

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.

New e-mail id launched for receiving public complaints

In fulfillment of the six mandated parameters for the West Bengal Legislative Assembly Election 2026, a dedicated e-mail id wbfreeandfairpolls@gmail.com has been started by the office of the CEO, West Bengal. Any person can share complaints and grievances related to WBLA 2026 directly with the CEO, West Bengal, through this mail id where the identity of the complainant will be kept confidential.

This initiative is designed to ensure a transparent, fair and accessible electoral process. The round-the-clock service will serve as an effective channel for citizens to voice concerns and ensure that the election proceedings remain consistent with ECI standards.

The introduction of this dedicated e-mail id allows any citizen to register complaints regarding any irregularities or issues encountered during the election cycle. By providing a direct link between the public and election authorities, the administration aims to facilitate immediate redressal and maintain the integrity of the democratic system.

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 10.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 1577.6 Lakhs
2	Liquor	2714440.8 Liters / ₹ 6890.6 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	5149302.1 gm / ₹ 8519.0 Lakhs

4	Precious Metals	226869.5 gm / ₹ 4357.2 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	76480715.2 / ₹ 16531.4 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 37875.7 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)

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
1	No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized	
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons (PCs) 296
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs	Cartridges (PCs) 494
		Explosives 128.8 KGs & 10364 PCs
	Bombs (PCs) 1030	
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms (PCs) 52869
		b) Deposited (PCs) 41355

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, 10.04.2026)

Sl. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	52022	15600	67622
2)	Alipurduar	9417	3574	12991
3)	Jalpaiguri	43437	7809	52108
4)	Kalimpong	1057	30	1087
5)	Darjeeling	26608	9686	36294
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	24209	3962	28182
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	37014	21264	61515
8)	Malda	29926	553	30479
9)	Murshidabad	76081	8792	84881
10)	Nadia	30212	491	30703
11)	North 24 Parganas	106038	1194	107246
12)	South 24 Parganas	66165	825	67169

13)	DEO Kolkata South	26325	1	26327
14)	DEO Kolkata North	118646	37	118683
15)	Howrah	40234	1622	43163
16)	Hooghly	89132	184	89960
17)	Purba Medinipur	99949	5153	105102
18)	Paschim Medinipur	68273	5338	73617
19)	Jhargram	12086	63	12149
20)	Purulia	23858	2090	26304
21)	Purba Bardhaman	39238	1767	44101
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	255258	59453	314969
23)	Bankura	21604	1049	22653
24)	Birbhum	52973	27973	101603
State total		1349762	178510	1558908

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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