

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

13, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001

No. 32/CEO/PN/2026

Dated: 09.04.2026

PRESS NOTE

Kidnapped girl rescued after visit of CEO, West Bengal in Purba Medinipur district

A complaint was lodged at Nandigram P.S. on 15.01.2026 by Lakshmikanta Shit, S/O- Lt. Nagendranath Shit of Vill- Garchakraberia, PS- Nandigram, Dist- Purba Medinipur regarding missing of his minor girl, (Age-17+) who could not be found till recent times. An FIR was lodged at Nandigram P.S. against Prabir Barik S/O- Lt. Shibanath Barik and two others, all from Vill- Samsabad, P.S.- Nandigram, Dist.- Purba Medinipur for allegedly kidnaping his minor daughter with ill motives and confining her in a secret place for unlawful activity.

The CEO, WB during his visit to Nandigram on 6th April, 2026 met the family of Lakshmikanta Shit and assured them of taking appropriate action for rescuing the girl.

Today (09.04.2026) in the morning acting on a source information, CDR analysis and other inputs, the victim girl namely Madhusree Shit (17 yrs+) D/O Lakshikanta Shit of Vill- Garchakraberia, PS-Nandigram, Dist-Purba Medinipur of Nandigram P.S. Case No:35/2026 dtd. 15.01.2026 U/S 137(2)/140(3) BNS 2023 has been rescued from Koppal, Karnataka by the investigating Officer of this case after maintaining all the legal procedures. Moreover, the accused Prabir Barik S/O Lt. Shiba Prasad Barik of Samsabad, PS – Nandigram, Dist. - Purba Medinipur has been arrested from Koppal, State-Karnataka with the assistance of Koppal Rural Police Station.

Non-deployment of Civic Police or Green Police or Student Police

In connection with the West Bengal Assembly Election-2026 the Election Commission of India has directed (No.464/WB-LA/ES-II/2026 Dated: 8th April, 2026) that no person from Civic Police, Green Police or Student Police shall be engaged in any election related duty. Further, they shall not be allowed to perform any duty in uniform from P-3 days to P+1 day. All concerned stake holders including candidates/Political Parties are being intimated regarding this message of the Commission for compliance & information.

Enforcement and Seizure

The cumulative enforcement report of the State regarding itemized summary of seizure is provided in following table.

Seizure of Cash, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics, Precious Metals & Freebies (Report as received upto 9 p.m. on 08.04.2026)

| Sl. No. | Item | Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026) |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Cash | ₹ 1366.5 Lakhs |
| 2 | Liquor | 2507730.0 Liters / ₹ 8247.7 Lakhs |
| 3 | Drugs / Narcotics | 4844941.6 gm / ₹ 8247.7 Lakhs |
| 4 | Precious Metals | 206728.2 gm / ₹ 3960.4 Lakhs |
| 5 | Freebies and Other Items | 75599759.2 / ₹ 15893.4 Lakhs |
| TOTAL VALUE | | ₹ 35859.1 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 (As received upto 1 p.m. 09.04.2026)

| Sl. No. | Items | Cumulative from 15/03/2026 |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized | |
| | a) Arms / Weapons | Arms / Weapons 274 |
| | b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs (In Numbers) | Cartridges 422 |
| | | Explosives 128.7 KGs & 10364 PCs |
| 2 | Licensed Arms | a) Total Licensed Arms 52869 |
| | | b) Deposited 41307 |

Political party broadcast in Akashvani

The Schedule of political party broadcasts for the WB Assembly Elections 2026, by the recognized political parties over Akashvani stations of Kolkata, Kurseong, Murshidabad, Santiniketan and Siliguri was finalized in a meeting held on 06/04/2026 and draw of lots took place in presence of Additional Chief Electoral officer, (WB) and representative of all political parties.

Schedule of Election broadcast before **1st phase** of WBLA General election 2026

| Date of Broadcast | Time of Broadcast | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 18/04/2026 | 08:30 – 08:45 | 08:45- 08:55 | 08:55- :09:00 | 10:00- 10:15 | 10:15 – 10:25 |
| AITC | | AIFB | AAAP | BJP | CPIM | |
| 18:45 – 19:00 | | 19:00 – 19:10 | 19:10 – 19:15 | 20:00 – 20:15 | 20:15 – 20:25 | 20:25 – 20:30 |
| BJP | | BSP | CPIM | AITC | INC | AAAP |

| Date of Broadcast | Time of Broadcast | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 19/04/2026 | 08:30 – 08:45 | 08:45-08:55 | 08:55-:09:00 | 10:00-10:15 | 10:15 – 10:25 | 10:25 – 10:30 | 11:00 – 11:15 |
| | AITC | INC | AAAP | BJP | AIFB | AITC | AITC |
| | 19:00 – 19:10 | | 19:10 – 19:15 | 20:00 – 20:15 | 20:30-20:45 | | |
| | AITC | | AAAP | AITC | BJP | | |

| Date of Broadcast | Time of Broadcast | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 20/04/2026 | 08:30 – 08:45 | 08:45-08:55 | 10:00-10:15 | | 10:15 – 10:25 | 10:25 – 10:30 |
| | BJP | BSP | BJP | | AIFB | AITC |
| | 18:45 – 19:00 | 19:00 – 19:10 | 19:10 – 19:15 | 20:00 – 20:15 | 20:15 – 20:25 | 20:25 – 20:35 |
| | AITC | CPIM | AAAP | BJP | INC | AIFB |

Schedule of Election broadcast before **2nd phase** of WBLA General election 2026

| Date of Broadcast | Time of Broadcast | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 24/04/2026 | 08:30 – 08:45 | 08:45-08:55 | 08:55-:09:00 | 10:00-10:15 | 10:15 – 10:25 |
| | BJP | AIFB | CPIM | AITC | INC |
| | 18:45 – 19:00 | 19:00 – 19:10 | 19:10 – 19:15 | 20:00 – 20:15 | 20:15 – 20:25 |
| | AITC | BSP | AAAP | BJP | CPIM |

| Date of Broadcast | Time of Broadcast | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 25/04/2026 | 08:30 – 08:45 | 08:45-08:55 | 08:55-:09:00 | 10:00-10:15 | 10:25 – 10:30 | 11:00 – 11:15 |
| | AITC | BSP | AAAP | BJP | AAAP | AITC |
| | 18:45 – 19:00 | 19:00 – 19:10 | 19:10 – 19:15 | 20:00 – 20:15 | 20:25 – 20:30 | |
| | AITC | INC | CPIM | BJP | AITC | |

| Date of Broadcast | Time of Broadcast | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 26/04/2026 | 08:30 – 08:45 | 08:45-08:55 | 08:55-:09:00 | 10:00-10:15 | 10:15 – 10:25 |
| | AITC | INC | AAAP | BJP | CPIM |
| | 17:00 – 17:15 | 17:15 – 17:25 | 17:25 – 17:30 | 21:00 – 21:15 | 21:15 – 21:25 |
| | BJP | BSP | CPIM | AITC | AIFB |

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 per report received upto 9:00 pm, 08.04.2026)**

| Sl. no | Name of District | Public Property Defacement Removed | Private Property Defacement Removed | Total no of Cases recorded |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1) | Cooch Behar | 49673 | 14071 | 63744 |
| 2) | Alipurduar | 9345 | 3572 | 12917 |
| 3) | Jalpaiguri | 35805 | 6945 | 42750 |
| 4) | Kalimpong | 976 | 30 | 1006 |
| 5) | Darjeeling | 24687 | 9184 | 33871 |
| 6) | Uttar Dinajpur | 23508 | 3440 | 26948 |
| 7) | Dakshin Dinajpur | 34033 | 17849 | 54561 |
| 8) | Malda | 23438 | 486 | 23924 |
| 9) | Murshidabad | 66965 | 7538 | 74511 |
| 10) | Nadia | 26985 | 479 | 27464 |
| 11) | North 24 Parganas | 97260 | 1044 | 98327 |
| 12) | South 24 Parganas | 63290 | 794 | 64221 |
| 13) | DEO Kolkata South | 25442 | 1 | 25444 |
| 14) | DEO Kolkata North | 114742 | 37 | 114779 |
| 15) | Howrah | 37344 | 1392 | 40042 |
| 16) | Hooghly | 86014 | 153 | 86784 |
| 17) | Purba Medinipur | 90220 | 3671 | 93891 |
| 18) | Paschim Medinipur | 65184 | 5085 | 70287 |
| 19) | Jhargram | 11314 | 63 | 11377 |
| 20) | Purulia | 23108 | 2031 | 25364 |
| 21) | Purba Bardhaman | 37471 | 1642 | 41976 |
| 22) | Paschim Bardhaman | 254257 | 55615 | 314829 |
| 23) | Bankura | 19922 | 1017 | 20939 |
| 24) | Birbhum | 47150 | 24796 | 92313 |
| State total | | 1268133 | 160935 | 1462269 |

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

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West Bengal