

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

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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.

Status of Nomination of Election

NOMINATION DETAIL - WEST BENGAL (Phase I) – Report dated 09/04/2026

Sl	Total no of ACs (Phase I)	Name of the Political Party	No. of validly nominated candidates	No. of candidates withdrawn candidature	Total no. of Candidates
1.	152	BSP	64	0	64
2.		BJP	152	0	152
3.		CPI(M)	98	0	98
4.		INC	151	0	151
5.		AIFB	14	0	14
6.		AITC	149	0	149
7.		Other registered Parties	389	5	384
8.		Independent	508	42	466
Total			1525	47	1478

NOMINATION DETAIL - WEST BENGAL (Phase II) – Report dated 09/04/2026

Sl	Total no of ACs (Phase I)	Name of the Political Party	No. of Nominations filed by the candidate	No. of candidate filled nomination
1.	142	BSP	95	88
2.		BJP	265	142
3.		CPI(M)	285	99
4.		INC	251	142
5.		AIFB	35	11

6.		AITC	363	144
7.		Other registered Parties	363	297
8.		Independent	637	602
Total			2294	1525

Election event update:

Major events in connection with WBLA 2026 on 10th April 2026 are as follows

- *Dispatch of ETPB* - Phase I election (by 3pm today). The Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBMS) is developed by the Election Commission of India and implemented in line with the existing Postal Ballot System. Postal Ballot will be transmitted through Electronic means to the voters.
- *2nd randomization of EVM & VVPAT*: Phase I election
- *Scrutiny of nominations*: 142 Constituencies of Phase II election
- *2nd randomization of polling personnel*: Phase II election

Special workshop today for its journalists and correspondents in connection with election

With the slogan "VOTER PARVA: PASCHIMBANGER GARVA," the Election Commission has called for a fear free, fair, and impartial election. The Commission has issued six specific directives such as no booth jamming, no false voting, no influencing of voters etc. Ahead of the state's upcoming Assembly elections, the News Division of Akashvani organized a special workshop today for its journalists and correspondents. Speaking at the event, the Additional Chief Electoral Officer, WB, Arindam Niyogi, stated that people rely on Akashvani and Doordarshan for accurate news and reliable information. He appealed to all forms of media for adhering to the guidelines issued by the Commission.

Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Sumanta Roy briefed the journalists on various rules and regulations regarding the collection and dissemination of election-related news. The workshop was graced by Dr. Subrata Gupta, Special Observer for the State Assembly Elections; Suchismita Roy, Head of Office at Akashvani; T.V.K. Reddy, Director General (East) of PIB and CBC; Gen Namchu, Additional Director General of PIB and CBC; and Dr. Sushrut Sharma, Head of the News Division at Akashvani, along with other officials and staff members.

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 09.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 1456.2 Lakhs
2	Liquor	2587759.8 Liters / ₹ 6587.0 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	5052185.8 gm / ₹ 8476.6 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	206750.7 gm / ₹ 3963.8 Lakhs

5	Freebies and Other Items	76192378.2 / ₹ 16323.5 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 36807.0 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. 10.04.2026)

SI. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026	
1	No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized		
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons	
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs	Cartridges	288 PCs
		Explosives	485 PCs
	Bombs	128.7 KGs & 10364 PCs	
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms	
		b) Deposited	
		52869	
		41322	

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, 09.04.2026)

SI. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	50451	14761	65212
2)	Alipurduar	9345	3572	12917
3)	Jalpaiguri	39645	7809	47454
4)	Kalimpong	995	30	1025
5)	Darjeeling	25881	9637	35518
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	23846	3701	27547
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	35928	20029	58924
8)	Malda	26058	493	26551
9)	Murshidabad	70393	8171	78572
10)	Nadia	27870	484	28354
11)	North 24 Parganas	102745	1157	103916
12)	South 24 Parganas	64328	812	65311
13)	DEO Kolkata South	25969	1	25971
14)	DEO Kolkata North	116926	37	116963
15)	Howrah	38853	1501	41661

16)	Hooghly	87441	165	88264
17)	Purba Medinipur	97162	4625	101787
18)	Paschim Medinipur	66499	5101	71726
19)	Jhargram	11509	63	11572
20)	Purulia	23366	2078	25671
21)	Purba Bardhaman	38401	1702	43019
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	254903	58906	314923
23)	Bankura	20895	1030	21925
24)	Birbhum	50241	26281	97036
State total		1309650	172146	1511819

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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