

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

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PRESS NOTE

In compliance with the directives of the Election Commission of India following the announcement of the General Election on 16.03.2026, to ensure free and fair election, the ECI is conducting various measures across all 294 Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal.

Enforcement and Seizure

Seizure by Excise Department, West Bengal

- (i) A major seizure of Liquor, Vehicle and other articles used for making fake liquor on large scale was done on 30.03.2026 by Singur Excise District.
 - Forty (40) Plastic Packet @ 20.00 lts. in each of suspected illicitly distilled liquor = 800.0 ltrs
 - Four (04) Plastic Packet @ 15.00 lts. in each of suspected illicitly distilled liquor = 60.0 ltrs. Total ID liquor = 860.0 ltrs
 - One Four Wheeler (Maruti OMNI) Silver colour bearing Registration Number - WB 12M 3816 and illegible Chassis No. and One (01) Ignition Key.
 - Valuation : 12,30,000 INR

- (ii) A major seizure of Liquor, Vehicle and other articles used for making fake liquor on large scale was done on 31.03.2026 at Kalimpong District.
 - NDP FL: 603.00 litres (67 cartons)
 - Vehicles: 02 (two) Mahindra Scorpio Classic (without ignition keys)
 - Black coloured cloth: 04 (four)
 - Valuation of seized intoxicant: Rs 15,07,500/-
 - Valuation of vehicles: Rs 16,00,000/-
 - Total Seizure Valuation: 31,07,500/- (Rupees Thirty-One Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred only)

Since the announcement of the election, cumulative seizures of cash, liquor, narcotics, precious metals, and other freebies have been executed to curb illegal inducements / misuse of money power in elections.

**Seizure of Cash, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics, Precious Metals & Freebies
(As on 01.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 656.39 Lakhs
2	Liquor	1814547.52 Liters / ₹ 4650.73 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	3962625.95 gm / ₹ 5860.12 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	152952.62 gm / ₹ 2733.89 Lakhs
5	Freebies / Other Items	72810887.41 quantity / ₹ 14108.95 Lakhs
	TOTAL VALUE	₹ 28005.84 Lakhs

Key Security Measures

The administration has deployed a multi-layered security strategy to maintain law and order and to ensure a peaceful voting environment:

Updated law and order report is placed below (up to 30/03/2026)

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
1	No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized	
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons 166
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs (In Numbers)	Cartridges 284
		Explosives 2.2 KGs & 10364 PCs
	Bombs 726	
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms 52869
		b) Deposited 40878

Deployment of Force

As per resolution of the Joint Force Deployment Committee meeting held 28th March 2026 Police district / Commissionerate wise deployment plan of 300 Coys of CAPF, to be inducted by 7th April 2026, for area domination exercise and CBM activities will be as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Deployment plan of 300 Coys of CAPF
1.	Darjeeling	00
2.	Siliguri PC	04
3.	Kalimpong	00
4.	Cooch Behar	23
5.	Alipurduar	00
6.	Jalpaiguri	07
7.	Islampur PD	08
8.	Raigunj PD	10
9.	Dakshin Dinajpur	05

10.	Malda	15
11.	Murshidabad PD	13
12.	Jangipur PD	07
13.	Krishnanagar PD	12
14.	Ranaghat PD	05
15.	Howrah PC	05
16.	Howrah Rural PD	12
17.	Hooghly (Rural) PD	09
18.	Chandannagar PC	10
19.	Kolkata	11
20.	Barasat PD	11
21.	Bangaon PD	06
22.	Bashithat PD	11
23.	Barrackpore PC	12
24.	Bidhannagore PC	03
25.	Baruipur PD	12
26.	Diamondharbour PD	12
27.	Sundarban PD	03
28.	Purba Medinipur	21
29.	Purba Bardhaman	12
30.	ADPC	11
31.	Paschim Medinipur	13
32.	Jhargram	00
33.	Bankura	00
34.	Purulia	00
35.	Birbhum	17
Total		300

Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal has directed that CAPF shall carry out extensive flag marches, point patrolling and other confidence building measures immediately after induction, with special emphasis at identified vulnerable hamlets and interact with vulnerable voters multiple times.

The routes for carrying out activities shall be decided and finalized after consulting the DEOs, CP/SP and District CAPF coordinator at district level. Strict vigil at district level shall be maintained by the DEOs so that no component, after deployment remains idle.

The Commission remains committed to strict compliance to the implementation of MCC in letter and spirit for ensuring a free & fair election.

Sd/-

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