

PRESS NOTE

OCCASION: *Inauguration of 6 (Six) new Sub-Divisional-level Regional Offices of Directorate of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices under the Consumer Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal, on 16.09.2020.*

The Consumer Affairs Department of the Government of West Bengal strives to increase awareness of consumer rights among consumers and common people, and to protect the interests of the consumers at large. Under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, and through the untiring efforts of Shri Sadhan Pande, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Consumer Affairs Department and Self Help Group & Self Employment Department, the twin approaches of consumer education and grievance redressal have been very successful.

As part of this endeavour, and to increase outreach to the consumers, the Department is now opening 6 (Six) Sub-Divisional-level Regional Offices at Haldia Sub-Division under Purba Medinipur, Diamond Harbour Sub-Division under South 24 Parganas, Basirhat Sub-Division under North 24 Parganas, Uluberia Sub-Division under Howrah, Jangipur Sub-Division under Murshidabad and Chanchal Sub-Division under Maldah District.

The Department already has 30 offices across the State, and 5 Circuit Benches of the State Commission. These 6 new offices will widen the existing network.

By opening more offices in outlying areas, the Department seeks to make help and services more accessible to the general populace in far flung parts of the State. While the Department is accessible over modern communication technology, many consumers still prefer direct interaction and we shall try to provide this as far as possible within the health & safety guidelines.

These newly established offices will be inaugurated by Shri Sadhan Pande, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of Consumer Affairs Department & Self Help Group and Self Employment Department on September 16, 2020 (Wednesday).

Considering the present situation of Corona pandemic, services of these new Sub-Division based Regional Offices will be rendered to the people temporarily from the concerned district level Regional Offices of the Directorate of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices.

The offices will start functioning from the new Sub-Division based Regional Offices as soon as the pandemic is under control. Then the consumers and residents of these Sub-Divisions will not require to travel even to the District Head Quarters.

www.wbconsumers.gov.in

Our toll free help line number: 1800 345 2808 (on Government working days)

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

FINANCE DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC NOTIFICATION

No. 1590 - F.B.

Howrah, the 05th March, 2020

Government of West Bengal hereby notifies the sale of West Bengal Government Stock (securities) of 15 – year tenure for an aggregate amount of Rs.3000 crore (Rupees three thousand crore) (Nominal). The sale will be subject to the terms and conditions spelt out in this notification (*called Specific Notification*) as also the terms and conditions specified in the General Notification No. 480 – F.B. dated July 20, 2007 and its amendment vide Notification No.1200 – F.B. dated 02.09.2009 of Government of West Bengal.

Object of the Loan

1. (i) The proceeds of the Loan will be utilized towards meeting the requirement for developmental expenditure of the State.
(ii) Consent of Central Government has been obtained to the floatation of this loan as required by Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India.

Method of Issue

2. Government Stock will be sold through the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai Office (PDO) Fort, Mumbai – 400 001 by auction in the manner as prescribed in paragraph 6.1 of the General Notification No. 480 – F.B. dated 20th July, 2007 and its amendment vide Notification No. 1200 – F.B. dated 2nd September, 2009 at a coupon rate to be determined by the Reserve Bank of India at the yield based auction under multiple price formats.

Allotment to Non-competitive Bidders

3. The Government Stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions subject to a maximum limit of 1% of the notified amount for a single bid as per the Revised Scheme for Non-competitive Bidding Facility in the Auctions of State Government Securities of the General Notification (Annexure – II).

Place and Date of Auction

4. The auction will be conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, at its Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001 on March 09, 2020. Bids for the auction should be submitted in electronic format, on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system as stated below on March 09, 2020.
 - (a) The competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system between 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
 - (b) The non-competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system between 10:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

Result of the Auction

5. The result of the auction shall be displayed by the Reserve Bank of India on its website on the same day. The payment by successful bidders will be on March 11, 2020.

Method of Payment

6. Successful bidders will make payments on March 11, 2020 before close of banking hours by means of cash, bankers' cheque/pay order, demand draft payable at Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai / Kolkata or a cheque drawn on their account with Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai (Fort) / Kolkata.

Tenure

7. The Stock will be of 15-year tenure. The tenure of the Stock will commence on March 11, 2020.

Date of Repayment

8. The loan will be repaid at par on March 11, 2035.

Rate of Interest

9. The cut-off yield determined at the auction will be the coupon rate percent per annum on the Stock sold at the auction. The interest will be paid on September 11 and March 11.

Eligibility of Securities

10. The investment in Government Stock will be reckoned as an eligible investment in Government Securities by banks for the purpose of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The stocks will qualify for the ready forward facility.

**By order and in the name of the
Governor of West Bengal
H.K. Dwivedi
Addl. Chief Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Finance Department**



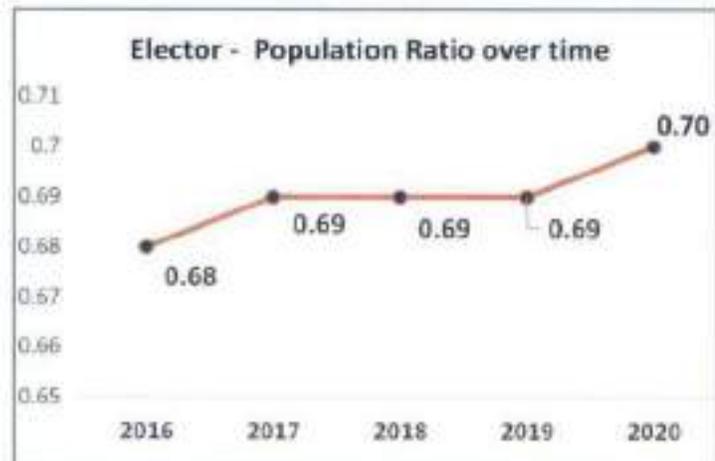
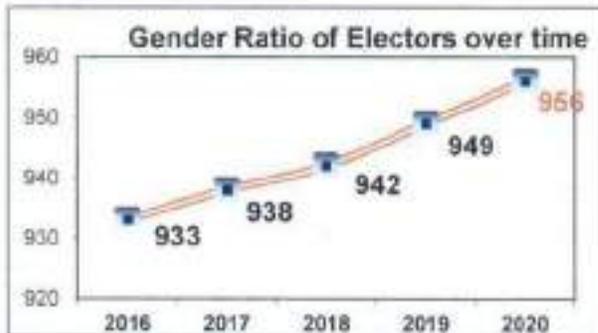
Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2020
Final Publication (w.r.t 01.01.2020) -Statistical data

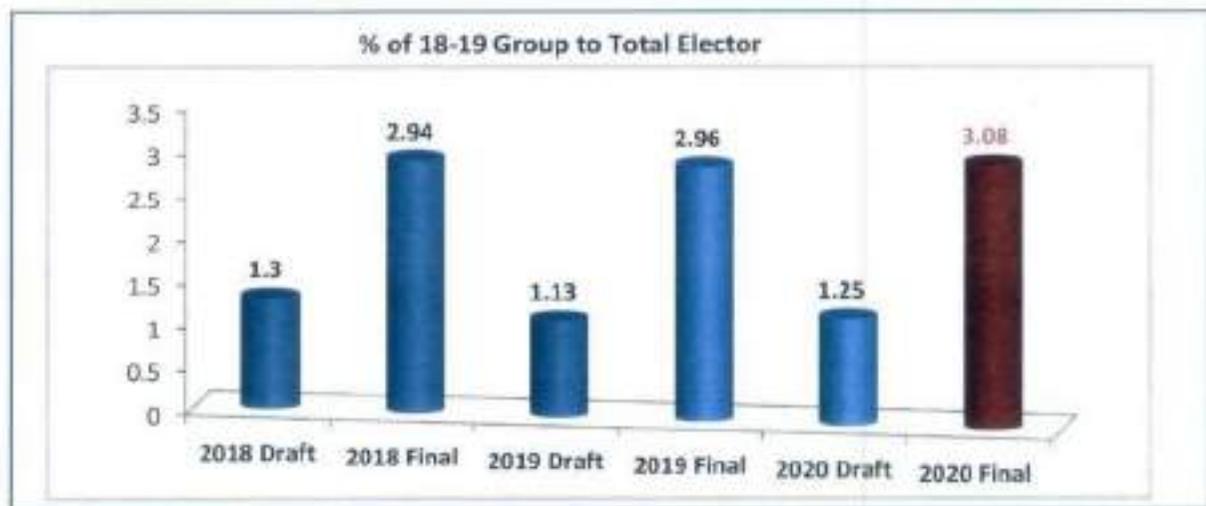
The Electoral Rolls of the State of West Bengal are finally published with reference to 01.01.2020 as qualifying date today (27.02.2020) in respect of the entire State excepting 31 ACs in South 24 Parganas district (Scheduled to be published on 06.03.2020)

Summary Revision	Draft Roll 2020 (294 ACs)	Final Roll 2020 (for 263 ACs)
Total Elector	6,98,15,153	6,39,17,825
Male	3,58,14,448	3,26,72,599
Female	3,39,99,479	3,12,43,984
Third Gender	1,226	1,242
Total Additions	1,56,555	20,69,162
Total Deletions	2,27,306	2,74,755
Total Correction	85,81,333	34,31,995
Net Increase/Decrease	- 0.11%	2.89%

Total Service Voters (for 263 ACs)
1, 08, 368

% Change over previous Roll	2020 Draft	2020 Final (263 ACs)
% of EPIC	100	100
% of Photo	100	100
Gender Ratio in Electoral Roll	949	956
EP Ratio	0.68	0.70
18-19 Elector age group	1.25	3.08





Continuous Updation Programme, 2020

After Final Publication of Electoral Rolls, the period for Continuous Updation programme with reference to 1.01.2020 begins. Under Continuous Updation programme, one may enroll one's name in the electoral rolls, if otherwise eligible. The Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal appeals to the electors of the State to verify their electoral status in the electoral rolls. An elector may check the details of assembly constituency, polling station, his part and serial number in the electoral roll by any of the following means:

- ✓ Call Toll-free Help Line Number – 1950
- ✓ Type WB<>EC<>EPIC NO and send to 51969
- ✓ Access www.ceowestbengal.nc.in and search your name in electoral rolls with Voter Card number
- ✓ Download Voter Helpline App
- ✓ Download ANUBHAV app from Google Play Store and know electoral details.

Citizens may file form 6 and form 8 respectively for enrolment and correction in their electoral details.

Issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

HFW Department
13.02.2020

Rejoinder to / Rebuttal of the report on some Digital Media platforms on "two passengers positive of Covid-19 (Novel Corona Virus) at Kolkata Airport".

Some Digital News Portals have quoted the Director of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport that two passengers have reported positive for Covid -19 (Novel Corona virus).

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal hereby informs the general public that no one in West Bengal has tested positive till date. The statement attributed to the Airport Director is factually incorrect. The State Government has been diligently dealing with the matter and as of the evening of 13th February 2020, of all the persons screened and samples taken in the State, not a single person has tested positive.



Secretary
Health and Family Welfare Department
Government of West Bengal



PRESS BRIEF on 'AHARE BANGLA - 2019'.

Government of West Bengal once again presents the "Ahare Bangla", a "Food Festival celebrating Bengal" since 2015. Having received overwhelming response from the people for last three consecutive years with huge patronage in succession, 'Ahare Bangla' has established itself into a brand and encouraged the Government of West Bengal to organise it's 5th event, '**Ahare Bangla-2019' from 19th November to 24th November, 2019 at Bidhannagar Mela Ground (Central Park), Kolkata.**

The event is conceived and promoted to offer a platform to the unique and exotic agricultural produces that our farmers grow or have introduced in their farms of late. The objective is to popularise these food ingredients so that they find a way to the daily platter of Bengali Food. The opportunity is also utilized to recall some of the lost Bengali recipes. The overwhelming support and enthusiasm of the people of West Bengal have inspired us to convert this event into an Annual Festival.

The Festival will be inaugurated at 6.00 PM in the evening of the 19th November, 2019 and will continue up to 24th November, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM every day. Ethnic cultural programmes organized at the Festival are added attractions. A total sit-in dining capacity of 900 people at a time has been created. For Inauguration Ceremony & Daily Cultural Programmes a separate Hanger has been made having sitting capacity of 500 persons.

Compared to last year, where 138 stalls were set up and with the rising demand in 'Ahare Bangla-2019', there are 152 stalls covering Forty Six (46) renowned restaurateurs/caterers with celebrity chefs, Seven (7) State Govt. Departments and Thirty Two (32) Sweet/ Dessert shops have confirmed participation. Thirty Six (36) stalls are set up to sell raw food, food ingredients, ready to eat food by Government or Govt. promoted organizations in **Ahare Biki Kini** (Exhibition-cum-sale Hanger). **Dheki**, as in previous years, will be set up this year too. Major ingredients of the food served in the festivals will be sourced from the corporations, federations and public sector units, supported by the departments of Animal Resources Development, Agricultural Marketing, Fisheries, Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, MSME&T and Panchayat & Rural Development Department with their lead brands.

Special Awards will be given for the best innovative recipe, the most popular Restaurant and the most popular recipe.

Come and experience a whole new world of food products made out of everything Bengali. Members of the Press and Electronic Media are urged to provide wide publicity to the event....."**Ahare Bangla (আহারে বাংলা) – A Food Festival Celebrating Bengal**".

For further details please visit: www.wbfestivals.gov.in

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/100/2019

Dated: 25th October, 2019

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for bye-elections to fill four casual vacancies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Uttarakhand and West Bengal – Regarding.

There are four vacancies in State of Uttarakhand and West Bengal Legislative Assemblies which need to be filled up are as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Assembly Constituency
1.	Uttarakhand	44 – Pithoragarh
2.	West Bengal	34 – Kaliaganj (SC)
3.	West Bengal	77 - Karimpur
4.	West Bengal	224 - Kharagpur Sadar

After taking into consideration inputs from the Chief Electoral Officers of Uttarakhand and West Bengal and various factors like local festivals, electoral rolls, weather conditions etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill these vacancies as per the programme mentioned as under: -

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	30.10.2019 (Wednesday)
Last Date of Nominations	06.11.2019 (Wednesday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	07.11.2019 (Thursday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	11.11.2019 (Monday)
Date of Poll	25.11.2019 (Monday)
Date of Counting	28.11.2019 (Thursday)
Date before which election shall be completed	30.11.2019 (Saturday)

1. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for the aforesaid Assembly Constituencies w.r.t 01.01.2019 as the qualifying date has been finally published.

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) and VVPATs

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-election in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs and VVPATs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned election at the time of poll. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, in order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the electoral rolls, separate instructions will be issued to allow additional documents for identification of voters at the time of poll in the said elections.

4. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model code of conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Parliamentary & Assembly constituency going for election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/1NST/2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the Commission's website eci.gov.in). The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government concerned. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government for the district of the State concerned.

Sd/-

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

প্রেস বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ওয়েস্ট বেঙ্গল ওয়াকিং জার্নালিস্টস' সোশ্যাল সিকিউরিটি স্কিম, ২০১৯

পশ্চিমবঙ্গ সরকার রাজ্যের সাংবাদিকদের সামাজিক সুরক্ষার জন্য শীঘ্রই 'ওয়েস্ট বেঙ্গল ওয়াকিং জার্নালিস্টস' সোশ্যাল সিকিউরিটি স্কিম, ২০১৯' চালু করতে চলেছে। মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মমতা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় আজ নীতিগতভাবে এই প্রকল্পের অনুমোদন দিয়েছেন। শ্রম দপ্তর নিজের তহবিল থেকে প্রকল্পটি রূপায়িত করবে।

- পশ্চিমবঙ্গে বসবাসকারী সংবাদকর্মীরা কোনো সংবাদপত্র ও বৈদ্যুতিন মাধ্যমে (ডিজিট্যাল মিডিয়া ও কেবল টিভি বাদে) একটানা অন্তত পাঁচ বছর নিয়মিত কর্মী হিসাবে কাজ করে থাকলে এই প্রকল্পে অন্তর্ভুক্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন।
- আবেদনকারীকে পূর্ণ সময়ের নিয়মিত বেতনভুক্ত কর্মী হতে হবে এমন সংবাদ প্রতিষ্ঠানে যেটি একটানা অন্তত তিন বছর চালু রয়েছে।
- আবেদনকারীর বয়স হতে হবে অন্তত ৬০ বছরের মধ্যে।
- এই প্রকল্পে স্বাভাবিক, দুর্ঘটনাজনিত মৃত্যু এবং শারীরিক অক্ষমতাজনিত ক্ষতিপূরণের সংস্থান আছে। স্বাভাবিক মৃত্যুর ক্ষেত্রে এককালীন ৫০ হাজার টাকা ও দুর্ঘটনাজনিত মৃত্যুর ক্ষেত্রে এককালীন ২ লক্ষ টাকা ক্ষতিপূরণের ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে।
- কর্মচ্যুতির ক্ষেত্রেও আর্থিক সহায়তার ব্যবস্থা থাকবে। শর্তসাপেক্ষ কর্মচ্যুতির ক্ষেত্রে প্রাথমিকভাবে ২ বছর পর্যন্ত মাসে সর্বাধিক ১০ হাজার টাকা আর্থিক সহায়তা প্রদানের ব্যবস্থা আছে।
- তথ্য ও সংস্কৃতি দপ্তরের অধীনে গঠিত স্কিনিং কমিটির মাধ্যমে যোগ্য প্রার্থী বাছাই করা হবে।
- শ্রম দপ্তর এই প্রকল্পটি সম্পর্কে শীঘ্রই বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারি করবে।

No.: 244/ICA/NB

Date: 25.09.2019

Media Advisory

In connection with the visit of the Hon'ble President of India to the state of West Bengal from 30th September to 1st October, 2019, the following criteria have been decided for issuance of security passes to the media representatives:

1. Representatives of the media to cover the arrival of Hon'ble President of India on **30th September, 2019 at 12.30 P.M.** at the **Kolkata Airport** and departure on **1st October, 2019 at 10.25 A.M.** from **Kolkata Airport** should be **accredited** by the State Government.
2. A letter from the media house informing the name of only **one accredited photographer**, representing the organisation to cover arrival & departure of Hon'ble President of India should be addressed to **Regional Deputy Commissioner of Security, BCAS, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata** (Fax no.: 2511 2030, E-mail: rdkol.bcas@gov.in) and be produced before him by **10 A.M.** on 30th September, 2019 positively for collecting daily permit.
3. Accredited photographers are required to assemble at **Gate no. 5** within **11.30 A.M.** on 30th September, 2019 **after obtaining daily permit from BCAS office & security pass from Bidhannagar Police Station at Gate no. 4.** They should produce **original & photocopy of Press Accreditation Card**, daily permit and security pass at Gate no. 5.

Yours faithfully,



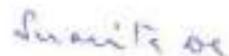
Chief of News Bureau

No.: 244/1(106)/ICA/NB

Date: 25.09.2019

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The OSD and Under Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
2. Director (News), Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata
3. Regional Deputy Commissioner of Security, BCAS, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata
(Fax no.: 2511 2030, E-mail: rdkol.bcas@gov.in)
4. Deputy Commissioner (SB), Bidhannagar Commissionerate (E-mail: dcsbcontrol@gmail.com)
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No: 218/ICA/NB/PN

9th August, 2019

Howrah Police Notification

Commissioner of Police, Howrah has prohibited any assembly of five or more persons in procession or the carrying of lathi or any dangerous weapons or the doing of any act which is likely to cause disturbances to the public tranquillity and breach of peace within the area as follows from 4th August to 2nd October 2019.

1.	On the North by	Haradeb Bhattacharya Road up to and including Mandirtala Bus Stand
2.	On the East by	Khetro Banerjee Road, Nabin Banerjee Lane, A K Roy Chowdhury Lane and Mollapara Lane up to G T Road crossing including Kazipara More. Hiralal Banerjee Road, Dinu Master Lane, Mollahpara Lane, Danesh Mollah Lane up to G T Road crossing.
3.	On the West by	K M Banerjee Road, Circular 2 nd Bye Lane, Seikhpara, Kona Expressway up to Carry Road crossing. K M Banerjee Lane, Sarat Chatterjee Road up to old 58 Bus Stand.
4.	On the South by	Tarapada Chatterjee Road up to and including Betaitala More.
5.		All the ramps of Vidyasagar Setu on Howrah side

Press Note

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Date: 31.07.2019

Entrance Examination to All India Sainik School on 5th January, 2020

The next All India Sainik School Entrance Examination for admission to classes VI & IX in Sainik Schools for 2020-21 session will be held on 5th January, 2020 (Sunday).

As part of that, admission to Sainik School Purulia in class VI & IX for boys only for the session 2020-21 will also be held. Candidates born between April 01, 2008 and March 31, 2010 may apply for admission to class VI (both days inclusive). For admission to class IX, the candidate should have been born between April 01, 2005 and 31 Mar 2007 (both days inclusive) and passed class VIII examination from a recognized school at the time of admission.

Forms will be available online at www.sainikschooladmission.in from 5th August, 2019 to 23rd September, 2019. Last date of registration for admission is 23rd September, 2019. The centres for entrance examination to Sainik School Purulia are at Kolkata, Burdwan, Siliguri, Port Blair and Sainik School Purulia. The Entrance Exam for class VI will be held in English/ Hindi/ Bengali and class IX will be held in English only. Approx. vacancies for class VI is 66 and class IX is 14. For Details may be obtained from www.sainikschoolpurulia.com website.

(Press Note)

Press Note

The next GST Council Meeting has been convened on a single agenda of Electrical Vehicles (EVs). The meeting of the Fitment Committee of officers was also held in a great hurry on this very agenda only.

On the other hand a large number of tax related issues are pending with Fitment Committee much before the matter of reduction of tax on EVs was brought to the GST Council.

For example, we have been requesting the Council to consider the demand of the Wagon Industry in allowing refund due to an inverted duty structure. The failure to address this issue is affecting the livelihood of more than 2 lakh workers i.e. more than 10 lakh family members. A letter was also written on this issue before the last GST Council meeting.

It is being made to understand that reducing the GST rate from 12% to 5% on EVs, will trigger huge investment in the EV sector and create the desired infrastructure to move from fossil fuel vehicles to electrical vehicles. However, this argument takes a very myopic view of the industry completely ignoring the disastrous impact which it will entail for the existing automobile units and the entire auto service sector.

Nearly Rs 1.7 trillion (Rs 1.7 lakh crore) has been invested by the automobile industry to upgrade technology to achieve better emission standards of BS VI. No country has moved from BS IV to BS VI directly, let alone, moving to 100% electrical vehicles. Countries like Ireland and UK have set a target of 2030 and 2040 respectively to achieve zero emission. Even China took twenty years in its attempt to transform and did it first in one city before slowly expanding over time. Furthermore, no country has yet introduced EVs with an idea of completely banning fossil fuel vehicles. However, NitiAayog which is a mere a think tank, without statutory or financial powers, directed the auto industries to completely switch to electric vehicles by 2025, which is impractical and in a way draconian.

Several structural issues which are hampering the full development and expansion of the EV sector are :

1. Absence of charging infrastructure on city roads as well as highways.
2. High cost of lithium ion battery and dependence on import of the same.
3. Concern of range of usage of the vehicle i.e. how many kilometers it will run after one charge.
4. Too expensive for consumers difficult to repair and maintain.

5. Lack of supply-chain which will take a decade to build.
6. Insufficient Research and Development in our country.

It is evident that even after a reduced tax structure there will not be much headway in the growth of this sector unless the above issues are addressed.

Further, in India electricity is mainly produced from coal, which produces a great amount of greenhouse emissions. With the introduction of EVs and Charging Infrastructure, the electricity demand will go up a lot and the whole idea of coming up with EVs to check green house emissions may become infructuous.

While the concern for carbon footprint and the environment is paramount, we must remember that automotive sector employs about 3.7 Crore (i.e. 37 million) people directly and indirectly. This is a \$25 Billion industry and one of the largest export sectors for India. Around 27 million vehicles are sold domestically and 4.5 million vehicles are exported. In a hurry, we must not create a situation that leads to large scale unemployment and disjunction of a major industry of our nation.

As per data available, presently there are 5.6 million electric vehicles globally. The sale of EV as a percentage of total vehicles sold is 2.1% in USA, 2.5% in UK and 4.4% in China. In other words, even the most developed countries are measuring their steps towards transitioning to EVs very cautiously and so is China. It is evident that replacement with EVs is not a quick fix matter.

Rs. 7 Lakh crore

Our request:

1. To move towards EVs in a calibrated manner while supporting the traditional industry with higher emission standards.
2. The concentration should be on the entire eco-system of automobiles and how to make a sustainable transition without loss in employment or set back to the vast auto sector.
3. Incentive should be for better technology, higher emission standards and a steady improvement towards zero emission. Therefore to meet these goals reduction of GST rates should also be considered for -
 - a. Sale of vehicles which will be BS VI compliant; and
 - b. Hybrid Vehicles following the higher emission norms.

It is reiterated that long-pending issues of the States having far-reaching consequences should be taken up along with this agenda in this meeting.

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One-point contact of the Officers of Forest Dept. with the media

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General), West Bengal has notified vide no. 43-MISC/CS/2019, dated the 27.06.2019 names of 2 Officers for North and South Bengal, who may be contacted by media personnel for any information on issues related to forests and wildlife.

Sl no.	Name	Designation	Address	Phone	Mobile
1	Shri R. K. Sinha, IFS	For South Bengal Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal	Bikash Bhawan, North Block, 3 rd floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091	(033) 2334 6900 (Office) (033) 2358 3208 (Direct)	9836375888
2	Dr V. K. Sood, IFS	For North Bengal Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, North Bengal, West Bengal	Upper Nivedita Road, Siliguri, Darjeeling-734403	(0354) 227185 (Office)	9735000565

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Kolkata Police notification prohibiting entry or exit of goods vehicles having minimum twenty wheels

The Commissioner of Kolkata Police has hereby ordered that all goods vehicles having 20 (twenty) wheels or more are prohibited from entering in to or exiting from the entire Kolkata Police jurisdiction to evade traffic congestion and ensure smooth and nuisance-free plying on the roads.

This order has come into force with effect from 07.07.2019 and will remain in force till 04.09.2019 or until further order.

Any person contravening this order shall be punished as per the existing law.

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Financial Performance -

- আগের সরকারের রেখে যাওয়া বিপুল ঋণের সুদ এবং আসল শোধ করতে গিয়ে আমাদের সরকারকে বিরাট আর্থিক দায়ভার নিতে হয়েছে। এই শোধ করতে হওয়া টাকার পরিমাণও প্রতি বছর বেড়ে চলেছে।
- ২০১০-১১ সালে যেখানে সুদে আসলে শোধ করতে হত প্রায় ২০ হাজার কোটি টাকা, সেখানে ২০১৮-১৯ সালে শোধ করতে হয়েছে প্রায় ৫০ হাজার কোটি টাকা।
- ২০১৯-২০ তে এই টাকার পরিমাণ দাঁড়াবে ৫৬ হাজার কোটি টাকার বেশি।
- ২০১৯ সালের ৩১শে মার্চ পর্যন্ত বকেয়া ঋণ বাবদ সুদে আসলে দিতে হয়েছে ২ লক্ষ ৭৪ হাজার ৩১৬ কোটি টাকা।
- আমরা কেন্দ্রীয় সরকারকে বার বার এই ঋণের বোঝা লাঘব করার জন্য অনুরোধ করেছি, কিন্তু কোন ফল হয়নি।
- এই বিপুল আর্থিক দায়ভার সত্ত্বেও গত ৮ বছরে আমাদের সরকার বিভিন্ন আর্থিক সংস্কারের মাধ্যমে রাজ্যের নিজস্ব আয় বাড়াতে সক্ষম হয়েছে এবং রাজ্যের উন্নয়নের জন্য ব্যয়ের পরিমাণও অনেকগুণ বাড়িয়েছে।
- রাজ্য সরকারের ট্যাক্স রেভিনিউ গত ২০১৭-১৮ এর ৬০,৮১৮ কোটি টাকা থেকে প্রায় ৪,৫০০ কোটি টাকা বেড়ে ২০১৮-১৯ এ হয়েছে প্রায় ৬৫,৩৪১ কোটি টাকা।
- কেন্দ্রীয় সরকারের ড্রাফট জিএসটি নীতি সত্ত্বেও জিএসটি কালেকশন গত ২০১৭-১৮ এর থেকে ২০১৮-১৯ এ ২৩% বেড়ে গিয়েছে।
 - ✓ ২০১৭-১৮ - ২৩,৪৮৫ কোটি টাকা
 - ✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ২৮,৯০৭ কোটি টাকা

• State Plan Expenditure গত ৮ বছরে ৬ গুণ বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে -

✓ ২০১০-১১ - ১১,৮৩৭ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ৭১,১১৩ কোটি টাকা

আবার, State Plan Expenditure গত আর্থিক বছরের তুলনায় ২৩% বেড়েছে

✓ ২০১৭-১৮ - ৫৭,৭৭৯ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ৭১,১১৩ কোটি টাকা

• Capital Expenditure গত ৮ বছরে ১১ গুণ বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে -

✓ ২০১০-১১ - ২,২২৫ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ২৩,৭৮৭ কোটি টাকা

আবার, Capital Expenditure গত আর্থিক বছরের তুলনায় ২৫% বেড়েছে

✓ ২০১৭-১৮ - ১৯,০৮৫ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ২৩,৭৮৭ কোটি টাকা

• Social Sector Expenditure গত ৮ বছরে সাড়ে ৪ গুনের বেশি বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে -

✓ ২০১০-১১ - ৬,৮৪৫ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ৩১,০৬০ কোটি টাকা

আবার, Social Sector Expenditure গত আর্থিক বছরের তুলনায় ৯% বেড়েছে

✓ ২০১৭-১৮ - ২৮,৫৬১ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ৩১,০৬০ কোটি টাকা

• Agriculture and Allied Sector Expenditure গত ৮ বছরে ৯ গুণ বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে

✓ ২০১০-১১ - ৩,০২৯ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ২৮,৩০২ কোটি টাকা

আবার, Agriculture and Allied Sector Expenditure গত আর্থিক বছরের
তুলনায় ৪০% বেড়েছে

✓ ২০১৭-১৮ - ২০,২৮৩ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ২৮,৩০২ কোটি টাকা

• Physical Infrastructure Sector Expenditure গত ৮ বছরে ৫ গুণের বেশি
বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে -

✓ ২০১০-১১ - ১,৭৫৮ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ৯,৫৫৩ কোটি টাকা

আবার, Physical Infrastructure Sector Expenditure গত আর্থিক বছরের
তুলনায় ৪৮% বেড়েছে

✓ ২০১৭-১৮ - ৬,৪৫৬ কোটি টাকা

✓ ২০১৮-১৯ - ৯,৫৫৩ কোটি টাকা

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Regarding Paid Holiday for Bye-Elections to the Assembly Constituencies

Bye-elections to the Darjeeling, Islampur, Habibpur & Bhatpara Assembly Constituencies is scheduled on the 19th May, 2019 and bye-elections to the Kandi and Nowda Assembly Constituencies are scheduled on the 20th May, 2019. As per section 135B of the Representation of People Act, 1951 every employer shall grant a paid holiday to the employees who are entitled to vote for the elections mentioned above and includes daily wage/casual workers. In addition, all establishments and shops including those working on shift basis will remain closed on the poll day. Necessary orders have been issued by the Labour Department on 2nd May and should be complied with.

Regarding opening of Filling Stations for Bye-Elections to the Assembly Constituencies

All types of petrol & diesel pumps(filling stations) situated within the areas where bye-election to the assembly constituencies are going to take place on 19.05.2019 & 20.05.2019 are exempted from the provision of closing as laid down in Labr./441(20)/(LC-IR)IR/75-06/17 dt.02.05.19 subject to the condition that any work done beyond eight and a half hours a day shall be regarded as overtime work for payment of overtime wages.

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Request for grant of additional paid holiday on 1st May

In order to enable workers and employees to participate in the observance of May Day, the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal has advised employers of industrial establishments to grant an additional paid holiday on 1st May, 2019(Wednesday) to all categories of workers and employees including the work-charged category where the day has not already been declared as a paid holiday.

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- ✓ A slew of initiatives has been taken up in Calcutta Leather Complex for renovation of the existing infrastructures and setting up new infrastructures like Common Effluent Treatment Plant(CETP), Safe Solid Waste site, CFC for Micro-Tanners and leather scrap burners etc and some new facilities like Leather Testing Laboratory, Design Centre, Skill Development Centre. Work for new CETPs has already been started.
 - ✓ At present about 300 tanneries in CLC and 40 leather goods manufacturing units are operational in CLC. After installation of new infrastructures, 200 more tanneries and 230 more leather units and Footwear Park can be set up on the available 230 acre land. As a result, the turnover of all units in CLC which is around Rs.13500 crore at present will become Rs. 27000 crore within next few years. At present there are more than 2.5 lakh workers are involved there. By these interventions above there will be generation of scope for additional 5 lakh employment.
 - ✓ Calcutta Leather Complex is thus on its way to become one of the largest Leather Cluster in the world
 - ✓ In order to synergise the time of completion of infrastructural works with the time of setting up of new tannery units, the State Govt has started land allotment for the interested and eligible applicants. Due to limitation of withdrawal of underground water, out of 230 acre available land, 70 acre land are being allotted for 28 big tanneries, 97 medium tanneries and 62 small tanneries in the first phase. The land allotment process started from BGBS 2019 forum by allotting offer letter to 3 big Tanneries (one from Kanpur, one from Chennai and one from Kolkata). Today the process of distribution of offer letter among all big tanneries are completed in which there are 12 big companies from Kanpur and 1 from Chennai and 12 from Kolkata.
 - ✓ The State Government has recently taken initiative to shift IT sector from CLC to Bengal Silicon Valley in Rajarhat. This will free 130 acre land now earmarked for IT Zone where more leather goods units and relevant marketing facilities may be set up.
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Election Commission of India has launched Voters' Verification and Information Programme (VVIP) with the objectives that every voter verifies whether his name exists in the electoral rolls. In order to vote, it is not enough that a citizen should have Voter Card, his name should be enrolled in electoral rolls. A citizen may verify his name by using any of the following means:

1. Call toll-free 1950
2. Send SMS : type WB < SPACE> EC < SPACE> Voter Card No and send to 51969
3. Submit form 6/8 online at www.nvsp.in
4. Download Voter Helpline android Mobile App from Google Play store

A citizen may also get his/her name enrolled by applying in form 6 before the Electoral Registration Officer. On 23rd & 24th February, 2019, which have been declared as Special Campaign Days, a citizen may submit form 6 at concerned Polling Station before the Booth Level Officer. A citizen may also make necessary corrections in entries in electoral rolls by applying in form 8. The Election Commission has launched Voter Helpline android app. By accessing this app, a citizen may search his name and confirm details, fill form online, get the status of the form and also lodge complaints.

In tune with the theme of accessible elections, a special drive has already been launched to identify the left-out PWD Voters in electoral rolls and enrolling them in electoral rolls through the process of home registration.

Issued by Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal



Press note

Commission's visit to Kolkata for State Review of West Bengal for Poll Preparedness
Dated 31.01.2019 & 01.02.2019

The Chief Election Commissioner Shri Sunil Arora and Election Commissioner Shri Ashok Lavasa led the full team of Election Commission of India to conduct a two day review of Poll Preparedness of the State of West Bengal on 31st January and 1st February 2019. During the visit, the Commission met with representatives of various political parties and noted their issues and concerns. The Commission took note of their concerns for holding free, fair and peaceful elections. The Commission reviewed the work of District Election Officers, Commissioner of Police/SPs, and discussed election preparedness with Chief Secretary, DGP, Home Secretary and other senior Officials of the State. The Commission also met with Nodal officers of Income Tax, Excise, Commercial Tax departments and with State Level Bankers Committee convener to review in detail the strategy to curb misuse of money/drugs/liquor & gifts distribution during the election.

Highlights of the issues discussed during the meeting and instructions of the Commission are as follows

1. Political Parties requested the Commission to ensure free and fair election in the State and to ensure level playing field for all Political Parties. Most Political Parties raised concerns about the law and order situation and demanded that adequate deployment of Central Armed Police Forces/security arrangements should be made by EC at the time of Elections.
2. Political parties demanded that impartiality should be ensured of civil and police officers engaged on election duty. Some parties also demanded that special General and Police Observers from outside the State be deployed to oversee poll arrangements and deployment of Central Para-military Forces (CPF). Parties demanded advance deployment of CPF and requested that area domination and route march of CPF should be done even on remote locations instead of only main roads. They also demanded to take steps to prevent any possibility of intimidation of political party agents.
3. Some parties demanded that district officials be instructed to ensure verification of licensed arms and to take effective action against unlicensed arms.
4. Some parties demanded that polling in the adjoining districts of bordering States be scheduled simultaneously and international border should be sealed before polling date. As regards suggestion on scheduling of polling day, one Political Party suggested to keep in mind and avoid dates of local festivals as also the May Day.
5. Political parties suggested use of CCTV cameras and webcasting from all the polling booths. Some parties demanded to deploy CPF/ additional polling staff to check the identity of voters in queue.
6. Some political parties suggested to control misuse of money and muscle power in elections, State funding of election may be introduced. Some parties demanded to effectively stop the distribution of alcohol and distribution of freebies during elections.

One party also demanded to add the expenditure incurred on social media by political parties and candidates to their accounts.

7. Some political parties, while giving suggestions about electoral rolls, suggested to deploy Special observers from outside the State to oversee the voter registration issues. They also demanded to further strengthen the system of home to home photo voter slip distribution to voters by Booth level officers (BLOs).
8. They also suggested that voting should not be allowed only on the basis of voting slip and an additional identity document should also be made mandatory with this. One Political Party suggested to link Aadhar card with EPIC.
9. Some parties and also demanded to ensure that polling staff is able to cast their postal ballot without any hindrance.
10. Political parties have requested to ensure that all instructions of the Commission are implemented in letter and spirit by the locally deputed officers.
11. Some political parties demanded that VVPATs be used in all polling booths. Some parties demanded that results from all EVMs be matched with VVPAT slips. Commission has informed the Political Parties that VVPATs will be used in all Polling Booths countrywide in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Commission's assurance and instructions

Keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of the political parties, the Commission assured that the Commission is committed for free, fair, peaceful, transparent, ethical and inclusive elections. Effective mechanism is being set up for smooth conduct of the electoral process.

1. The Commission attaches prime importance to ensuring conducive environment for peaceful elections in the State. The Commission directed the electoral machinery of the State that effective monitoring and vigilance be done and concerns of the political parties at each level be addressed. They have been asked to make intensive action plans so as to instill absolute confidence in all stakeholders. The aim is to enable the voters to exercise their franchise without any fear, pressure or temptation.
2. The Commission has directed the District Magistrates and Police Officers to carefully look into law and order concerns. They were asked to ensure speedy execution of Non Bailable Warrants (NBWs); and speedy disposal of pending cases of the electoral offences from last elections.
3. Election Commission has directed the officials to make electoral rolls error-free and to ensure fidelity of rolls. Final publication of Electoral Rolls has been done on 14 January,2019.
4. The officers were also asked to identify expenditure sensitive constituencies; ensure effective training of Media Monitoring and Media Certification Committee members.
5. Commission also instructed the State Election Officers to facilitate the voters through the 1950 Help Line/NVSP. The facilities of name search, name transfer, deletion, or

modification can be done through "nvsp.in". Information can also be obtained by dialing the number 1950.

6. It was emphasized that for the first time in the entire state, VVPATs will also be used at all Polling Booths along with the EVM machines. Thus the officers need to ensure due awareness to all stakeholders about proper usage of the machines. The officers were also asked to strictly adhere to the laid down procedures and Standard Operating Procedures about use, storage and Transportation of the machines in all the constituencies. The commission has firm belief and convinced that EVM and VVPAT machines are secure and have proved effective on all the parameters. As per extant practice, VVPAT slips will be matched with EVM vote count in one randomly selected polling station of each Assembly Segment of a Parliamentary Constituency in the State.
7. The Chief Electoral Officer has been directed that VVPAT awareness campaign be organized till the booth level.
8. The Commission directed the Chief Secretary of the state to ensure that the actions are taken as per the Commission's policy regarding the transfers of the officers and efforts be made to complete Assured Minimum Facilities at the Polling Stations for voters.
9. During the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections in the state, for the first time, Accessibility Observers will be appointed. As per the laid down norms, the Commission will appoint General Observers, Expenditure Observers, Police Observers and Micro Observers for intensive impartial monitoring of the Elections.
10. Every effort will be made to ensure strict compliance of the Model Code of Conduct and expenditure monitoring so that the political parties and the general voters can be assured for the free and fair elections. All complaints received in this regard be dealt with promptly. The 'C-vigil' app will be activated in the State of West Bengal for the first time. Through this app, any citizen will be able to file complaints regarding violations. The complaints thus received will be settled within the stipulated time frame. This app has been successfully operated in the recent legislative assembly elections held last year.
11. Commission directed effective use of IT applications SAMADHAN, SUVIDHA and SUGAM.

SAMADHAN application helps resolving the complaints and Commission's direction is that every such complaint be resolved within 24 hours and the complainant should be intimated on action taken. Single Window system Suvidha facilitates permissions for public meeting etc. to the candidate/party under within 24 hours of application. Through Sugam application, it will be ensured that the owners get the payment related to their requisitioned vehicles.
12. At least one all women managed polling stations in each Assembly Segment of a Parliamentary Constituency in the State. Wherever possible, this number should be increased.

Other Relevant Factual Details

Assembly Constituencies

Assembly Segments / Constituencies	Total	General	SC	ST
		294	210	68
Parliamentary Constituencies	42	30	10	2

ELECTORAL ROLLS:

	Total	Male	Female	Third Gender	Service voters
Present	6,98,59,739	3,57,83,463 (51.29%)	3,39,75,979 (48.70%)	1,426	98,835
2014 LS	6,25,58,268	32489949 (52.01%)	29978526 (47.99%)	513	89,270
Last Assembly Election, 2016	6,56,54,541	33906350 (51.73%)	31638993 (50.65%)	758	1,08,425

PwD voters

	Total
Present	1,65,757

NRI voters

	Total
Present	36

1. The Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls with reference to 01-01-2019 as the qualifying date has been completed in the State and the final publication of the electoral rolls has been done on 14.01.2019. The final data is :

Year	Male	Female	Third Gender	Service Voters	Overseas Indian Voters	Total
2019	3,57,83,463	3,39,75,979	1,426	98,835	36	6,98,59,739

2. Copies of the rolls have been supplied to all political parties and have also been made available on the CEO web site.
3. ETPBS : All the constituencies of the state (42 parliamentary constituencies) would be covered under ETPBS (Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System) to facilitate the Service Voters.

The final publication in relation to De-Novo preparation of last part of Electoral Roll for the Service electors will be issued on 22.02.2019. So far, 1,08,122 cases have been received. Final orders have been issued in 99,400 cases. The CEO has been instructed to dispose the remaining applications within the stipulated time frame.

4. 100% photo coverage in the Electoral Roll and EPICs has been achieved.

POLLING STATIONS:

1. Presently, there are a total of 78,799 Polling Stations at 53,701 polling locations.
2. Status of the Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) on these Polling Stations is as follows:

Present Status of Compliance of AMF facilities in the State:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ramp	77.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water	92.83%
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilets	96.83%
<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity	93.35%
<input type="checkbox"/> Waiting Room/Shade	61.82%

The State Government has been directed to provide the AMF facilities for all the voters specially PwD voters on all the polling station at the earliest.

3. Voter assistance booths will be set up at all polling Stations. The Commission also desires that the political parties appoint BLAs so that the participation of political parties in the election process can be ensured. The CEO office should conduct due trainings to BLAs to help understand the requisite electoral procedures.

EVM and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

1. EVM with VVPATs will be used in all the 78,799 polling stations of all 42 Parliamentary Constituencies of the state. VVPAT enables the voters to see their individual voter slip before the slip falls into the sealed box at the base of the VVPAT machine. VVPAT thus helps verify the vote details as cast.
2. Presently, awareness programme on the use of EVM with VVPAT is going on in the whole state. DEOs have been instructed to intensify the awareness programme so that every voter is well versed with the functioning of the machines.

LAW AND ORDER: SECURITY MANAGEMENT

1. General and police observers will be deployed after the announcement of Election by the Commission in the state to monitor all the activities and advise the local administration. The contact numbers of all of these observers will be made available to public.
2. The commission has directed the officers to make special security arrangements in sensitive areas.
3. The Police Force have been instructed to identify anti-social elements and take action against them so that the election process is not vitiated.
4. Adequate CCTV coverage and webcasting in polling stations in sensitive areas will be ensured. All the police check-posts across the state will be under 24x7 webcasting/ videography for the entire period during the Election.

5. The CAPF will also be used for Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) among the public.
6. The Commission has directed the State government to make arrangements for providing cashless payment facility to all the polling staff, CAPF and police force deployed for the election duty.
7. The Commission has also directed to ensure provision for Air Ambulances for quick evacuation in case of any exigency.
8. Officials have been directed that pending NBWs be executed.
9. All the licensed arms in the state shall be verified and except those exempted by the District-level Committee, all other arms shall be deposited with the concerned Police Stations.

EXPENDITURE MONITORING

1. All DEOs will Constitute the Election Expenditure Monitoring Teams as per ECI Instructions.
2. Adequate number of Expenditure observers will be deputed by ECI for effective expenditure monitoring.
3. Income Tax officials will also be deputed in each and every district for expenditure monitoring. Air Intelligence Units of IT authorities would be set up at all the Airports in the state.
4. Flying Squads and Static Surveillance Teams will be constituted to check distribution of cash, liquor, drugs and freebies in sensitive pockets and border areas.
5. The Commission directed the Department of Excise to establish effective system for prohibiting the distribution of liquor. All Excise Check-Posts across the state will have IP enabled CCTV cameras and toll free number will be displayed in the office of the excise Commissioner of the district.
6. Mobile squads of Commercial Tax department will monitor any attempt of distribution of freebies.
7. The vehicles used by flying squads will be equipped with GPS to track their movement and initiate prompt action.
8. Transaction of money through banking channels will be monitored and fool-proof arrangements would be made to monitor suspicious banking transactions.

MCMC AND PAID NEWS

1. MCMC (Media Certification and Monitoring Committee) committees have been constituted in every district and at state capital for monitoring of paid news cases and issuing of pre certification of political advertisements on electronic media.
2. A comprehensive press-note on media related issues will be issued immediately after the announcement of the election, which will also contain Press Council of India (PCI) and News Broadcasters Association (NBA) guidelines and media will be expected to follow these guidelines.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES:

The successful utilization of Information Technology based system during the Election by the Commission will not only be helpful for various stakeholders like electors, election managers, political parties and candidates, but also facilitate efficient and effective monitoring of various election processes and redressal of public grievances.

(a) SAMADHAN: Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System

A comprehensive, robust and reliable Public Grievance Redress System has been developed by the Election Commission to provide a common platform for all complaints, grievances, concerns and suggestions lodged by any member of the public, political parties, candidates, civil society groups etc. A citizen has the multi-modal facility to lodge any election-related complaint via bouquet of channels/sources like Website, Email, letter, fax, SMS, Call-centre (Call-center Number is "1950") etc. A Mobile App shall also be made available for the people, so that they can submit complaints with photographs/videos.

(b) SUVIDHA: Single Window Permission System

A single window system for giving election-related permissions/No Objection within 24 hours has been created. In this system, Candidates and Political Parties are granted permissions/no objection by all the departments for Meetings, Rallies, vehicles, temporary election office, loudspeakers etc at a single location. This system would be functional at every RO/ARO level in each district/sub-division, which will provide the facilities for applying, processing, granting and monitoring permissions in a synergistic manner. However, in case of permissions for Helicopter usage/landing and use of helipads, the application shall have to be submitted at least 36 hours in advance.

(c) SUGAM: Vehicle Management System:

It is an IT-based Vehicle Management System with the facility of issuance of requisition letters for vehicles, capturing of vehicle details with address, mobile number and bank details of owner and driver, transfer of vehicles from one district to another district etc.

cVIGIL:

cVIGIL will allow anyone in the election-bound state to report violations of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and expenditure. By using this app, citizens can immediately report on incidents of violations within minutes of having witnessed them and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer to lodge a complaint. The vigilant citizen can upload the photo or video through this App. (upto two minutes' duration) of the scene of violations of the model code. The location mapping will be done by the app using the automated G.I.S. After its uploading on the app, the vigilant citizen gets a Unique ID to track and receive the follow up updates on her or his mobile. As per the wish of the complainant, it has the facility to keep the identity confidential.

(d) ELECTION- ATLAS:

E-Atlas (GIS-Maps) will be prepared for 40 parliamentary Constituencies of the State. The GIS maps would contain information in respect of Parliamentary Constituencies, Assembly Constituencies and boundaries of the Polling Stations.

e) Webcasting:

Web-casting will be done in about 10%-15% of total polling stations 78,799. Apart from this, videography will be done in some critical polling stations and micro observers would be deputed on the remaining polling centres.

Voter Facilitation

The Commission has directed that all the necessary arrangements for facilitation and convenience of voters at the polling stations be made to ensure a accessible and comfortable voting experience. Helpline no.1950 and “nvsp.in” have been operationalised.

ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS:

1. The Commission has laid special emphasis on making the election process accessible for all sections of the electorate, especially the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), aged and infirm electors etc. Towards this objective all polling premises will be provided with sturdy Ramps (temporary or permanent) for barrier free access.
2. Local officers have prepared lists of PwD voters during the door to door visit and such voters would be identified and the lists shall be provided to the BLO of each Polling Station for providing special assistance.
3. Special facilities to PwD voters would be provided.
4. Braille ballot paper for easy readability by the visually impaired voters would be provided.

SVEEP:

Commission has directed to organize a participative, inclusive and people-friendly SVEEP campaign through all modes of communication for ensuring ethical and informed voting. It has been instructed to use Van, Film, Social Media, TV/Radio/FM Channel/Video for this purpose.

Regular Media Interaction

1. The Commission considers media as its formidable ally for election management and for implementation of election related laws, instructions and for monitoring the orders.
2. The Commission has directed CEOs and DEOs to use social media for the benefits of voters and polling.
3. The Commission has directed that during the election-period, regular press briefings must be held by the CEO and the DEOs and all crucial information be passed on to all the stakeholders through the media.

The Commission is committed to maintain purity of elections and to deliver free, fair and transparent elections. The Commission has directed the State level and District Level Election Machinery to be fearless, objective, neutral and independent

from any influence whatsoever. The Commission solicits proactive support of all political parties, media organisations, civil societies, youth and community organisations and all voters of West Bengal to join hands with the Commission and wholeheartedly participate in poll process.

Press Note



On the sidelines of the visit of the Hon'ble Election Commission of India to the State of West Bengal on 31st January, 2019, a Photo Album was released by the Commission. The album captures initiatives taken up by the Election Commission to ensure greater inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities into electoral registration process.

The Commission also met with the State Icon and representatives of Civil Society Organizations to elicit their views and suggestions to make Lok Sabha Elections, 2019 more inclusive, ethical, accessible and participative.

Issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

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No. 24/ICA/NB/PN

Date: 04.01.2019

Notification Regarding Paid Holiday During Bye-Election on 6th January, 2019

In connection with Bye-Election to the Ward No. 82 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation on 6th January, 2019(Sunday), it has been made obligatory on the part of the employers of any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishments of the areas, to grant **paid holiday** on the day of **Bye-Election** to their workmen who are entitled to cast vote.

Press Note

No. 25/ICA/NB/PN

Date: 04.01.2019

Notification for Filling Stations During Bye-Election on 6th January, 2019

In connection with Bye-Election to the Ward No. 82 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation on 6th January, 2019(Sunday) all classes of petrol and diesel pumps (Filling Stations) situated within the said areas have been exempted from operations subject to the condition that any work done beyond eight and a half hours a day or forty eight hours a week shall be regarded as overtime work for payment of overtime wage.

Press Note

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No. 364/ICA/NB/PN

Date: 31.12.2018

Notification by Kolkata Police Regarding Disposal of Waste Products

The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata has prohibited the act of burning of any waste as detailed below, from 30th December, 2018 to 27th February, 2019, within the entire jurisdiction of Kolkata Police until further orders.

Refused derived fuel- plastic, wood, tyre, pulp or organic waste, solid waste, residual solid waste, sanitary waste, garbage, bio mass;

Domestic hazardous waste- discarded paint drums, pesticide cans, CFL bulbs, tube lights, expired medicines, broken mercury thermometers, used batteries, used needles and syringes and contaminated gauge etc. generated at the household level;

Dry waste- waste other than bio-degradable waste, inert street sweepings, recyclable and non-recyclable waste, combustible waste and sanitary napkin and diapers etc.;

Non-biodegradable waste, etc.

Any person contravening this order shall be punished as per the existing law. Officer-in-charge of the concerned Police Stations have been requested to be vigilant to prevent such activities.

Press Note

No:- 337-ICA/NB/PN

Date : 14th December, 2018

Press Note

Bye - Election to the Ward No. 117 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in this state will be held on 16th December, 2018 (Sunday). It has been made obligatory on the part of the employers (under Section 135B of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951) of any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishments of the areas under the said Assembly Constituency to grant **paid holiday** on the day of poll to their workmen who are to enable them to exercise their right of franchise in the aforesaid election entitled to cast vote in the election under the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951.

No deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with Sub-section (1) of the said Act and if such person is employed on the basis of that he would not ordinarily receive wages for such day, he shall none-the-less be paid for such day the wages he would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to him on that day.

If an employer contravenes the provisions of sub- Section (1) or Sub-Section (2), then such employer shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.

This section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged.

The above provisions require that all establishments and shops including those which work on shift basis shall be closed on the day of poll in the Constituency where a General/Bye-election is to be held. However, there may be cases where a person is ordinarily resident of the Constituency and registered as an elector, may be serving/employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the Constituencies having an Election. It is clarified that in such a Constituency concerned he would also be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under the Section 135B(l) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

FINANCE DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC NOTIFICATION

No.1640 - F.B.

Howrah, the 15th February, 2018

Government of West Bengal hereby notifies the sale of West Bengal Government Stock (securities) of 10 – year tenure for an aggregate amount of **Rs.2000.00 crore (Rupees two thousand crore)** (Nominal). The sale will be subject to the terms and conditions spelt out in this notification (*called Specific Notification*) as also the terms and conditions specified in the General Notification No. 480 – F.B. dated July 20, 2007 and its amendment vide Notification No.1200 – F.B. dated 02.09.2009 of Government of West Bengal.

Object of the Loan

1. (i) The proceeds of the Loan will be utilized towards meeting the requirement for developmental expenditure of the State.
- (ii) Consent of Central Government has been obtained to the floatation of this loan as required by Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India.

Method of Issue

2. Government Stock will be sold through the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai Office (PDO) Fort, Mumbai – 400 001 by auction in the manner as prescribed in paragraph 6.1 of the General Notification No. 480 – F.B. dated 20th July, 2007 and its amendment vide Notification No. 1200 – F.B. dated 2nd September, 2009 at a coupon rate to be determined by the Reserve Bank of India at the yield based auction under multiple price formats.

Allotment to Non-competitive Bidders

3. The Government Stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions subject to a maximum limit of 1% of the notified amount for a single bid as per the Revised Scheme for Non-competitive Bidding Facility in the Auctions of State Government Securities of the General Notification (Annexure – II).

Place and Date of Auction

4. The auction will be conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, at its Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001 on **February 20, 2018**. Bids for the auction should be submitted in electronic format, on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system as stated below on **February 20, 2018**.
 - (a) The competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system between 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
 - (b) The non-competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system between 10:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

Result of the Auction

5. The result of the auction shall be displayed by the Reserve Bank of India on its website on the same day. The payment by successful bidders will be on **February 21, 2018**.

Method of Payment

6. Successful bidders will make payments on **February 21, 2018** before close of banking hours by means of cash, bankers' cheque/pay order, demand draft payable at Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai / Kolkata or a cheque drawn on their account with Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai (Fort) / Kolkata.

Tenure

7. The Stock will be of **10-year** tenure. The tenure of the Stock will commence on **February 21, 2018**.

Date of Repayment

8. The loan will be repaid at par on **February 21, 2028**.

Rate of Interest

9. The cut-off yield determined at the auction will be the coupon rate percent per annum on the Stock sold at the auction. The interest will be paid on **August 21** and **February 21**.

Eligibility of Securities

10. The investment in Government Stock will be reckoned as an eligible investment in Government Securities by banks for the purpose of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The stocks will qualify for the ready forward facility.

**By order and in the name of the
Governor of West Bengal**

H. K. DWIVEDI

**Addl. Chief Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Finance Department**

Press Note

WEST BENGAL WINS SEVERAL AWARDS AT INDIAN FIRE SERVICE GAMES

The 1st Indian Fire Service Games was held at Nagpur from 2.02.2018 to 4.02.2018 under the aegis of Director General, Home Guards, Civil Defense and Fire Services, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. 46 (Forty six) teams from different States, UTs, PSUs and Pvt. Organizations participated in different events. A team from West Bengal participated in the meet.

West Bengal won the **Best Disciplined Contingent trophy** and **Best Dressed Contingent trophy**. The individual medal winners were:

1. **Shri Susanta Biswas**: Gold in individual Fire Fighting & Rescue Hurdles;
2. **Shri Raju Shaw**: Gold in individual Breathing Apparatus Drill;
3. **Shri Sudipta Mondal**: Gold in 40+ men's singles; Silver in 40+ men's doubles with **Subhankar Ghosh** & Bronze in men's open category{ TABLE TENNIS }.
4. **Shri P.T.Sherpa**- Silver in 55+ men's doubles with **Rakesh Ray** & Bronze in 50+ men's singles { BADMINTON }
5. **Shri Nitin Kumar Singh**: Bronze in Arm Wrestling (under 80 kg).

Football team obtained the runners up Trophy.

Sd/-

Principal Secretary,

Fire & Emergency Services Department,

Government of West Bengal.



PRESS NOTE on Special Drive for Enrollment of left Out Electors

In tune with the theme of ***No voters to be left behind***, the Election Commission of India has decided to launch a Special Drive to maximize enrollment of left out electors, who have attained at least 18 years of age or will attain 18 years as on 01.01.2018 and are otherwise eligible for enrolment and yet have not applied during the Special Summary Revision programme of electoral rolls with 01.01.2018 as qualifying date. The Special Drive for enrolment of left out electors will be carried out from 15th November to 30th November, 2017.

Activities during the Special Drive:

- **The Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will visit households and distribute and collect claim forms for enrolment and other activities during this period.**
- **Special Campaign Dates:** There are two Special Campaign dates, **19th November (Sunday), 2017 and 26th November (Sunday), 2017**. On these dates, Booth Level Officers will remain present at polling stations and will receive filled in Forms from the left-out electors.
- **State and District Call Centres:** The toll free numbers at state and district call centres shall remain operational on all working and Special Campaign days during office hours for facilitating citizens about the Special Drive programme.
- **Forms** may be obtained from the BLOs or from the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

- **Website of Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal (<http://www.ceowestbengal.nic.in>)**
- **Toll free Helpline Number- 1950.**

Issued by Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

**KOLKATA POLICE NOTIFICATION REGARDING JAGADDHATRI
IDOL IMMERSION**

Immersion Processions on account of [the Hindu Festival of Jagaddhatri Puja, 2017 will be allowed subject to the conditions and or directions of High Court. Calcutta and the West Bengal Pollution Control Board on Monday & Tuesday the 30th & 31st October, 2017 respectively as follows –

On the 30th & 31st October, 2017 from 16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs.

No immersion procession will be allowed to use portable microphone/sound boxes

No immersion procession will be allowed in the following streets and where orders U/S 144 Cr.PA are in force :

A. CENTRAL DIVISION:

1) C. R. Avenue 2) P.C' Boral St. 3) Baithk Khana Koad 4) K.K. Tagore Street

B. SOUTH DIVISION:

1) Harish Mukherjee Koad (Coveriu', the stretch of S S.K.M Ilospnai 2) S.P. Mukherjee Road (covering the stretch of Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital and Chittaranjan Seva Sadan Hospital 3) Beltala Road. Bakulbag'an Road and Priyanath Mallick Road (covering the stretch of Chittaranjan Sishu Sadan Hospital) 4) Elgin Road. Lee Roau and Suburban Hospital Road (Covering the stretch of Sambhu Nath Pandit Hospital) 5) Harish Chatterjee Street 6) Raja Santosh Road towards west 7) Hospital Rd 8) Red Road⁹⁾ Khidderpore Rd 10) Queens Way 1 1) Park Street 12) Camac Sireel 13) Shakespear Sarani 14) Harish Mukherjee Road (In between S N Pandit Street and AJC Bose Road 15) Elgin Road 16) D.L.khan Road 17) Belvedere Road in between National Library Main Gate to Alipore Road 18) Baker Road 19) Burdwan Rd 20) New Rd

C. NORTH DIVISION:

1) Bhupen Bose Avenue. 2) J M Avenue 3) Rabindra Sarani 4) Jadulal Mullick Road South to North 5) On K.C. Sen St. between K. C. Sen St. and Amherst St. crossing to K. C. Sen St. and A.P.C. Rd. crossing 6) C.R Avenue 7) Central Avenue/ Vivekananda Road crossing towards west on Vivekananda Road

D). PORT DIVISION:

1) Kabitirtha Sarani (Watgunge Street) from its crossing with Michael Dutta St. & up to the crossing with Hem Chandra Street. 2) Dent Mission Rd. 3) Dr. Sudhir Basu Rd. 4) Paharpur Road after Nut Behari Girls High School upto Kacchi Sarak More and then Garden Reach Road 5) Shimpukur Lane 6) Rameswarpur Rd. 7) Ekbalpore Lane 8) Watgunge Street

E. SOUTH EAST DIVISION:

1) Park Circus Connector 2) Along D.C. Dey Road from Panchanantolla crossing to Slaughter House 3) From Vaishali More on G.K. Road up to Slaughter House 4) Entire Topsia Road 5) Entire G.J. Khan Road 6) Kustia Road from; Crecent School to Kusthia Auto Stand 7) C. N. Roy Road from 42 Bus Stand to Saggachi Auto Stand 8) Saggachi 1st Lane 9) Tiljala Lane 10) E. M. Bye Pass I I) Basanti High_Way 1 2) Ballygunge Circular Road I 13) Topsia Road (South) 14) Topsia 1st Lane 15) Topsia 2nd Lane 16) Kustia Masjid Bari Lane 17) Kustia Rd from its crossing with Raicharan Ghosh Lane and with Tiljala Masjid Bari 18) E.M.Bya Pass from Mathpukur to Northern end of Ambedkar Bridge 19) P.C. connector from Parama Island to the crossing of P.C connector & Huges Road 20) Basanti Highwav from Ambedkar Bridge to Bantala Bridge

F. EASTERN SUBERBAN DIVISION:

1) Ram Krishna Naskar Road 2) Taran Krishna Dutta Road 3) Khodagunge Road 4) Ram Mohan Mallick Garden Lane 5) Radha Madhab Dutta Garden Lane 6) Latafat Hossain Lane 7) kalimddin Sarkat Lane 8) K.G Bose Sarani 9) Kalitara Bose Lane 10) Chawl Patti Road 11) Narkeldanga Main Road 12) Gas Street/ Dr. M N Chatterjee Sarani 13) Southern End of R D Street 14) Southern End of Narkeidanga North Road 15) Canal East Rd. 16) Canal West Rd 17) Harish Street 18) Chamru Singh Lane 19) Kasai Bustee 20) Narkeldanga North Road towards Manicktala Main Rd. 21) Chatu Bahu Lane 22) Bibi Bagan Lane 23) D.C. Dey Road 24) Motijheel Lane 25) Sir Sved Ahmed Road 26) AJC Bose Road 27) Maa Flyover & Park Street 28) New Park Street 29) AJC Flyover 30) E.M. Bypass

G. SOUTH WEST DIVISION:

1) Jaigir Ghat Road 2) Panch Masjid Rd. 3) Roy Bahadur Rd. 4) Diamond Harbor Rd. 5) Biren Roy Rd.(West) 6) Surrounding of Vidyasagar S.G. Hospital 7) S.N. Roy Rd.

H. SOUTH SUBERBAN DIVISION:

- 1) Towards Layalka from Regent Estate Library i.e. from North to South 2) Mollahpara Patuli.
2. Processions may cross over any of the above mentioned streets while proceeding by streets which intersect them.
3. Processions must always pass by the left side of the street.
4. All music must cease in the neighbourhood of hospitals and of places of worship during the time of public worship.
5. Persons taking part in any of the said processions must not carry sticks, clubs or other offensive weapons.
6. No fire must be carried or fireworks discharged during the course of any procession.
7. No fireworks will be discharged or displayed on any public streets, thoroughfares or public places or places of public resorts.

8. On the 30th & 31st October 2017 from 16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs Police Officers on duty on the streets at the time must arrange to stop tram and cars temporarily whilst processions are passing and allow them to proceed when processions have passed.

9. No branches of trees or any tree can be cut on the way of procession.

10. One way traffic system wherever applicable, should not be violated.

N.B. Processions will not be allowed to proceed through C.R. Avenue, Jatindra Mohan Avenue sectors between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. except for cross-ends.

(Press Note)

No: 293/ICA/NB/PN

Dated: 25/10/2017

**Kolkata Police Notification regarding
use of Crackers & Microphones during Chhat Puja Procession**

On the occasion of Chhat Puja on the 26th & 27th of October, 2017, Kolkata Police has come out with following notification:-

The organizers are not allowed to use microphones or sound box on mobile vehicles etc. during Chhat Puja procession.

The use and display of fireworks in public thoroughfare is punishable under law. Crackers and other fireworks generating noise level more than 90dB(A)/Leq. at a distance of 5 metres from the point of bursting are totally banned.

Use of any microphone or sound box without requisite permission and violation of the aforesaid directions or any other conditions imposed by the authority granting such permission is actionable and punishable. Under Section 17D of Calcutta Suburban Police Act, 1866 (as amended) and Section 43D of The Calcutta Police Act, 1866 (as amended) and P.A. System and other equipment will also be liable to be seized.

(Press Note)

Kolkata Police Notification on use of sound boxes during Kali Puja

The Commissioner of Kolkata Police has issued a notification in terms of the usage of sound boxes during the period of Kali Puja.

The organisers of Durga Puja & Laxmi Puja are not allowed to operate the sound boxes and microphones beyond the scheduled hours. Under any circumstances, no microphone or sound box should be allowed to operate for any time in the Silence Zone. The Deputy Commissioners of Police, Kolkata of the Divisions are authorised to permit the use of microphones and sound boxes between 07.00 hours and 11.00 hours and between 18.00 hours and 22.00 hours on the 19th October, 2017 (i.e) Thursday, Kali Puja Day) and 20th October, 2017 (i.e . Friday, the immersion day) use of microphone/sound box should not be allowed between 22.00 hours and 07.00 hours under any circumstances. No permission shall be given for using microphones/sound boxes during immersion procession on mobile vans etc.

The Organisers of the Puja Committees or persons so permitted shall not use the sound boxes/microphones continuously but at reasonable intervals and at a low pitch so as not to cause annoyance or inconvenience to any member of the public. It may be noted that no permission should be given for the installation of microphones or sound boxes outside the Puja pandals and on the main roads too.

As per directions of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board in conformity with the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta the following modalities relating to use of microphone/loud speaker should be followed and strictly maintained.

- 1) The microphone/ loud speaker should be fitted with sound limiters.
- 2) During the time of use of loudspeaker/ microphone noise level should be maintained as follows.

	<u>Day time</u>	<u>Night time</u>
a) Industrial area	75 dB(A)/Leq.	70 dB(A)/Leq.
b) Commercial area	65 dB(A)/Leq.	55 dB(A)/Leq.
c) Residential area	55 dB(A)/Leq.	45 dB(A)/Leq.
i) Day time is reckoned in between 6 A.M. and 10 P.M.		
ii) Night time is reckoned in between 10 P.M. and 6 A.M.		

In case of announcements regarding missing persons and directions for crowd control, mikes can be used beyond the stipulated hours, depending on the situation.

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(Press Note)

Kolkata Police Notification regarding Kali Puja Procession

Kolkata Police has issued notification regarding the Kali Puja Procession as follows:

I. Processions on account of the Hindu Festival of Shree Shree Kali Puja. 2017 will be allowed subject to the conditions and/or directions of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta and the West Bengal Pollution Control Board on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 20th October, 2017, 21st October, 2017 and 22nd October, 2017 respectively as follows :-

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No procession will be allowed to use portable microphones/sound boxes.

No procession will be allowed in the following streets and where orders U/S 144 Cr.P.C are in force:-

A. CENTRAL DIVISION:

1) Rubindra sarani 2) Jagannath Ghat Road 3) C.R. Avenue 4) Central Avenue from the xing of Collootola Street & C.R Avenue to Muktaram Babu St. and C.R. Avenue xing. 5) Old Court House St. 6) Govt. Place North 7) Govt. Place West 8) Council House St. 9) Lyons Range 10) K.S. Roy Road 11) Esplanade Row West 12) Old Post Office St. 13) Bankshall Street 14) Hare Street 15) Red Cross Place 16) Koilaghata St. 17) B.B.D. Bag 18) P.C. Boral St. 19) Baithkhana Road 20) Creek Row 21) K.K. Tagore Street.

B. SOUTH DIVISION:

1) Park Street 2) Ripon Street 3) Collin Street 4) Collin Lane 5) Sandal Stree 6) Abdul Latif Lane 7) Sirajul Islam Avenue 8) Marquis Street 9) Khidderpore Road 10) Red Road 11) Harish Mukhenee Road (Covering the stretch of S.S.K.M. Hospital) 12) S.P.Mukherjee Road (Covering the stretch of Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital and Chittaranjan Seva Sadan Hospital) 13) Beltala Road, Bakulbagan Road and Priyanath Mallick Road (Covering the stretch of Chittaranjan Sishu Sadan Hospital) 14) Elgin Road. Lee Road and Suburban Hospital Road (Covering the stretch of Sambhu Nath Pandit Hospital) 15) Harish Chatterjee Street 16) West to East direction on Chetlahat Road 17) Raja Santosh Road towards West Direction 18) Queens Way 19) Hospital Road 20) Cathedral Road 21) Duffrm Road 22) Canimack Street 23) Shakespeare Sarani 24) A.J.C Flyover 25) Burdwan Road 26) New Road.

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E. SOUTH EAST DIVISION:

1) E.M.Bye Pass 2) P.C. connector 3) Basanti Highway 4) Along D.C. Dey Road towards Dhobitala Muslim Camp 5) On G.K. Road towards Rail Bridge 6) Entire Topsia Road 7) Entire G.J. Khan Road 8) Tiljala Lane 9) Kustia Road from Crecent School to Kusthia Auto Stand 10) C.N. Roy Road from 42 Bus Stand to Sapgachi Auto Stand 11) Sapgachi 1st Lane 12) Bailygunge Circular Road 13) P. C. Connector 14) Kustia Masjid Bari Lane 15) Topsia Road (South) 16) Tiljala Masjid Bari Lane 17) Sapgachi 1st Lane

F. EASTERN SUBURBAN DIVISION:

1) Choul Potty Road 2) Narkeldanga Main Road 3) Gas Street/ Dr. M.N. Chatterjee Sarani 4) Southern End of R. D. Street 5) Southern End of Narkeldanga North Rd 6) Canal East Rd 7) Canal West Rd 8) Harshi Street 9) Chamru Singh Lane 10) Chatu Babu Lane 11) D. C. Dey Road 12) Motijheel Lane 13) Sir Syed Ahmed Road 14) Park Street 15) AJC Bose Flyover 16) Maa Flyover 17) New Park Street 18) E.M. Bypass

G. SOUTH WEST DIVISION:

1) S.N. Roy Road 2) Roy Bahadur Road 3) In and around Vidyasagar S.G. Hospital 4) Jaigir Ghat Road (in front of Panch Masjid)

H. SOUTH SUBURBAN DIVISION:

1) Towards Layalka from Regent Estate Library i.e. from North to South 2) Mollahpara Road 3) South bound along Jheel Road

2. Processions may cross over any of the above mentioned streets while proceeding by streets which intersect them.
3. Processions must always pass by the left side of the street.
4. All music must cease in the neighborhood of hospitals and places of worship during the time of public worship.
5. Persons taking part in any of the said processions must not carry sticks, clubs or other offensive weapons.
6. No flame/ fire be carried during the course of any procession.
7. No fireworks will be discharged or displayed on any public streets, thoroughfares or public places or places of public resorts.
8. On the 20th October, 2017, 21st October, 2017 and 22nd October, 2017 from 16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs Police Officers on duty on the streets at the time must arrange to stop cars & trams temporarily whilst processions are passing and allow them to proceed when processions have passed.
9. No branches of trees or any tree can be cut on the way of procession.
10. One way traffic system wherever applicable, should not be violated.

(Press Note)

Howrah Police: Cyber Cafe Regulations

The Howrah Police has passed an order for strict compliance by the owners of the Cyber Cafes where large number of people visit to use the internet, computer network facilities in those Cyber Cafes which are as follows:

- a) Prohibiting the use of Cyber Cafe by unknown person and whose identity has not been established before the owner of the Cafe.
- b) Maintaining a register for identity of the visitors or users.
- c) Make an entry in the handwriting of the visitors or users maintaining name, address, telephone number and identity proof. The visitors or users shall also sign the register kept for this purpose.
- d) The identity of the visitors or users shall be established through Identity Card, Voter Card, Ration Card, Driving Licence, Passport and Photo Credit Card (any one of them).
- e) Activity Server Log should be preserved in main Server and its record should be preserved for at least six months from the point of last use.
- f) If any activity of the visitors or users is of a suspicious nature, the owner of Cyber Cafe shall immediately inform the nearest Police Station.
- g) Record be maintained about the specific computer used by the visitors or users.

This order has come into force with effect from **16th Day of October, 2017** and remain in force for a period of 60(six) days i.e. up to **14th Day of December, 2017**, unless rescinded or altered earlier.

Any person contravening this order is liable to be punished under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

(Press Note)

Howrah Police Notification to House Owners

Commissioner of Police, Howrah and Executive Magistrate in relation to the Metropolitan area of Howrah and being empowered so to do by the State Government Home (Police) Department Order No. 3636-PL/PB/14M-138/04 dt. 26.08.2011 to act under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), do hereby order that no land-lord or owner or person whose property falls under the jurisdiction of area of any of the Police Stations under Howrah Metropolitan area shall let/sublet/lease/rent out any residential accommodation or grant lease or license to any person unless and until the said landlord/owner/person has furnished the particulars of the said tenant(s)/ license as the case may be as per the Proforma in Schedule-I to the Officer-in-Charge of the Police Station concerned. And whoever having property in his possession or under his management shall also inform in writing to the Officer-in-Charge of the Police Station concerned in whose jurisdiction the premise falls about the particulars of the tenants or leasee or licensee as the case may be as per the said proforma.

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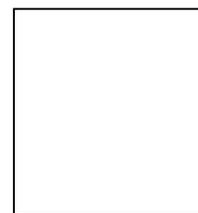
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Schedule –I

Residential Tenants Profile Form

To
The Officer-in-Charge

Howrah



The following is the profile of my residential tenants/lease/licensee for your information.

1.	Category (New or Old Tenant)	:	
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3.	Address of House Owner	:	
4.	Contact nos.	:	
5.	Address of the rented premises	:	
6.	Name & Age of Tenant	:	
7.	Father's/Guardian's Name	:	
8.	Permanent Address	:	
9.	Previous Address	:	
10.	Name of all residents with age and Father's Name	:	
11.	Occupation & Address with Telephone nos. of Tenant	:	
12.	Expected period of stay	:	
13.	Names & Address of two reference	:	
14.	Period for which the accommodation has been rented	:	

(Signature of the House Owner/Landlord/Leaser)

(Press Note)



PRESS NOTE:

Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2017

CHALO KHELI NAAM TULI, a SVEEP initiative



A friendly football match, **Chalo Kheli, Naam Tuli**, a unique SVEEP initiative is going to be organized on 9th September, 2017 to motivate young potential electors to get enrolled under the present Summary Revision campaign which has commenced on 22nd August, 2017 with draft publication of electoral rolls. The last date of submission of claims and objections for inclusion, deletion and modification of electoral details is 13th September, 2017. Any person who has attained 18 years of age with reference to 01.01.2018 as qualifying date is eligible to get enrolled in the electoral rolls.

The football match is going to be organized between **CEO-V** and the **Press Club-V** on **9th September, 2017** at 4.00 PM at **Calcutta Referees' Association Ground, Kolkata**.

Press note

It is of great honour that India is hosting the FIFA U-17 World Cup and Kolkata (Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan) is hosting the maximum number. matches (ten) including the final. With a view towards popularizing this world Football event, the Original Winners Trophy of U-17 FIFA World Cup is being brought to Kolkata and will be displayed for public viewing and photography as per schedule given below:

- a) 01/09/2017 – 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Khudiram Anushilan Kendra – Hon'ble MIC PWD, Youth Services & Sports, Sri Aroop Biswas to receive the trophy from FIFA representatives.

- b) 02/09/2017 – Display of Trophy at South City International School – 09:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

- c) 03/09/2017 – Display of Trophy at ECO Park – 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM – Hon'ble MOS Youth Services & Sports Department, Sri Laxmi Ratan Sukla, shall remain present.

All members of electronic & print media are requested to attend.

(Press Note)



PRESS NOTE
(22nd August, 2017)



Schedule of the Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls 2018, with reference to 01-01-2018 as qualifying date in West Bengal

Sl No.	Stages of Revision	Period
1.	Draft Publication of Electoral Rolls	22-08-2017 (Tuesday)
2.	Period for filing of claims and objections	22-08-2017 (Tuesday) to 13-09-2017 (Wednesday)
3.	Reading of relevant part/section of photo electoral rolls in Gram Sabha/Local Bodies and RWA meetings and verification of names	26-08-2017 (Saturday) and 09-09-2017 (Saturday)
4.	Special Campaign dates with Booth Level Agents of political parties for receiving Claims and Objections	27-08-2017 (Sunday) and 10-09-2017 (Sunday)
5.	Final Publication of Electoral Rolls	05-01-2018 (Friday)

Highlights of the Draft Electoral rolls published on 22-08-2017:

Statistics of Drafts Roll, 2018	
Total Polling Stations	77,354
Total Electors	6,67,29,914
Male Electors	3,44,25,200
Female Electors	3,23,03,726
Third Gender Electors	988
% of Electors issued EPIC	100%
% of Electors whose photos appear in Rolls	100%

FORM	Purpose of Use
Form 6	New Inclusion and transfer of enrolled electors in a new Assembly Constituency
Form 6A	New Inclusion of Overseas Electors
Form 7	For Objection/Seeking deletion of names
Form 8	Correction of entries in Electoral Rolls
Form 8A	Transposition of enrolled electors from one Polling Station to another within the same Assembly Constituency
Form EPIC-901	Issue of Replacement Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC)

Draft Rolls will be displayed from **22nd August, 2017** in all Polling Stations and other Designed Locations and website of Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal.

Electors' Information Slips: Electors' Information Slip will be distributed by the BLOs from **22nd August, 2017** to all electors present in the draft rolls, highlighting their particulars available in electoral rolls and EPIC. Electors may check their records and apply in Form 8 for corrections (if required).

Toll free Help Line number 1950 is operational at the CEO Office. Citizens may also call at National Call Centre 1800-111-950 for queries and complaints.

An elector can search his/her name and know about Polling Stations by sending SMS in following format:

Type WB<space>EC<space>Voter I-Card Number and send SMS to 51969

Search facility is available in website of Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal to know about details of part and serial number in the draft electoral roll. One can have a print of one's electoral details accordingly from the website.

Citizens may lodge complaints regarding electoral rolls and related matters at following URLs: ***ubceo.in/wb-samadhan and eci-citizenservices.nic.in.***

Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Programme: Strategies have been developed with an objective to increase enrolment of women electors and person belonging to the 18-19 age cohorts in the electoral rolls. A 360° SVEEP Campaign is being launched through print, electronic and social media to maximize reach to the electors. In the districts, Booth level Officers (BLOs) and field functionaries, such as AWWs/SHG members are being mobilized for reaching out to the electors.

Districts are taking up Special Initiatives such as **Drawing Competitions** for students of the age group of 15-17 years, our Prospective Electors and **T-10 Cricket Match** between **DEOs' XI and Journalists XI** at the district level and **CEO XI and Press Club XI** at the State level for generating greater awareness about the programme, particularly among the young electors. Taking the analogy between a prospective/newly enrolled elector and a sapling, a unique convergence has been planned on 09.09.2017 where there will be a mass plantation programme in partnership mode with various government departments across the State.

All information relating to SRER 2018, including electoral rolls, helpline numbers and phone number of ERO/BLO and all officials are available in website of Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal.

- **Website of Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal (<http://www.ceowestbengal.nic.in>)**
- **Toll free Helpline Number-1950**

Issued by Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
SPECIFIC NOTIFICATION
No. 640 - F.B.
Howrah, the 4th August, 2017

Government of West Bengal hereby notifies the sale of West Bengal Government Stock (securities) of 10 - year tenure for an aggregate amount of **Rs.2000.00 crore (Rupees two thousand crore) (Nominal)**. The sale will be subject to the terms and conditions spelt out in this notification (called *Specific Notification*), as also the terms and conditions specified in the General Notification No. 480 - F.B. dated July 20, 2007 and its amendment vide Notification No 1200 - F.B. dated 02.09.2009 of Government of West Bengal.

Object of the Loan

1. (i) The proceeds of the Loan will be utilized towards meeting the requirement for developmental expenditure of the State.
- (ii) Consent of Central Government has been obtained to the flotation of this loan as required by Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India.

Method of Issue

2. Government Stock will be sold through the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai Office (PDO) Fort, Mumbai - 400 001 by auction in the manner as prescribed in paragraph 6.1 of the General Notification No 480 - F.B. dated 20th July, 2007 and its amendment vide Notification No. 1200 - F.B. dated 2nd September, 2009 at a coupon rate to be determined by the Reserve Bank of India at the yield based auction under multiple price formats.

Allotment to Non-competitive Bidders

3. The Government Stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions subject to a maximum limit of 1% of the notified amount for a single bid as per the Revised Scheme for Non-competitive Bidding Facility in the Auctions of State Government Securities of the General Notification (Annexure - II).

Place and Date of Auction

4. The auction will be conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, at its Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001 on **August 08, 2017**. Bids for the auction should be submitted in electronic format on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system as stated below on **August 08, 2017**.

- (a) The competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system between 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
- (b) The non-competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) system between 10:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

Result of the Auction

5. The result of the auction shall be displayed by the Reserve Bank of India on its website on the same day. The payment by successful bidders will be on August 09, 2017.

Method of Payment

6. Successful bidders will make payments on August 09, 2017 before close of banking hours by means of cash, bankers' cheque/pay order, demand draft payable at Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai / Kolkata or a cheque drawn on their account with Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai (Fort) / Kolkata.

Tenure

7. The Stock will be of 10-year tenure. The tenure of the Stock will commence on August 09, 2017.

Date of Repayment

8. The loan will be repaid at par on August 09, 2027.

Rate of Interest

9. The cut-off yield determined at the auction will be the coupon rate percent per annum on the Stock sold at the auction. The interest will be paid on February 09 and August 09.

Eligibility of Securities

10. The investment in Government Stock will be reckoned as an eligible investment in Government Securities by banks for the purpose of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The stocks will qualify for the ready forward facility.

**By order and in the name of the
Governor of West Bengal**

**H.K.DWIVEDI
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal,
Finance Department.**

No:- 214-ICA/NB/PR

Dated, the 10th July, 2017

Press Note on Petya/Petwrap Ransomware Attacks, Ways and Means to prevent cyber security attacks in Government Service Delivery.

Recently several incidents of cyber attack through a malware, called "Petya/Petwrap" were witnessed in some countries including India. The names of the affected countries also include United Kingdom, Ukraine, Netherlands, Spain and Denmark.

Petya/Petwrap delivery mechanism works through scam emails or phishing emails. Once the email attachment is executed on the computer it shows the prompt of "User Access Control." However, after executing the program it encrypts the Master Boot Record (MBR) and replaces it with a custom boot loader with a code to encrypt the full disk starting with MFT (Master File Tree) and leaves a ransom note to users. Upon successfully encrypting the whole disk of the computer it shows the ransom prompt.

The State Government in the Department of Information Technology & Electronics ensured that due protection was taken and compliance made with regards to critical infrastructure pertaining to IT infrastructure in the State Government like State Data Centre, West Bengal State Wide Area Network amongst others.

Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary of Department of IT&E informed that effective steps have also been taken which have led to pre-emption of the ongoing cyber attacks and a zero impact on the State Government networks. These steps include Blocking of some source mail IDs, Blocking of some domains, Blocking of some IP addresses, instruction for installing latest patches for the operating systems, instruction for installing latest anti-virus updates etc.

Mr. Vineet Goyal, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Police Commissionerate and CISO West Bengal already made aware all concerned with specific methodology to pre-empt such attacks in public and private infrastructure.

To spread further awareness the Department of Information Technology & Electronics had issued an advisory note on awareness and preventive measures on **Petya/Petwrap** ransomware attacks. The same note had already been circulated to all the departments under Government of West Bengal for further actions to be taken.

The following suggestive measures are identified, by the Department of IT&E, to be adopted by all the departments under Government of West Bengal.

1. Avoid clicking on links in email received from unknown sender.
2. Apply all Microsoft Windows patches including MS17-010 that patches the Eternal Blue Vulnerability.
3. Make sure your anti-virus software installed in every machine is running with its auto update ON and is also updated to the latest.
4. Ensure taking a backup of data to some external disk on a regular basis.
5. Avoid login to computer with Administrative privileges. Work with user account that has standard user privileges and not administrative privileges.

(Press Note)

Memo. no.: 181/ICA/NB/PN

Dated: 21/06/2017

Howrah Police Notification to House Owners

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The order has come into force on and from **18th Day of June, 2017**, and will remain in force for a period of 60 (sixty) days i.e., upto **16th Day of August, 2017** unless rescinded or altered earlier.

Any person contravening this order is liable to be punished under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

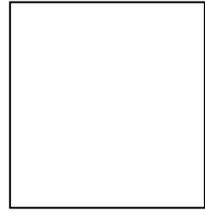
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14.	Period for which the accommodation has been rented	:	

(Signature of the House Owner/Landlord/Leaser)

(Press Note)

Press Note on Ongoing Global Cyber Attacks, Ways and Means to prevent and future of cyber security in Government Service Delivery.

On 12th May, 2017, incidents of cyber attack through a malware, called "WANNACRY" were witnessed in some parts of the country including the State of West Bengal leading to issuance of advisory by the CERT-In under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India. The National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre, Government of India immediately issued detailed threat reports. These advisories and reports were shared by the NIC, Government of India with the State Governments including our State. The State Government in the Department of Information Technology & Electronics ensured that due protection was taken and compliance made with regards to critical infrastructure pertaining to IT infrastructure in the State Government like State Data Centre, West Bengal State Wide Area Network amongst others.

Dr Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary of Department of IT&E informed that effective steps have been taken which have led to pre-emption of the ongoing cyber attacks and a zero impact on the State Government networks. To highlight these preventive steps taken by the State Government, the Department of IT&E decided to sensitize Nodal Officers of all Departments to the ongoing cyber attack.

To this end, a workshop to discuss these issues was organized on 18.5.2017 at 11-00 AM in Shilpa Sahan, Camac Street, Kolkata-700 016. It was chaired by Dr Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of IT&E and witnessed attendance of Nodal Officers of all Departments in the State Government along with Heads of State NIC and State Data Centre. The meeting was addressed by the Additional Commissioner of Police, Kolkata & CISO, WB Mr Vineet Goel, IPS, Cyber Security Experts from PwC associated through PMU in the Department of IT&E, Prof. Chandan Mazumder and Prof. Mandar Mitra from Jadavpur University and the ISI, Kolkata respectively. The audience was apprised about the future plans of the State Government in the Department of Information Technology & Electronics including the setting up of the State CERT-WB and Cyber Security Centre of Excellence.

The Department of Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal, intends to create a Digital Depository in which the Govt. Departments/ Institutions/ Organizations as well as private entities like schools, colleges, universities, hospitals etc shall be able to deposit important documents such as School Leaving Certificates, College Degrees, Academic Awards, Mark Sheets, Licenses, Experience certificates and other testimonials etc. at the time of issuance thus eliminating the use of physical documents. Likewise it will enable authorized requestors such as Govt. Departments/ Institutions/ Organizations as well as private entities to seamlessly access and easily authenticate electronically signed and deposited testimonials directly and remotely. For ensuring that only authentic documents are uploaded in the system, the Issuer Departments/ Private agencies will be given the rights to upload the documents, whereas Government to Citizen services will be made available for viewing and downloading the documents.

Benefits of developing and implementing a digital depository for the State

The Digital Depository shall benefit the participating West Bengal Government departments/ agencies and citizens of West Bengal in the following ways:

- **Direct Uploading after digital signature** : Issuer departments in West Bengal will be able to directly upload necessary citizen testimonials and also departmental documents onto a secure online platform after digitally signing the same.
- **Easy validation of authenticity**: Depository will ease validation of the authenticity of documents as they will be issued directly and will be digitally signed by the registered issuers.
- **Security**: Will help create a highly secure centralized depository of digitally signed e-documents with easy update, retrieval and administration facilities for departments and organizations within West Bengal.
- **Paperless**: Eliminate administrative overhead of Government / Private Entities by minimizing the use of paper and by directly uploading digital documents.
- **Ease of Access**: Authorized requesters can request for access to important citizen records and digital documents anytime, anywhere.

Tentative cost for development, implementation and maintenance of the digital depository

Based on estimated list of Hardware / Software and Resource requirements for the digital depository, the cost of developing, implementation, maintenance and support for 5-years is estimated at INR 11.35 Cr.

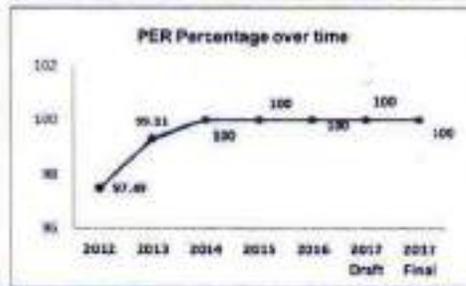
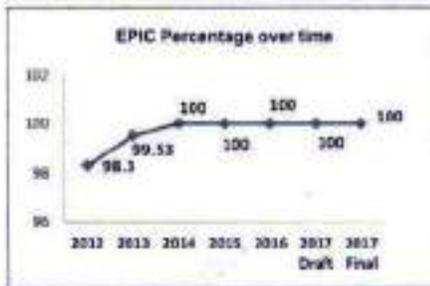
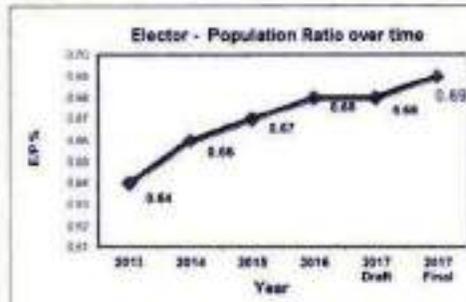
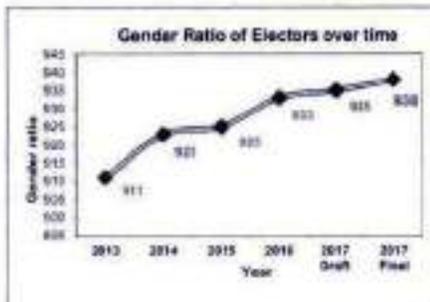


Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, 2017

Press Note

Summary Revision	Draft Roll 2017	Final Roll 2017
Total Elector	6,58,46,709	6,70,37,261
Male	3,38,77,024	3,45,02,448
Female	3,18,88,932	3,24,43,798
Third Gender	753	1,017

Parameter	2017 Draft	2017 Final
% of EPIC	100	100
% of Photo	100	100
Gender Ratio in Electoral Roll	935	938
EP Ratio	0.68	0.63



National Voters' Day, 2017

Like previous years, the National Voters' Day, 2017 will be celebrated in Polling Premises, Blocks, Sub-Divisions and district headquarters on 25th January, 2017. In Kolkata, it will be celebrated at **Mohar Kunja**. A number of competitions are being arranged in districts on the occasion of the National Voters' Day, 2017.

NVD Competition

Sit and Draw Competition in High-Higher Secondary Schools among students of 15-17 years age group (9th to 12th standard). The theme of the Drawing Competition is "Every Vote Counts". There will be different competitions addressed to prospective and newly enrolled electors and women electors. The winners of the competitions will be felicitated at Block/Sub-divisions/districts on the National Voters' Day.

Interactive School Engagement Programme

Interactive School Engagement programme will be organized in the districts in the run-up to the National Voters' Day programme following Commission's instructions in this regard. Under Interactive School Engagement programme, District Election Officer/Sub-Divisional Officers/Electoral Registration Officer/Block Development Officers will visit at least one school within their constituency in January ahead of the NVD programme to interact with students of the age-group of 15-17 years on issues of electoral literacy.

NVD Awards

On the occasion of the National Voters' Day, the District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and the Booth level Officers will be felicitated in recognition of their commendable contribution in the field of community participation, improvement in gender ratio and cleansing of electoral rolls.

Continuous Updation Programme, 2017

After Final Publication of Electoral Rolls, 2017, the period for Continuous Updation programme begins. Under Continuous Updation programme, citizens who want to enroll their names in the electoral rolls and are otherwise eligible will get opportunity to get enrolled. Similarly, the enrolled electors may also apply for corrections in entries in the electoral rolls. Moreover, the Electoral Rolls will remain available at the Polling Stations with the Designated Officers/Booth Level Officers for a period of seven days from the day of Final Publication of Electoral Rolls.

Facilitation for Citizens:

To know about AC/Polling Station/electoral details, please type

a. WB->EC->EPIC NO and send to 51969 or type.

b. Toll-free Help Line Number- **1950**

For details please visit: www.ceewestbengal.nic.in

Issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

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No. 133/ICA/NB/PN

Date: 26.04.2019

Request for grant of additional paid holiday on 1st May

In order to enable workers and employees to participate in the observance of May Day, the Labour Department, Government of West Bengal has advised employers of industrial establishments to grant an additional paid holiday on 1st May, 2019(Wednesday) to all categories of workers and employees including the work-charged category where the day has not already been declared as a paid holiday.

Press Note