree Prakalpa nearly 1 crore girls have benefitted across 18,000 institutions.
- » Over 22 lakh women have received financial assistance for their marriage under Rupashree.
- » Over 20 lakh widowed women receive pensions in the State.
- » Under Sabujshree, 68 lakh saplings have been distributed to mothers of newborns.
- » West Bengal is No. 1 in the country in the number of Women owned MSMEs, with a total of 31 lakhs women entrepreneurs.
- » Credit provided to SHGs increased almost 70 times from ₹531 crores in 2010-11 to ₹35,000 crores in 2025-26.
- » Through Anandadhara, 1.21 crore women have been enabled to pursue livelihood opportunities.
- » The number of SHGs has increased almost 12 times from ~1 lakh in 2010-11 to over 12 lakhs in 2025-26.
- » Five lakh women under the SHG fold have been engaged in garment & uniform making, generating 1.5 crore person days.
- » In 2024 our Government introduced the Aparajita Bill to create stronger legal safeguards against crimes against women.
- » The Rattirer Sathi app introduced by the Trinamool Congress government ensures immediate distress assistance for women working night shifts or travelling after dark.
- » For more empathetic policing 49 women police stations have been set up in the State.
- » Women have 51.4% representation in the Panchayati Raj Institutions of Bengal, higher than the national average of 45.6%.
- » Institutional deliveries now stand at 99.13% in Bengal ensuring secure childbirth for almost all women.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* Enhance household incomes by increasing financial assistance under Lakshmir Bhandar for all women:  
Lakshmir Bhandar has been increased by ₹500 across categories, now women from SC/ST families receive ₹1,700 per month and General category women receive ₹1,500 per month.
- \* We will significantly increase the proportion of women personnel in the police force in the State:  
To ensure empathetic policing and greater safety of women in the state.

- \* **Under the Karmanjali scheme, every district in West Bengal to have at least one working women's hostel:**  
To ensure safe and affordable living for working women in the state, new hostels will be in every district.
- \* **Aggressive follow up with the Government of India for the assent of the 'Aparajita Bill':**  
To ensure the full implementation of the landmark Aparajita Bill, introduced and passed by the Government of West Bengal in the Legislative Assembly, efforts will be intensified to secure the President's assent.
- \* **The 'Rattirer Sathi' app to be made even more robust and effective:**  
To ensure user-friendly access to security.
- \* **Strict measures to be taken to prevent online harassment and violence against women.**
- \* **Pink Booths and Shining Teams for enhanced women's safety in Kolkata:**  
To ensure that women receive all possible assistance while travelling at night, 'Pink Booths', exclusively run by women officers, will offer direct assistance to women at key intersections from evening till midnight. Additionally, an all-women mobile patrol called 'Shining teams' will monitor the EM Bypass and other major roads from 8 pm to 2 am.
- \* **Ensure quality employment opportunities for women:**  
Women's labour force participation in West Bengal will be increased from 44.7% to 50% in the next 5 years through facilitation of substantive employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- \* **Increase the number of Self Help Groups (SHG) and SHG-linked credit circulation in the next 5 years:**  
Increase the number of active SHGs to ensure more women becoming self-dependent through the SHG ecosystem. The available pool of credit to these SHGs will also be increased to ensure active participation of women. The procurement of SHG produce will be prioritised by the State Government.
- \* **Increase the number of SHG and artisan marketing hubs to 50:**  
This will double the existing number of SHG and artisan marketing hubs, ensuring at least 2 hubs in each district.





5.



## YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING

### Key Goals



Provide ₹1,500 per month financial assistance under Banglar Yuba-Sathi scheme to educated unemployed youth aged 21–40 years until they secure employment.



Generate 10 lakh new employment opportunities through major industrial and infrastructure initiatives across the State.

## Our Achievements:

- » There has been a 40% reduction in unemployment in the State since 2011.
- » Over 2 crore new employment opportunities have been created in Bengal under the Maa-Mati-Manush Government.
- » 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.
- » A total of 44 youth hostels have been created or upgraded since 2011.
- » Our Government has established 912 Youth Computer Training Centres. The number of Polytechnic Colleges has increased from 65 in 2011 to 357 in 2026, and the number of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) has risen from 80 in 2011 to 317 in 2026.
- » Job-oriented skill training is being provided under Utkarsh Bangla, with 46 lakh youth brought under training through the scheme.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Financial support (Banglar Yuba-Sathi) of ₹1,500 per month for the unemployed youth of the State:**

All unemployed youth between 21-40 years of age who have passed their Class X exams and still haven't found employment will be given ₹1,500 as monthly financial assistance up to 5 years or till they find employment, whichever is earlier.

- \* **Accelerate Bengal's Creative Economy:**

To leverage the largely untapped creative industry, a dedicated policy will be introduced to empower creators by strengthening access to finance, modern production infrastructure, global markets, and intellectual property support; transforming creativity into jobs, enterprise, and global cultural influence.

- \* **10 lakh new employment opportunities to be generated in the state:**

Through the ongoing initiatives of the Government of West Bengal, like Asia's largest coal mine in Deocha Pachami, greenfield industrial park in Purulia called Jangal Sundari Karmanagari, 6 new industrial corridors (Raghunathpur-Tajpur, Dankuni-Kalyani, Dankuni-Jhargram, Dankuni-Cooch Behar, Kharagpur-Morgram, from Purulia's Gurudi to Kolkata's Joka), Karmadiganta leather park and the Sagardighi Supercritical Energy Unit, at least 10 lakh new employment opportunities will be generated in the State.

- \* **Strive to ensure that all government vacancies are fulfilled in a time-bound manner:**

To provide secure government employment to the youth we will strive to clear all backlogs in various government departments in a time-bound manner.



## 6.



## SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES, AND OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES' WELFARE

### Key Goals



Expand educational and livelihood opportunities for SC, ST and OBC communities by strengthening Yogyashree coaching, expanding SC/ST hostels in every block, and ensuring 100% scholarship coverage through fully digitised and time-bound delivery.



Intensify efforts for ST recognition of the Mahato community and Kisan Jatis, while strengthening institutional support through Large Area Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies for Social Development & Financial Inclusion (LAMPS) for tribal SHGs and a Taposhili Assistance Cell for protection and grievance redressal.

## Our Achievements:

- » Over 1.69 crore 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.
- » From November, 2022 digitally signed QR coded Caste Certificates were introduced for greater transparency and ease of access.
- » 14.64 lakh elders from the SC and ST communities have been provided pensions under Jai Johar and Taposili Bandhu schemes.
- » Around 1,27,500 SC youths have received short-term skill training in different market-oriented trades in the last 15 years.
- » Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Medha Puraskar and Thakur Harichand Guruchand Award have been instituted for meritorious students from SC families.
- » 30.90 lakh SC students and 35.09 lakh OBC students have received pre-metric scholarships in the state in the last 15 years.
- » 64.68 lakh SC students and 29.25 lakh OBC students have received post-metric scholarships since 2011.
- » Under the Shikshashree scholarship scheme 1.25 crore SC students have been benefited.
- » The West Bengal Kendu Leaves Collectors Social Security scheme has aided 35,000 beneficiaries with pensions, insurance and other benefits.
- » To honour the heritage and sentiments of the Rajbanshi community, the 'Narayani Battalion' has been created with Mekhliganj as its headquarters.
- » Development and Cultural Boards have been set up by the State Government for Lepcha, Tamang, Bhutia, Sherpa, Limbu, Lodha-Sabar and Bhumij communities.
- » To honour tribal religious practices, our Government has assisted in building 748 Jaher Thans protected and 1,537 Majhi Thans.
- » 8,314 tribal women SHGs in Large Area Multi Purpose Societies/Co-operative Societies (LAMPS) through access to revolving funds.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

### \* Strengthen Large Area Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies for Social Development & Financial Inclusion (LAMPS) for Tribal-led SHGs:

The infrastructure of LAMPS will be strengthened to support the social development and livelihood building of their members, while a dedicated Revolving Fund for women Self-Help Groups within LAMPS will improve their livelihoods and facilitate their inclusion in the formal banking sector.

- \* **Ensure that the fight for the ST recognition for the Mahato community is unhindered:**

We will follow up with the Government of India on our recommendation to grant ST status to the Mahato community, to ensure the community gets their due recognition and access to Government support schemes.

- \* **Continue the struggle for the ST recognition of Kisan Jatis:**

To ensure the expeditious closure of ST status of Kisan Jatis, we will intensify legal and administrative follow-up with the Central Government, and mobilise sustained political pressure until recognition is formally granted.

- \* **Facilitate time-bound delivery of caste certificates:**

A Time-Bound Caste Certificate Mechanism will be introduced with 100% online processing, automated verification and defined service timelines, supported by district performance ranking to ensure faster and more accountable citizen service delivery.

- \* **A Special Task Force to be set up to examine the status of all grievances related to OBC A and B categorisation:**

The Task force will rationalise the system of OBC certification by examining all existing grievances related to OBC A and B categorisation.

- \* **Yogyashree scheme to be extended to over 10,000 students in the next 5 years:**

To expand assistance to SC and ST students in their preparation for competitive examinations for education and employment, 10,000 more students will be trained in district-level centres under the Yogyashree scheme.

- \* **Establishment of Cultural and Development Boards for Munda, Kora, Dom, Kumbhakar and Sadgope communities:**

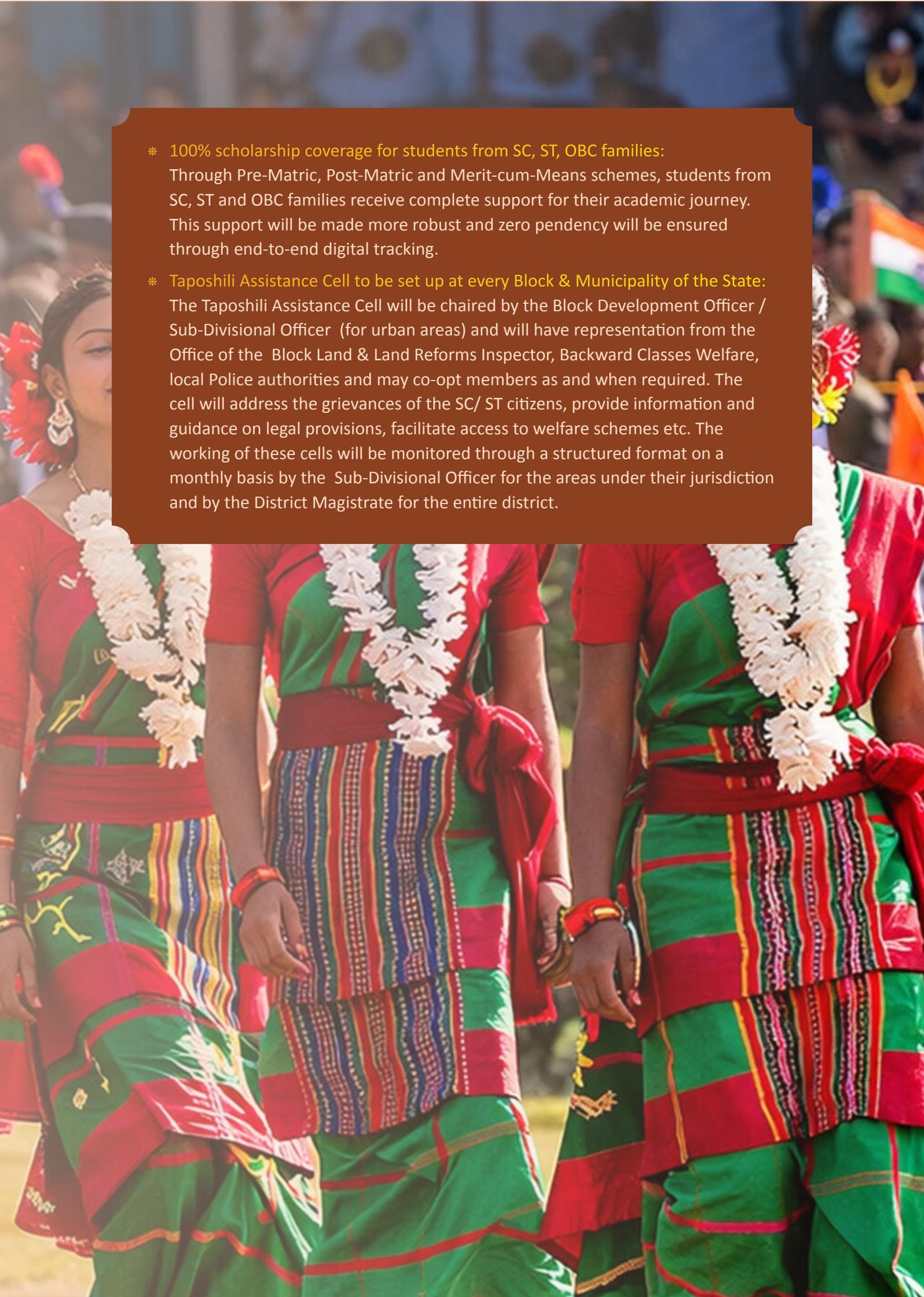
These boards will support targeted welfare initiatives, skill development, livelihood generation, education, and access to government services, ensuring inclusive growth and greater representation of the abovementioned communities in the state's development journey.

- \* **Expanding the network of dedicated hostels for SC and ST students:**

To ensure that students from the SC and ST communities can access dignified residences during their studentship, the network of existing dedicated SC and ST hostels will be expanded to ensure there is at least one such hostel in every block. The amenities in all State Government-run hostels for SC and ST students will be upgraded.

- \* **Smart Classes & Sports Facilities in all Tribal Schools:**

To ensure equal learning opportunities for children from tribal families, Tribal schools will be facilitated with smart classrooms and sports infrastructure.

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- \* **100% scholarship coverage for students from SC, ST, OBC families:**  
Through Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means schemes, students from SC, ST and OBC families receive complete support for their academic journey. This support will be made more robust and zero pendency will be ensured through end-to-end digital tracking.
  - \* **Taposhili Assistance Cell to be set up at every Block & Municipality of the State:**  
The Taposhili Assistance Cell will be chaired by the Block Development Officer / Sub-Divisional Officer (for urban areas) and will have representation from the Office of the Block Land & Land Reforms Inspector, Backward Classes Welfare, local Police authorities and may co-opt members as and when required. The cell will address the grievances of the SC/ ST citizens, provide information and guidance on legal provisions, facilitate access to welfare schemes etc. The working of these cells will be monitored through a structured format on a monthly basis by the Sub-Divisional Officer for the areas under their jurisdiction and by the District Magistrate for the entire district.



# 7.



## MINORITY COMMUNITIES' WELFARE

### Key Goals



Protect and effectively utilise Waqf properties for community welfare, including establishing health and educational institutions.



Expand education and employability opportunities for minority youth through new job-oriented courses at Aliah University and soft-skill training in 27 industrial training institutes in minority-dominated areas.



## Our Achievements:

- » Aikyaashree, the largest minority scholarship scheme by any state in the country, has given out 4.95 crore scholarships.
- » The Destitute Minority Women Rehabilitation Programme (DMWRP) has ensured over 2.6 lakh destitute minority women receive dignified housing. Additional 33,753 destitute housing have been sanctioned this year.
- » To aid the learning of minority students, 1200 Smart Classrooms, 115 Digital Labs & 76 Science Labs were provided to Madrasahs.
- » Major upgradation of hostel infrastructure has been taken up across the three campuses of Aliah University.
- » West Bengal ranks first in the country in ensuring infrastructural development in minority-dominated areas.
- » The budget of the Minority Affairs Department has been increased nearly ten-fold.
- » The Government has earmarked ₹1,387 crore for the construction of boundary walls around nearly 9,900 burial grounds.
- » Investment of ₹3,900 crore has been made by our government to expand self-employment and entrepreneurship among minority youth.
- » To strengthen skill development and livelihood opportunities in minority-dominated areas, 27 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 5 Polytechnics have been set up.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Protection and effective utilisation of Waqf properties:**  
Effective steps to be taken for protection, development and utilisation of waqf properties across the state for general welfare empowerment of the community, including setting up of health and educational institutions.
- \* **Expansion of job-oriented courses at Aliah University:**  
New courses including LLB, Artificial Intelligence, Paramedic and M.Ed. will be introduced at Aliah University, expanding higher education opportunities for minority students.
- \* **Soft-skill training to be introduced in technical training institutes in minority-dominated areas:**  
To bridge the existing skill gap and improve employability of minority youth in the state, soft skill training will be introduced in the 27 industrial training institutes in minority-dominated areas.
- \* **Dedicated Cultural Centres for Minorities:**  
To support minority religious groups promote and preserve their rich cultural identities, dedicated cultural centres will be built with State Government support.





8.



## HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD WELFARE

### Key Goals



Ensure a pucca home for every family in the next 5 years by providing housing support to 30 lakh more families, ensuring that all residents have access to dignified housing.

## Our Achievements:

- » Since 2011, the Government of West Bengal has ensured dignified housing for nearly 1 crore families.
- » 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 crore; Phase II of the Banglar Bari (Gramin) scheme has supported 20 lakh more families, with over ₹19,700 crore 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 crore.
- » 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.
- » Under Gitanjali scheme, nearly 3.84 lakh houses have been provided at a cost of over ₹3,500 crore.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Ensure that every family in Bengal has a pucca home:**

The Government of West Bengal has provided ~1 crore houses in the last 15 years, and will extend housing support to 30 lakh more families in the next 5 years to ensure that every family in Bengal has a pucca home of their own.

- \* **Introduction of a comprehensive neighborhood development plan:**

A people-centric, neighborhood renewal mission to transform every neighbourhood into a clean, green, and vibrant public space; developing landscaped parks, walking tracks, beautified streetscapes, shaded avenues, playgrounds, open-air gyms, nurseries, murals, and community plazas.

- \* **Improved waste management and sanitation:**

9 new, fresh waste processing plants will be set up in different Urban Local Bodies and a holistic waste management action plan will be incorporated to ensure cleaner, greener neighborhoods across Bengal.





## 9.



## FARMING AND AGRICULTURE

### Key Goals



Introduce a dedicated Agriculture Budget of ₹30,000 crore to strengthen farming and allied sectors, including ₹4,000 annual support for landless agricultural labourers, continued assistance to farm families and holistic upgradation of the sector.



Increase paddy procurement price to ₹2,500 per quintal while expanding post-harvest infrastructure, including 50 new cold storages, to boost farm incomes and strengthen agricultural value chains.

## Our Achievements:

- » Krishak Bandhu (Naton) has provided financial support to 1.10 Cr farmers in the State.
- » Bangla Sashya Bima Yojana has protected 1.13 crore farmers against crop losses.
- » Bengal's irrigation coverage has been increased to almost 65% of cultivable land.
- » The state spending on Agriculture increased by 9.16 times in the last 15 years.
- » 16 lakh small and marginal farmers benefitted from the direct government procurement of 55 lakh MT of paddy.
- » 42,000 acres of fallow land was transformed under the Matir Srishti scheme to support agriculture.
- » Our state recorded 0 farmer suicides since 2021.
- » Our State is No.1 in the country in cropping intensity (194%), Paddy production (annual 256 Lakh MT), No.1 jute producer and 2nd in Potato, Vegetables, Tea, Fish and meat production in the country.
- » Our State is No.1 in the productivity of maize and rice among all states and union territories.
- » Farm power availability in Bengal improved from 1.37 kw/ hectare to 2.47 kw/ hectare in the last 15 years; as a result of special thrust under the State supported farm mechanisation scheme providing modern farm machinery to farmers.
- » Our state ranks No.1 in the country in the number of cold storages ensuring improved post-harvest infrastructure.
- » We have supported marine fishermen with an assistance of ₹5,000 during the lean fishing period under the Samudra Sathi scheme.
- » We have ensured the reopening of 85 tea gardens in the state.
- » Our Government has doubled wages of rural agricultural workers from ₹167.07 (2011) to ₹347.20 (2024).

### What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- » Introduction of a dedicated Agri Budget worth ₹30,000 Cr in the next financial year:

A dedicated Agricultural Budget will be introduced from next financial year, which will ensure holistic upgradation of the agriculture and allied sectors and make provisions for the following:

- Annual Financial assistance of ₹ 4,000 for landless agricultural labourers
- Complete waiver of irrigation charges upon the use of Government tubewells and River Lift Irrigation systems.
- All existing schemes and support mechanisms in the sector will be made more robust and resilient.

» **Increment procurement price of paddy to ₹2500 per quintal:**

An increment in paddy procurement price to ₹2500 from the existing ₹2369, to provide a top-up beyond the defined MSP. Additionally, ensure expansion of decentralized procurement centres, enhance digital farmer registration, and ensure timely payments, protecting small and marginal farmers from distress sales. Special measures will be taken for improving post-harvest processing of export quality rice.

» **Achieving self-sufficiency in maize and oilseed production, ensuring crop diversification:**

Greater emphasis on production of Maize, Oilseeds and pulses to meet growing domestic demand and 100% self-sufficiency in production, also leading to crop diversification. Additional focus will be given to localized seed production for Potato, Hybrid Maize, Pulses & Oilseeds.

» **Expansion and strengthening of post-harvest infrastructure for horticulture produce:**

Value addition through post-harvest infrastructure and processing will be prioritised, particularly fruits and horticultural produce to further improve farmers' income and farm level economy.

» **50 new cold storages will be established in the State:**

To preserve the excess agricultural produce and horticulture crops in the State, the Government shall set up 50 new Cold Storage Units in suitable areas across Bengal in a PPP model, with a focus on green energy.

» **Exemption of Agricultural Income Tax on Green Tea leaves till 2027:**

For the benefit of small tea garden owners of the State, the exemption of Agricultural Income Tax on green tea leaves will be extended for one year, i.e. till 31.03.2027. Further the exemption of Cess on Tea production will also be extended till 31.03.2027.

» **Setting up of an Ilish Hub in Diamond Harbour:**

West Bengal has a deep-rooted cultural connection with the Hilsa fish. However, owing to changing climatic conditions and stalled water sharing agreement with Bangladesh, Bengal isn't receiving its beloved Hilsa. So focussed efforts will be taken to promote pisciculture for Hilsa in Diamond Harbour. Special input subsidies will be provided for the same.





# 10.



## INDUSTRIES

### Key Goals

 Develop Bengal as a \$30 billion logistics hub by 2031 by establishing five new multimodal logistics parks and strengthening the State's strategic role as the gateway for freight movement.

 Double Bengal's exports in the next five years, scaling merchandise exports to \$17 billion (₹1.54 lakh crore) by 2030–31 through the Export Promotion Policy and expansion of logistics and industrial ecosystems.



## Our achievements:

- » West Bengal has emerged as India's new cement hub. More than 30 large cement plants operate in the State. Bengal now leads in the production of green cement.
- » Today, our State is a major manufacturing hub with the nation's largest Leather Complex, largest Garment Cluster, largest Hosiery Park, largest Foundry Park and a pioneering Railway Manufacturing Hub.
- » Steel and engineering industries have witnessed rapid expansion. Steel production reached 11 million tonnes in FY 2024, growing at nearly 12% annually. Steel is now among the top export commodities of the State.
- » More than 200 industrial parks now operate across sectors, creating strong industrial ecosystems and attracting global brands.
- » The growth in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (Manufacturing) for West Bengal for the period of April - October, 2025 is 5.8%, substantially higher than the national growth at 3.9%.
- » The Trinamool Congress government has instituted 6 new economic corridors in the State (Raghunathpur-Tajpur, Dankuni-Kalyani, Dankuni-Jhargram, Dankuni-Cooch Behar, Kharagpur-Morgram, from Purulia's Gurudi to Kolkata's Joka) for accelerated economic growth.
- » Bengal is the only state in the country extracting coal bed methane (a clean fuel) and we are poised to extract shale gas shortly. Additionally, a natural gas extraction plant is also being developed in Ashokenagar to further provide clean energy for industries.
- » Our state ranks second in terms of active registered companies, while average profit per factory in Bengal saw a 5.46 times growth in the last 15 years.
- » Over 2 lakh youth are employed in the State's IT Sector across various IT and ITeS companies.
- » The world's second largest coal deposit in Deocha Pachami is being developed in Birbhum which will generate 1 lakh jobs.
- » The Jungalsundari Karmanagari in Purulia is set to generate 7.75 lakh job opportunities.
- » The Bengal Silicon Valley is shaping our digital future with investment of ₹30,000 crores and employment of 75,000 IT personnel.
- » Bengal is emerging as one of the largest Data Centre Hubs of India.

### What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- **Promote Bengal as the Logistics Hub of India:**

At least 5 new multimodal logistics parks will be set up in Bengal, to ensure that the state's logistics sector grows into a \$30 billion in value by 2031. West Bengal's strategic location as a gateway to all of North-East India, Nepal, Bhutan

and Bangladesh and its extensive road network allows for the ease of automated freight storage and seamless movement.

- **West Bengal to emerge as India's largest Data Centre Hub:**

Positioning itself as the backbone of India's digital infrastructure, West Bengal will capitalise on its strategic geography, reliable power ecosystem, high-speed connectivity, and proactive investment policies.

- \* **Bengal's exports to be doubled in the next five years:**

Through the operationalization of the West Bengal Export Promotion Policy and the West Bengal Logistics Sector Development Policy, we will ensure that we effectively double the state's share in India's total annual exports by 2031. Merchandise exports will be scaled up to USD 17 Billion (₹1,54,288 Crore) by 2030-31, while IT, fintech, logistics and Global Capability Centres will drive the next wave of export growth.

- \* **Expand Bengal's Industrial & Corporate Footprint:**

The number of registered companies will be scaled to 3 lakh and factories to 11,000 units by 2030. This will generate massive employment opportunities in the state and ensure that industrialisation in Bengal continues uninterrupted.

- \* **A Special Purpose Vehicle (Banglar Shilpo Accelerator) to ensure fulfillment of MoUs and seamless conversion of investments into infrastructure:**

Special Purpose Vehicle that ensures industrial MoUs convert to tangible projects through expedited approvals, district-level facilitation, inter-departmental coordination, regular monitoring and course-correction.

- \* **Expansion of the existing Industrial & Economic Corridors:**

Bengal's 6 existing Industrial and Economic Corridors (Raghunathpur-Tajpur, Dankuni-Kalyani, Dankuni-Jhargram, Dankuni-Cooch Behar, Kharagpur-Morgram, from Purulia's Gurudi to Kolkata's Joka) will be expanded, driving industrial development across every corner of the State.

- \* **Priority completion Jangalsundari Karmnagari Project:**

The Jangalsundari Karmnagari Project will be fast-tracked to establish a transformative Greenfield industrial hub at Raghunathpur, Purulia. This initiative will generate over 7 lakh jobs in the state.

- \* **Two new Gems and Jewellery Industrial Parks will be set up to aid 6.5 lakh artisans:**

Bengal is a leading producer of gold, copper and silver jewellery, the special filigree work is mainly found in Bengal. To promote production and connect local artisans with global jewellers two dedicated Gems and Jewellery industrial parks will be established in Howrah and Hoogly.





11.



## MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

### Key Goals



Position Bengal as the No. 1 state in MSME units by expanding from 90 lakh to 1.5 crore MSMEs through the creation of 60 lakh new enterprises in the next 5 years.



Strengthen entrepreneurship and exports by establishing 300 new MSME clusters and 4 Zonal MSME Export Hubs.

## Our Achievements:

- » There are over 90 lakh functional Medium Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) in West Bengal, we rank second all India in the number of active MSMEs and first in the number of women-owned MSMEs.
- » There has been a 14 times growth in MSME clusters from 49 clusters in 2011 to more than 710 clusters as of February 2026.
- » Government owned MSME Industrial Parks have grown from 29 parks in 2011 to 54 in 2026 including Integrated Textile Parks, dedicated Silk Park & Agro Industrial Park, etc.
- » Due to our Government's intervention through the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) bank credit flow to the MSME sector has increased by 16 times from ₹12,300 crores in 2011 to nearly ₹2 lakh crores till Dec' 2025.
- » Before 2011 there were zero Government-supported Industrial parks, today there are 47 such parks.
- » Karmadiganta, India's largest Leather Park is situated in West Bengal's Bantala, which employs over 5 lakh people.
- » Our Government has set up 540 Marketing Complex/Haat for providing marketing support to SHGs; including Biswa Khudra Bazar at Bolpur, Leather and Cottage Product Marketing Hub – Shilpanna at Alipore, BanglarHaat at New Town, 'Biswa Bangla' and 'Banglar Saree' Brands with a total of 36 outlets in and outside the state.
- » Around 1,17,000 looms have been distributed to weavers in the state in the last 11 years.
- » More than 1,500 modern powerlooms have been set up with Government support leading to an annual increment of fabric production to 10 crores meters.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Position Bengal as the number 1 state in terms of active Medium, Small and Micro Enterprise (MSME) units:**  
West Bengal currently ranks second in the country in terms of total MSME units, with over 90 lakh units in place. 60 lakh new units will be set up in the next 5 years to take the number to 1.5 crore units, the highest in the country.
- \* **Expansion of MSME Clusters & Entrepreneurship:**  
5 Lakh entrepreneurs will emerge out of Bengal over the next 5 years through the establishment of 300 new MSME clusters across the state. Credit flow of ₹15 lakh crores will be made available to MSMEs.
- \* **Establishment of 150 new Industrial Parks:**  
To boost economic growth and provide end-to-end facilities to budding industrial players, 150 new fully-equipped industrial parks will be set up in the state.

✳ **Establishing Zonal MSME Export Hubs to boost exports:**

4 Zonal MSME Export Hubs will be established at Howrah, Durgapur, Berhampore and Siliguri, with a special focus on boosting exports in high-potential sectors including Textile & Apparel, Leather, Gem & Jewellery, Engineering and Handicrafts.

✳ **Natural Fibres Revival Mission:**

A comprehensive jute industries revival mission will be undertaken to reopen sick jute mills and make jute products more marketable and popular. Additionally, greater focus will be given to the revival and promotion of other natural fibres and textiles.

✳ **'Made in Bengal' recognition for unique artifacts of the State:**

Introduction of a 'Made in Bengal' honour to recognise, certify and promote the State's unique artifacts, ensuring authenticity, protecting traditional craftsmanship, enhancing global market access, and strengthening livelihoods of local artisans. This would include legacy products like Tulaipanji Rice, Bishnupuri Baluchuri, Terracotta Idols, Dokra art etc. and also a range of new products which will be surveyed for inclusion.

✳ **Enhance the global visibility and presence of Biswa Bangla:**

Positioning Biswa Bangla into a premium international brand that showcases Bengal's finest handlooms, handicrafts, agro-products, and creative industries. This will include:

- Global retail partnerships
- E-commerce expansion
- Participation in international trade fairs
- Stronger GI-tag promotion
- Quality certification
- Contemporary design innovation, and branding campaigns that place Biswa Bangla as a trusted symbol of authenticity, excellence, and cultural pride; brand Bengal on the world stage.





## 12.



## HEALTHCARE

### Key Goals



Ensure accessible and affordable healthcare for all by organising annual Duare Chikitsa camps in every block and town and establishing Fair Price Medicine Shops in all block-level health facilities.



Strengthen advanced healthcare capacity by expanding the Swasthya Sathi hospital network and ensuring access to a Medical College and Hospital for every district with modern medical infrastructure.

## Our Achievements:

- » Public Expenditure on healthcare in Bengal has increased by 6 times since 2011.
- » Under Swasthya Sathi, 8.72 crore people from 2.45 crore families have received health insurance benefits. The scheme covers almost 85% of families in the State.
- » Nearly ₹70,000 crore have been invested towards strengthening health infrastructure. With 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 being established.
- » Government hospital beds in our State increased by 36.25% from 71,200 in 2011 to 97,000.
- » Bengal's telemedicine initiative has delivered over 7 crore consultations under Swasthya Ingit.
- » The number of MBBS seats has risen from 1,355 to 6,349.
- » With the Swasthya Bandhu scheme, 210 mobile medical units have been operationalised to provide healthcare services to people's doorsteps.
- » 64,000 children have received life-saving heart surgeries under Shishu Sathi.
- » 26 Lakh people have received free cataract surgeries and 34 Lakh have received free spectacles under Chokher Alo.
- » The total number of seats in nursing training institutes has gone up from 2,265 to 28,547.
- » In 2025, institutional deliveries in Bengal reached 99.13%, Maternal Mortality Rate declined to 104, Infant Mortality Rate reduced to 17 per 1,000 live births.
- » India's first public-funded cord blood bank (stem cell preservation centre) was set up in Kolkata's School of Tropical Medicine, under the aegis of the Trinamool Congress Government.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Duare Chikitsa camps to be held once a year in every block and town:**  
Ensuring access to premium healthcare services, case-by-case referral, medicines and follow-up care through a structured patient tracking and support system, so that no patient is left behind.
- \* **Fair-price Medicine Shops in every block:**  
Fair Price Medicine Shops will be established in all Block-level PHCs and Rural Hospitals to provide affordable generic medicines and reduce expenditure for citizens.

\* **Setting up dedicated kidney banks in the state:**

To strengthen organ transplant infrastructure in Bengal and thus save more lives, dedicated kidney banks will be established across the state to facilitate ethical storage, allocation, and timely transplantation.

\* **A state-wide helpline called Moner Sathi to be introduced to attend SoS calls in case of mental health crisis:**

A 24x7 state-wide emergency helpline (integrated with Swasthya Ingit), Moner Sathi, will offer immediate crisis intervention, suicide prevention support and referral to nearby facilities, ensuring accessible and stigma-free mental healthcare across urban and rural Bengal.

\* **Strengthening Tertiary Healthcare Access & Advanced Medical Capacity:**

Every district will have access to a Medical College and Hospital within the nearest feasible distance, and all existing Medical Colleges and Hospitals will be equipped with state-of-the-art medical technologies, advanced equipment, and trained technicians to ensure self-reliance in managing complex diseases.

\* **Expansion of the Swasthya Sathi Network hospitals:**

To allow ease of access to healthcare facilities, more hospitals will be added to the Swasthya Sathi network with a special focus on rural and remote locales.

\* **Facility for universal screening for Non-Communicable Diseases:**

Screening for emerging and complex conditions such as Cancer and Diabetes will be universalized. Lifestyle and dietary improvements would be encouraged through dedicated awareness programmes in all Government-run medical facilities.

\* **State Government pensioners will receive additional healthcare coverage:**

Under the West Bengal Health scheme, the limit of cashless treatment for pensioners will be enhanced up to 75% of the additional expenditure beyond existing ₹2 lakh coverage.

\* **Bengal to become the centre of Medical Value Tourism in Eastern India:**

West Bengal is home to some of the most well known, advanced medical care facilities, which offer world class healthcare at affordable prices. It is already the destination of choice for patients from our neighbouring countries. A new unified portal for visiting patients will be introduced to ensure easy consultation scheduling, seamless treatment and recovery. West Bengal will emerge as the destination of choice for medical tourism in Eastern India.





13.



EDUCATION

### Key Goals

 Establish 430 Model Schools across the State with at least one in every block to expand access to high-quality education and modern learning infrastructure.

 Upgrade all Government schools under Banglar Shikshayatan with modern facilities including smart classrooms, computer labs and improved infrastructure.



## Our Achievements:

- » 1 crore girls have been aided through the flagship, award-winning, Kanyashree scheme.
- » Over 1.44 crore students have received bicycles under the Sabuj Sathi scheme.
- » Nearly 1.65 crore students (Pre-Primary-Class XII) are annually provided with Free Textbooks.
- » 1.06 crore students of various classes were given uniforms, shoes and school bags annually.
- » 1.1 crore enrolled students (Pre-Primary-Class VIII) were provided hot cooked meals regularly under the Cooked Mid-Day Meal Program.
- » West Bengal saw highest Student Enrolment Ratio in Government Schools nationally at 89% vs the national average of 52%.
- » Bengal saw zero drop-outs in the primary and upper-primary levels of schooling since 2023.
- » 53 lakh students have been given smartphones and tabs to aid digital learning through the Taruner Swapno scheme.
- » Over 1 lakh youth have benefitted from the Student Credit Card scheme, funding their higher education dreams.
- » 33.65 lakh students are getting higher education stipends under the Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means scheme.
- » For Regional Language Promotion, 456 Santhali Medium Schools, 198 Rajbangshi Medium Schools and 2 Kamtapuri Medium Schools have been established.
- » To support Girls' Education, 347 Girls' Hostels were established for safe residential schooling.
- » In 2011 there were 12 Universities. Now the number of Universities in Bengal is 42, State-aided universities increased from 12 to 31.
- » 2 State Universities of Bengal are among top 20 universities in India.

### What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Advanced AI labs to be facilitated in all Government and Government-aided Higher Secondary schools across the state:**  
To ensure children of Bengal are ready to face the job market in this era of cutting-edge technology.
- \* **Introduction of a dedicated curriculum on the glorious history of Bengal (Banglar Gourab Gatha) in all Government and Government-aided schools:**  
A curated curriculum outlining the socio-cultural history of West Bengal including the glorious renaissance period in all Government and Government-aided schools to ensure children in Bengal are well-aware of our state's legacy and diversity.

\* **Setting up a Model School in every block of the state:**

With a financial boost of nearly ₹2,500 crore from the Asian Development Bank, a total of 430 model schools will be built in the state. At least one in each block and two in 87 backward blocks.

\* **Increase Public Spending on Education to 4.5% of the GDP:**

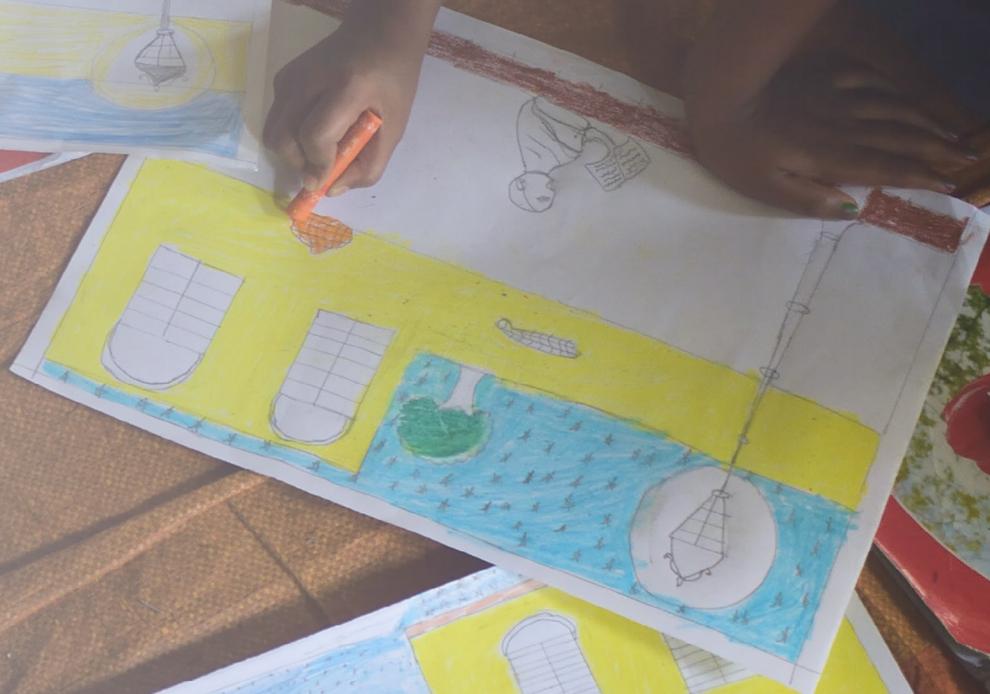
To ensure that the State can expand educational infrastructure and adequately support educators across levels, the Government will increase spending on education to 4.5% of the GDP.

\* **A holistic infrastructural upgradation of all Government Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary schools under Banglar Shikshayatan:**

A complete infrastructural upgradation of all schools which are in need of immediate upgradation in a phased manner. Improvements focus on nine areas: toilets with running water, adequate teaching staff, electrification, furniture, painting, repairs, green chalkboards, smart classrooms, computer labs, and compound walls.

\* **Job-ready Skill Training in all Government Universities:**

To ensure seamless transition of education into employment, all Government Universities will have a skilling centre where students will receive interview training, language empowerment and soft skill development opportunities.





14.



FOOD

### Key Goals



Ensure inclusive food security under Khadya Sathi by covering every eligible household with zero exclusion errors and seamless access to subsidised food grains.



Implement end-to-end vehicle tracking for grain movement to ensure transparent and real-time monitoring from procurement to distribution, preventing pilferage and diversion.

## Our Achievements:

- » ~9 crore people have received fully subsidised ration under Khadyasathi at the cost of ₹1,09,468 crore.
- » 7.5 crore beneficiaries have benefited from doorstep ration delivery through Duare Ration at an expenditure of ₹1,717 crore.
- » A Bio-metrics based Self Service facility portal has been instituted which ensures zero paperwork and zero red-tape leading to instant delivery of services.
- » The Storage capacity for foodgrains has increased from 63,000 MT in 2011 to about 12.50 Lakh MT today.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Ensure End-to-End Vehicle Tracking for Transparent Grain Movement:**  
Implementation of Vehicle Location Tracking System to ensure real-time monitoring of vehicles at each transportation stage starting from procurement of paddy to rice mills; then to distributors and finally at the door steps of the FPS Dealers to prevent pilferage or diversion.
- \* **Ensuring Inclusive Food Security & Accountable Service Delivery:**  
Ensure that every eligible household is covered under Khadya Sathi, with zero exclusion errors, seamless portability, simplified self-service facilities, and continued support to vulnerable and remote communities.



## 15. ROADS

### Key Goals



Construct 15,000 km of new roads under Pathashree in the next 5 years to strengthen connectivity across the State.



Improve road safety through targeted and data-driven measures, including better road engineering, stricter enforcement and faster emergency response.



## Our Achievements:

- » 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. 361 major and medium bridges and 20 ROBs (Road Over Bridges) have been built at the cost of nearly ₹83,000 crore
- » Under Pathashree I, II and III, over 39,000 km of roads have been constructed at an expense of ₹10,902 crore 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 crore
- » Bengal is pioneering the sustainability movement in road construction through the use of plastic waste to construct roads, with plans to build over 6,500 km of “plastic roads” in 3,639 villages.
- » Our State received the National Highway Excellence Gold Award for Outstanding Work in Challenging Conditions for Construction of High-Level Bridge on River Hatania-Doania in South 24 Paraganas, West Bengal.
- » Hon’ble CM Mamata Banerjee has inaugurated the 44.2-km Kalyani Expressway at a cost of over ₹2,500 crore. It is a signal-free 4–6 lane corridor with 21 flyovers, elevated stretches and six-lane underpasses integrated with the 16-km Belgharia Expressway. The project reduces Kalyani to Airport travel time to 40 minutes, removes signals from Belgharia to Baro Jagulia via Kampa More, and strengthens socio-economic growth in North 24-Parganas and Nadia.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Construction of 15,000 km of new roads in the next 5 years under Pathashree:**  
To ensure effective road connectivity to all habitations in the state, 15,000 km of new roads will be built in the next 5 years under the exemplary Pathashree scheme. Additionally, periodic upgradation and maintenance initiatives will be taken up for 2,55,485 km of rural roads.
- \* **Focussed action for road safety:**  
Targeted, data-driven measures including better road engineering, strict enforcement, public awareness, and rapid emergency response to be ensured to prevent avoidable road accidents.



16.



WATER

### Key Goals



Ensure 100% Functional Household Tap-water Connections by extending Jal Swapna to cover all 1.75 crore rural families in the State.



Establish water testing laboratories in every block, expanding facilities from 216 to 365 labs to ensure safe drinking water and early detection of contamination.

## Our Achievements:

- » 1 Crore Households have been provided with Functional Household Tap Connections through the Jal Swapna Program in rural Bengal. 15 years earlier only 2.14 lakh tap connections were provided.
- » Through completion and operation of 2,847 Piped Water Supply Schemes, more than 6.50 crores of rural population of West Bengal have been provided with safe drinking water.
- » Bengal has a network of 216 NABL accredited or recognized water testing laboratories, which is the highest in the country.
- » A total of 21.68 lakhs Job Card Holders have been engaged under 'Mahatma-Shree' for implementation of Jal Swapna scheme. A total 13.90 crore Man-days have been created and a total wage of ₹3570 crores have been paid.
- » Under the Jal Dhara Jal Bhara scheme, 5 lakh 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.
- » 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 crore 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 crore.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **In our mission to ensure safe drinking water for all, 100% Functional Household Tap-water Connections will be extended to all families:**

Under the Jal Swapna mission, additional 75 lakh households will be provided functional tap water connections over the 1 crore connections already delivered. Thus, extending FTWC connections to all 1.75 crore rural families.

- \* **Water Testing Labs to be set up in every block:**

Water testing facilities to be increased from 216 to 365, to ensure every block has access to a lab. This can allow early detection of water contamination and prevent any water-borne diseases thereof.



17.



POWER

### Key Goals

 Ensure zero peak-hour power failure by expanding generation capacity, including 5,000 MW thermal expansion, 750 MW floating solar, and the 1,000 MW Turga Pump Storage Project.

 Accelerate green energy transition through expansion of renewable power and introduction of a State-wide solar grid with assured power credits for households, farmers and enterprises.

## Our Achievements:

- » We achieved 100% electrification in the State, and since then every single household has received uninterrupted access to electricity, significantly improving living standards. The State Government has spent ₹90,000 crore towards infrastructural development in the sector.
- » Low voltage affected Blocks count has been reduced to zero in 2022 from 381 nos in 2011.
- » West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC), is the 2nd largest DISCOM in India (achieved 175% growth in the last 15 years) – Added 1.55 crores consumers and has a total consumer strength of 2.45 crores.
- » The thermal power plants of Sagardighi, Santaldih and Bakreshwar have been consistently rated within India's top ten power plants.
- » A 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 crore and expected to create 15,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- » West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (WBSETCL) has achieved transmission losses as low as 2.14% and availability as high as 99.96% which is the best amongst the transmission utilities in India.
- » For the first time, all coal requirements of WBPDC plants were met entirely from captive mines, eliminating reliance on Coal India subsidiaries. In the same year, WBPDC paid ₹104 crore dividend to the State Government and commissioned a 5 MW solar plant at Sagardighi with an investment of ₹40.96 crore

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

### \* Zero Peak Hour Power Failure:

Focussed interventions are being taken up to increase power generation in the State, including thermal power expansion to 5000 MW, installation of 750 MW floating solar power plant and a 1000 MW Turga Pump Storage Project. This will ensure that even during peak demand months power supply remains uninterrupted.

### \* Increased Focus on Green Energy:

With the notification of the Green Hydrogen Policy and increased spending on renewable energy, West Bengal will now focus on increased clean energy for a climate-conscious future.

### \* Introduction of a Solar Grid with Assured Power Credits for residents of the State:

A comprehensive Solar Power Grid will be installed and an assured power credits will be introduced in West Bengal to enable households, farmers, and enterprises to generate solar energy, feed surplus power into the grid, and receive guaranteed power subsidy; accelerating clean energy adoption while reducing electricity costs and carbon footprint.



# 18.



## TOURISM

### Key Goals



Position Bengal as the No. 1 tourism destination in India and increase international tourist footfall to 50 million foreign tourists annually.



Develop integrated religious tourism circuits including the Shiv-Shakti, Vaishnav and Buddhist circuits to strengthen Bengal's cultural and spiritual tourism ecosystem.



## Our Achievements:

- » The MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) sector in West Bengal has shown remarkable year on year growth. Our State conducted 1,185 events in F.Y 2024-25 and 1300 events in F.Y 2025-26.
- » Events in Bengal are supported by a network of premier venues such as the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, and Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, alongside more than 150 star-category hotels.
- » A massive investment of ₹6,510 crore has been committed to Bengal to develop 44 luxury hotels, which is expected to generate 10,000 jobs.
- » The State Tourism Department has mapped and upgraded over 100 Religious Tourism Circuits, featuring 400+ touch points across six cultural zones.
- » 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 crore domestic and international tourists.
- » Bengal's Ganga Sagar Mela saw the 2nd highest footfall of pilgrims, for a religious congregation, in India after Kumbh Mela.
- » 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.
- » The development of Tea Tourism has ensured new employment opportunities for local residents, helping them diversify income sources and thus boost regional economic development.

### What we pledge to do in the years to come:

#### \* Position Bengal as the No. 1 State in Tourism Sector:

Bengal has already seen the second highest footfall of domestic and foreign tourists in India in 2024. We will further boost Bengal as the best tourism destination in India which has a plethora of natural and cultural hotspots to offer. We will strive to ensure that Bengal sees a footfall of 50 million foreign tourists annually.

#### \* Transform West Bengal as the pioneer of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) Tourism in India:

Taking advantage of the growing network of convention halls, auditoriums and event spaces, Bengal will emerge as India's next big destination for MICE tourism.

Bengal will host international concerts, global business summits, large scale educational fairs and enterprises to truly emerge as a global hub.

\* **Develop three distinct integrated religious tourism circuits in West Bengal, the Shiv-Shakti circuit, the Vaishnav circuit and the Buddhist circuit:**

Three integrated religious tourism circuits in West Bengal will be established; the Shiv-Shakti Circuit spanning Kolkata-Birbhum-Hooghly, the Vaishnav Circuit across Nadia-Hooghly-Murshidabad-Medinipore, and the Buddhist Circuit linking north Bengal and the western plateau region. These circuits will have seamless connectivity, clean pilgrim facilities, safe accommodation, and modern public amenities.

\* **Two new tourism packages for Bishnupur and Birbhum:**

To promote intra-state tourism, two new curated tourism packages will be introduced in Birbhum centering Shantiniketan and another in Temple town, Bishnupur.







19.



## CULTURE

### Key Goals



Secure 8th Schedule recognition for Rajbanshi and Kurmali languages to ensure national recognition and dignity for Bengal's diverse linguistic heritage.



Establish a state-of-the-art film archive and restoration centre dedicated to Ritwik Ghatak to preserve and digitise Bengal's rich cinematic legacy.

## Our Achievements:

- » The Lok Prasar Prakalpa supports 1.92 Lakh folk artists (Retainer: 1.5 Lakh, Pensioner: 42,000) with ₹1,000 monthly retainer fee/pension.
- » Bengal's Durga Puja (generating ₹70,000 crore annually), recognised as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- » The ₹250 crore Jagannath Dham in Digha, stands as powerful symbols of our State's cultural pride. Additionally, upcoming landmarks like the ₹1,700 crore 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.
- » Santhali, Kurukh, Kurmali, Rajbanshi, Kamtapuri, Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, Odia, Nepali and Punjabi have been accorded the status of official languages, reflecting the State's commitment to linguistic inclusion and representation.
- » 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 Tarakeshwar, Tarapith, Bakreshwar, and Patharchapuri.
- » 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 Tarakeshwar 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, Baneshwar 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 Ramakrishna Mission.

- » 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.
- » Bengal now 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.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Strive for the Inclusion of Rajbanshi and Kurmali in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution:**

Our Government has sent a formal proposal to the Central Government for the inclusion of Kurmali and Rajbanshi in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. We will continue to follow up on our proposal and ensure the recognition of Rajbanshi and Kamtapuri to accord the dignity that these languages deserve at the national level.

- \* **Restoration and redevelopment of Thakur Panchanan Barma's ancestral home, temple and Upanayan Sthal:**

To honour the legacy of Thakur Panchanan Barma, we will undertake a structural restoration of his ancestral home and the temple he had established and worshiped at, in Khalisamari (Cooch Behar). Additionally, his famed Upanayan Sthal in Chiarikhari of Majhiali Gram Panchayat (Rajganj) will be redeveloped to accord the sacred location its deserved glory.

- \* **A dedicated state-of-the-art film archive centre to be built to restore and preserve the cinema of the state dedicated to Ritwik Ghatak:**

A dedicated, state-of-the-art cinema archive and restoration centre will be established in honour of Ritwik Ghatak to preserve, restore and digitise Bengal's rich cinematic heritage. The centre will house film reels, scripts, posters and oral histories, support film restoration using modern technology, and function as a public archive and research space for filmmakers, students and scholars.

- \* **Promote Bangla as the most AI-ready Indian Language:**

A dedicated fund will be established to support youth, researchers, startups, and institutions in developing;

- Advanced Digital tools and applications in the Bangla language learning and publishing ecosystem
- Speech recognition and text-to-speech systems that are sensitive to the different native dialects
- Cross-lingual models for high accuracy translation
- Comprehensive Bangla digital archives, datasets, and open-source language resources

\* A new 'Cultural City' to be set up in Baruipur:

Following the establishment of the Tele Academy in Baruipur, a new Cultural City to be established centred around the academy to promote the vibrant television industry of West Bengal.

\* Important local melas and festivals to be given the status of "State Fairs" and aided by the Government of West Bengal:

North 24 Parganas' Baruni Mela, Birbhum's Kenduli Mela, Alipurduar's Mahakal Shivratri Utsav, Bankura's Vishnupur Mela, Birbhum's Barkreshwar Mela, Hooghly's Tarakeshwar Srabani Mela, Howrah's Ramotsav Mela, Jalpaiguri's Jalpesh Srabani Mela, Nadia's Barodol Mela, Midnapore's Urs Mela, Murshidabad's Khoda Khizir Utsav, South 24 Parganas' Bonobibi Utsav and Cooch Behar's Rash Utsav will be accorded official "State Fair" status, enabling improved infrastructure, safety arrangements and promotional support. This will help preserve cultural traditions while enhancing livelihoods for artisans, performers and local communities.





# 20.



## SPORTS

### Key Goals



Develop modern sports infrastructure across urban and peri-urban Bengal, including community turfs, multi-sport arenas and upgraded local grounds to promote everyday sporting participation.



Establish a Sports City at Dumurjala with state-of-the-art facilities and an integrated sports medicine hub, strengthening Bengal's capacity to nurture high-performance athletes.



## Our Achievements:

- » 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 (Board of Athletics) 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.
- » 8 Sports Academies for Football, Swimming, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis, etc. have been set up all over the State.
- » 74 Stadiums and 44 youth hostels have been set up in the set, and their regular upkeep has been ensured.
- » The Tenzing Norgay – Radhanath Sikdar Award and Chhanda Gayen Bravery Award have been instituted for mountaineers climbing notable peaks.
- » Our Government has also started work to institute the State's first public-funded Sports University.
- » The Trinamool Congress Government has assisted East Bengal F.C., Mohun Bagan F.C., and Mohammedan S.C. with over ₹27 crore for infrastructural development. They have also been felicitated with Banga Bibhushan to recognise their contribution to Bengal.

### What we pledge to do in the years to come:

#### \* Develop Urban and Peri Urban Sports Infrastructure:

In order to promote the sporting culture in the state, urban and peri-urban sports infrastructure will be expanded through the creation of affordable community turfs, small multi-sport arenas, and the upgradation of local grounds, ensuring safe, well-lit, and accessible spaces for everyday play and training.

#### \* An annual statewide sports talent hunt to be organised in the state:

To help Bengal's youth engage with their sporting passions more meaningfully, statewide games will be organised to identify young athletes with potential, nurture their talents, and encourage general sporting participation in sports among the youth.

#### \* New Sports Academies for Gymnastics, Yoga, Boxing, Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics and other emerging disciplines:

To systematically identify, nurture, and professionally train young talent with world-class coaching and infrastructure across traditional and new sports, 10 new sports universities will be set up in the State.

#### \* A new Sports City is being established in Dumurjala:

To give precedence to sports and sportsmen, we are setting up a Sports City in Dumurjala. This city will be facilitated with state-of-the-art infrastructure and a sports medicine hub.

\* **Extend support to sports clubs in the State for their holistic upkeep:**

To ensure the legacy of the iconic sports clubs in the state, sustained financial and infrastructural support will be extended to empower the next generation of champions.

\* **Establish the Country's first integrated sports medicine hub:**

Establish the country's first integrated sports medicine hub, an extension of the sports medicine centre at SSKM Hospital which will bring together injury prevention, advanced treatment, rehabilitation, sports science, nutrition, and mental health under one roof. This hub will support athletes across disciplines while positioning Bengal as a national centre for high-performance sports and athlete well-being.

\* **The Kanchenjunga Stadium in Siliguri to be upgraded to international standards:**

The Kanchenjunga Stadium in Siliguri will be upgraded to international standards, transforming it into a modern, world-class sporting arena. The upgrade will include improved playing surfaces, enhanced spectator facilities, better lighting and broadcasting infrastructure, and upgraded athlete amenities to meet global benchmarks. This will enable Siliguri to host high-profile national and international matches, nurture local talent, and position North Bengal as a major hub in the State's sporting future.

\* **Grameen Olympics in every Gram Panchayat of Bengal:**

To ensure that no genuine sporting talent is devoid of a platform, the Government will conduct village olympics in the state every 4 years. This will include structured competitions in athletics, football, volleyball, kabaddi, indigenous sports, and emerging disciplines, with age and gender categories, professional refereeing, talent scouting mechanisms, and a clear pathway for winners to advance to block, district, and state-level championships.

\* **Strive to host international sporting events in Bengal:**

Paying homage to the rich sporting legacy of Bengal, we will expand the existing sporting infrastructure so that Bengal gains precedence as a host state for all major international sporting events hosted in India. By aligning closely with national federations, bidding strategically, and demonstrating readiness through strong governance and infrastructure standards, Bengal will assert its rightful place as the preferred host for world-class sporting competitions.







21.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Key Goals



Implement a Riverbank Protection Master Plan for Malda and Murshidabad to prevent Ganga erosion and safeguard the lives and livelihoods of affected communities.



Strengthen ecological conservation by rehabilitating wetlands and establishing a Biodiversity Gene Bank to protect Bengal's diverse ecosystems and endangered species.



## Our Achievements:

- » 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).
- » Over 15 crore Mangrove plantations have been established across the coastal areas of South 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur.
- » Under the Jal Dharo Jal Bharo scheme, 5 lakh water bodies, water detention structures and rainwater harvesting structures have been created or renovated across West Bengal.

## What we pledge to do in the years to come:

- \* **Riverbank Protection Master-plan for Malda and Murshidabad:**  
To prevent the recurring erosion of the banks of the Ganges River and safeguard the lives, livelihoods, and habitats of people in Murshidabad and Malda, a comprehensive, long-term Master Plan will be formulated in consultation with leading national and international river management experts. This plan will combine advanced hydrological modelling, scientific river training works, embankment strengthening, geo-textile reinforcement, sustainable dredging where necessary, and nature-based solutions to stabilise vulnerable stretches. It will also integrate early-warning systems, community rehabilitation frameworks, and climate-resilient planning to ensure permanent mitigation rather than temporary relief.
- \* **Rehabilitation of Wetlands:**  
The Wetlands in East and West Kolkata form a crucial ecological hotspot, to protect them the Government will conduct a thorough survey of the wetlands, restore feeder streams and prevent untreated waste dumping.
- \* **Setting up a Biodiversity Gene Bank:**  
A first-of-its-kind public funded gene bank will be set up in West Bengal to preserve bio-records of endangered flora and fauna. The bank will be set up through consultation with international conservation experts and function with the aim of protecting Bengal's diversity in the face of rapid environmental change.
- \* **Setting up a Mangrove Conservation Centre:**  
A central Mangrove Conservation Centre will be established that will ensure 24x7 centralised monitoring and rapid response, enabled through weekly satellite-based change detection, cyclone and tidal-breach early warning systems, and real-time dashboards for forest staff deployment and field action.
- \* **Introduction of a dedicated Carbon Emission Control Policy for industries:**  
To promote sustainable industrial practices and restrict the impact of climate change.

# Thank You

Over 15 years we have fulfilled every promise that we have made to the people of Bengal, because our manifestoes are not election gimmicks but a real commitment to the people. What we have collectively achieved is transformative, and it gives us the confidence that the journey ahead will be even more meaningful and exemplary.

As we look to the future, our resolve remains unchanged; to govern with empathy, integrity, and courage. We live to protect Bengal's dignity, diversity, and peace ensuring that progress reaches every household. At the same time, we remain firmly committed to resisting politics that seeks to divide society along parochial lines. Bengal has always stood for harmony and coexistence, and we will not allow any agenda that thrives on fear, polarisation, or exclusion to weaken the social fabric of our State.

This manifesto is a renewed promise to listen, to act, and to stand guard over Bengal's plural ethos while continuing to build a State that is stronger, fairer, and prepared for the future.

Vote for the candidates of All India Trinamool Congress for peace, unity and progress of Bengal.

It is your continued faith and collective resolve that act as our pathfinders. We urge you to stand with the All India Trinamool Congress in the 18th Assembly Elections and support our candidates across the State. With hope for a brighter tomorrow, we extend our warmest greetings and advance wishes for a joyous and prosperous Bengali New Year.

**Jai Hind! Jai Bangla! Joy Maa-Mati-Manush!**

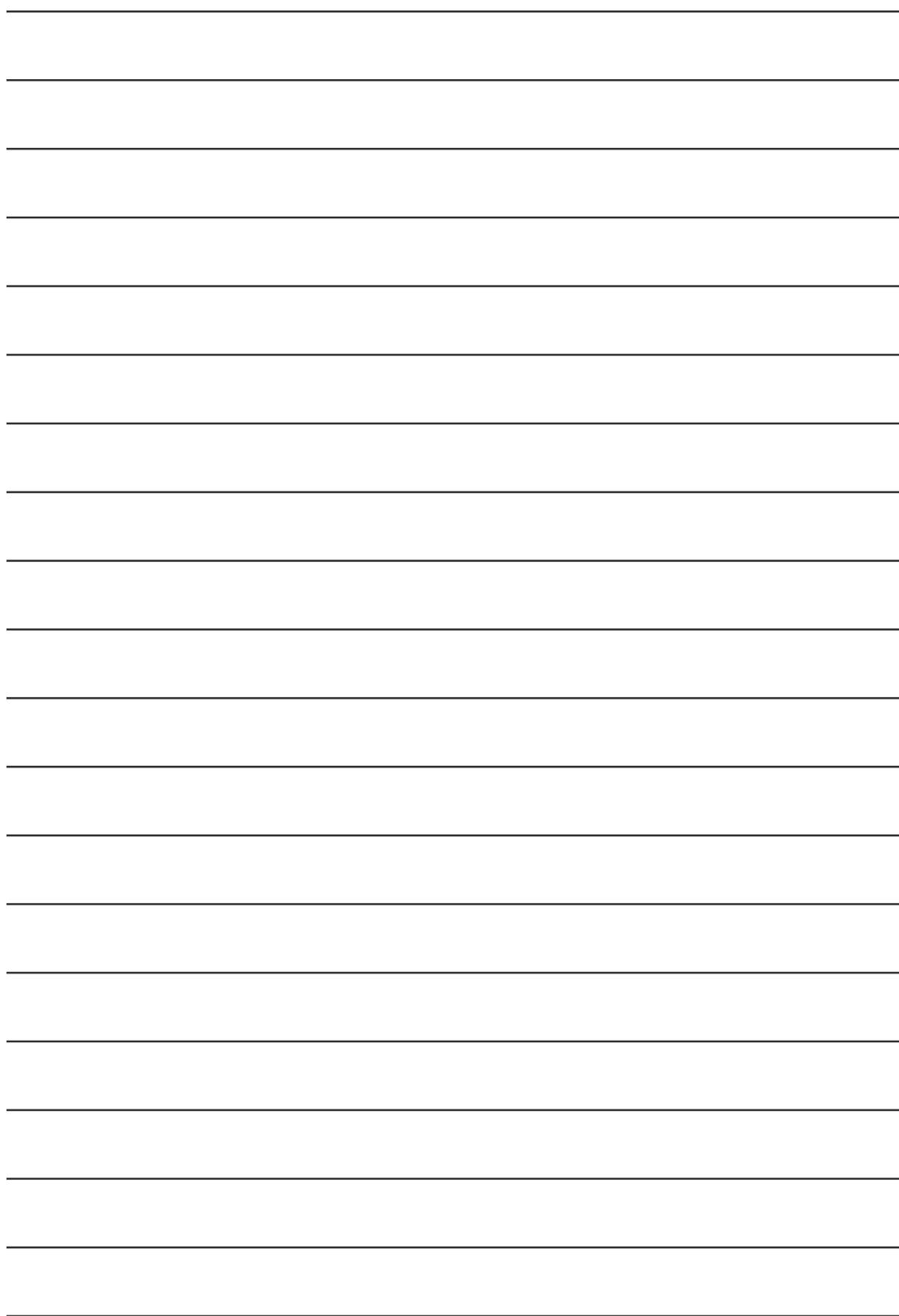
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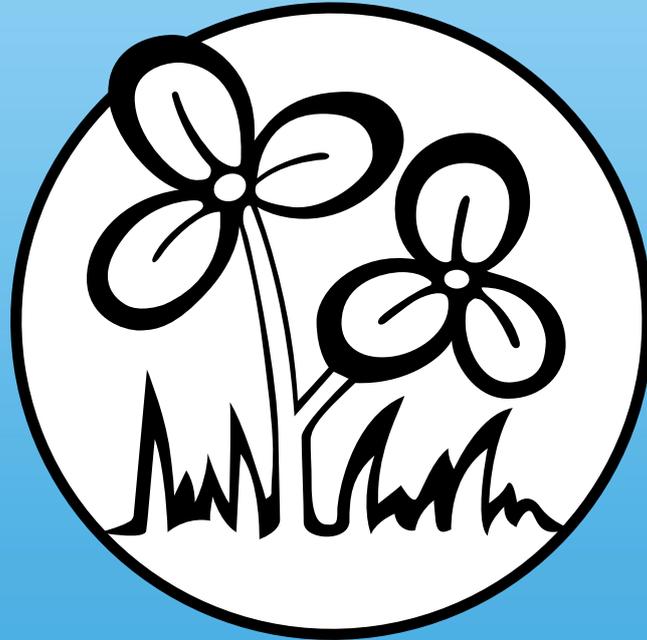
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