



## West Bengal

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Kolkata</b>
<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Mamta Benerjee</b>
<b>Governor</b>	<b>Jagdeep Dhankhar</b>

### March

#### West Bengal government launched 'Banglar Shiksha' portal

- West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee inaugurated a web portal, 'Banglar Shiksha', which is set to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools. This is first-of-its-kind online initiative in the state as well as in the country. It will be operated on a trial basis for two months to remove glitches. The portal should be fully functional by May 1. The portal will store real-time data of 1.5 crore students, five lakh teachers and one lakh schools.

#### Mamata Banerjee launched Yuvashree Arpan scheme

- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a new scheme called Yuvashree Plan II or Yuvashree Arpan under which 50,000 youths will receive financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh for setting up an their own business initiatives.
- Youths who have passed out of ITI or other polytechnic institutes will be eligible to get financial support from the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) department
- The Yuvashree I scheme is implemented by the state labour department launched in 2013, the state provides unemployment allowance of Rs. 1,500 per month to 1,00,000 unemployed youth
- The state government had already provided cars to 24,000 unemployed youths under the 'Gatidhara' scheme, where the state enables youths to be car-owners and earn through driving it.
- The Chief Minister also laid foundation stone of various developmental projects including the first Hindi university in West Bengal in Arupara, Howrah district and Rs. 1,488 crore drinking water project at Purba Medinipur.
- Foundation stone of projects worth Rs 1,071 crore including drinking water project that would benefit more than 8 lakh people inaugurated Bankura.

### May

#### Navy Service Selection Board inaugurated in Kolkata

- Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lanba Tuesday inaugurated the Navy's first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) at the Diamond Harbour near Kolkata. Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, has attended the inauguration.
- This is the fifth SSB of the Indian Navy and caters for selection of both permanent and short service commission officers. The other boards are located in Bhopal, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam and Coimbatore.

### July

#### WB government observes Save Water Day on July 12<sup>th</sup>

- 'Save Water Day' was observed by the West Bengal government and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee participated in a march in the city to raise awareness on conservation.
- To raise awareness on rain water government would observe July 12 as Save water day.

### August

#### West Bengal launches awareness campaign for preserving greenery and keeping environment clean



- The West Bengal Government has launched an awareness campaign for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean.
- The State Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched the campaign named as 'Save Green, Stay Clean' in Kolkata.
- The State Government will distribute more than 1 lakhs saplings throughout the state for spreading of greenery.

### **Kolkata to Get India's First Underwater Metro**

- Kolkata Metro has constructed the first-ever transport tunnel in the country which will pass through underwater.
- The train passes through an underwater tunnel which is 520 meters in length, built 30 meters below the riverbed of the Hooghly River, for about a minute at 80 kilometers per hour. The project's foundation stone was laid in 2009.
- Kolkata metro is spending Rs 8,572 crore on this entire project.

### **West Bengal heads GDP growth rate recording 12.58 per cent during 2018-19**

- West Bengal is at the top of the list of states for GDP growth rate recording 12.58 per cent during 2018-19.
- Bengal is followed by Andhra Pradesh which has recorded GDP growth of 11.02, Bihar with 10.53 and Telangana 10.5 per cent respectively. Goa is at the bottom of the list with 0.47 per cent growth rate.

### **Kolkata to get world's first museum on Chaitanya Mahaprabhu**

- The world's first museum dedicated to the life and teachings of 16th-century saint and social reformer, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is ready to be inaugurated at the city's Baghbazar Gaudiya Math.
- Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will inaugurate the technically-enabled 'Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Museum' built to preserve information related to the great saint.