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PRESS NOTE

In continuation of the schedule announced on March 16, 2026, for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal, the Election Commission of India (ECI) remains committed to ensuring a conduct of polls characterized by the highest standards of transparency, impartiality, and security across all 294 Assembly Constituencies. As the state progresses toward the scheduled polling phases on April 23 and April 29, 2026, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, is rigorously monitoring the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). This daily brief provides a comprehensive overview of the latest operational developments.

“Know Your Candidates (KYC)” module of ECINET

The filing of nomination for the elections to the legislative assembly of West Bengal (Phase-I and II) has begun and last date of withdrawal of candidature is 9th April for (Phase-I) and 13th April for (Phase-II).

Citizens can use the “Know Your Candidates (KYC)” module of ECINET to get the information about criminal cases, assets and liabilities, educational qualifications and the authentic social media handles of candidates. Users can access the KYC module under the “Conduct of Elections” tab of ECINET. They can also download the entire affidavit (Form 26) submitted by the candidates using ECINET.

ECINET provides the voters with services, such as voter registration, electoral roll search, Track Your Applications, connect with Election Officials, Book-a-call with BLO, e-EPIC download, polling trends, and grievance redressal on one secure platform. It also offers a single-window platform for real-time information access and complaint resolution, including tools like C-VIGIL for reporting violations and Saksham to ensure accessible electoral services for persons with disabilities.

Visit-cum-general briefing session by IG,CRPF

Today, on 04/04/2026 a Visit-cum-general briefing session was conducted by Shri Salabh Mathur,IPS,IG,West Bengal Sector at coy location of A/121 CRPF,Jagaadal Wooma Charan High School, Dist. Baruipur in connection with WBLA-2026.

Enforcement and Seizure

Major Seizure by CRPF

CRPF on duty officials in coordination with the district Police seized cash at following location of West Bengal. Detail is as follows –

SI	Location & date	Under PS & District	Items / Amount recovered
1.	Machantola SST Naka point on 04/04/2026	PS Joypur, Dist Bankura	Rs. 2,45,000/-

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 04.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 1007.01 Lakhs
2	Liquor	2092343.05 Liters / ₹ 5357.81 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	4278891.88 gm / ₹ 6021.60 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	200711.78 gm / ₹ 3855.26 Lakhs
5	Freebies / Other Items	73212828.48 quantity / ₹ 14943.07 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 31184.74 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 02/04/2026)

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026	
1	No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized		
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons	208
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs (In Numbers)	Cartridges	337
		Explosives	2.2 KGs & 10364 PCs
2	Licensed Arms	Bombs	798
		a) Total Licensed Arms	52869
	b) Deposited	41126	

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Extensive drives for removal of unauthorized political advertisements are ongoing. As per the latest reports, widespread public and private property defacements have been cleared across all districts and the District Election Officers have certified removal of defacement from all the public properties under their jurisdiction.

Following is the detail of the district wise defacement removal and total cases registered.

District-wise Status of Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct (As on 02.04.2026)

Sl. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	31183	10478	53316
2)	Alipurduar	75198	3541	12691
3)	Jalpaiguri	76474	3737	26841
4)	Kalimpong	52727	30	927
5)	Darjeeling	9453	6304	25257
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	20680	2424	24260
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	33184	9204	37518
8)	Malda	215517	482	12480
9)	Murshidabad	16423	4460	52543
10)	Nadia	33479	443	20220
11)	North 24 Parganas	31183	595	79319
12)	South 24 Parganas	75198	719	55591
13)	DEO Kolkata South	76474	1	22739
14)	DEO Kolkata North	52727	0	101080
15)	Howrah	9453	826	33303
16)	Hooghly	20680	108	75853
17)	Purba Medinipur	33184	2312	78786
18)	Paschim Medinipur	215517	4103	56882
19)	Jhargram	16423	55	9508
20)	Purulia	33479	1967	22934
21)	Purba Bardhaman	31183	1366	37149
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	75198	46862	284087
23)	Bankura	76474	862	17285
24)	Birbhum	52727	19220	70617
State total		1044520	120099	1211194

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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