

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal**

13, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001

No. 41/CEO/PN/2026

Dated: 16.04.2026

PRESS NOTE

➤ **Key event of Election**

Phase	Date of Poll	Event
PHASE - I	23/04/2026	On 16/04/2026 2 nd Training of Polling personnel will be held along with functioning of postal ballot facilitation center at training venue. Election Duty Certificates also to be distributed.

➤ **Polling Station Details (As on 15/04/2026)**

Phase	Date of Poll	Polling Stations (Main)	Polling Stations (Auxiliary)	Total
PHASE - I	23/04/2026	41418	2960	44378
PHASE - II	29/04/2026	39301	1700	41001

➤ **Enforcement and Seizure**

MAJOR SEIZURES

Name of the AC	Dumdum	
Date of seizure	16.04.2026	
Name of Enforcement Agency	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Aviation Security Group, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata	
Cohort (Precious Metal)	Qty.	Value (crore)
	• Gold jewelry weighing 698.643 gms and • Silver jewelry weighing 703.701 gms	INR ₹1,04,27,134/-
	• Total : 1402.343 gms	
Description	On 16.04.2026 at about 07:30 hrs, during a Pre-Embarkation Security Check Gold jewellery weighing 698.643 gms and Silver jewellery weighing 703.701 gms (Approx total value INR 1,04,27,134/- was recovered from a cabin baggage of one Agartala bound domestic departure passenger, at Kolkata airport. CISF handed over the said passengers to the Income Tax officials. After necessary verification, the said passenger was allowed to proceed for boarding the flight by the income tax team. However, the IT officials directed him to remain available for any further questioning or inquiry as and when required.	

Name of the AC	AC-34 Baishnabnagar, Malda	
Date of seizure	15.04.2026	
Name of Enforcement Agency	POLICE	
Cohort (Drugs / Narcotics)	Qty.	Value (crore)
	• 1.543 kg	INR ₹3.086/-
Description	Kalaichak PS Case No-519/26 dated 15.04.2006-U/S 21(c)/25/27A/29 of NDPS	

The cumulative enforcement report of the State regarding itemized summary of seizure is provided in the table below –

**Seizure of Cash, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics, Precious Metals & Freebies
(Report as received up-to 9 p.m. on 15.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 1997.31 Lakhs
2	Liquor	3146684.43 Liters / ₹ 7987.54 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	5565702.76 gm / ₹ 9959.00 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	436465.24 gm / ₹ 5216.50 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	78433021.93 / ₹ 17126.42 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 42286.78 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 up to 1 p.m. 15.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
1	No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized	
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons (PCs) 337
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs	Cartridges (PCs) 545
		Explosives 128.8 KGs & 10364 PCs
		Bombs (PCs) 1129
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms (PCs) 52869
		b) Deposited (PCs) 41570

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 up-to 9:00 pm, 15.04.2026)**

Sl. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	60684	20423	81107
2)	Alipurduar	10353	3584	13937
3)	Jalpaiguri	57701	10329	68030
4)	Kalimpong	1123	30	1153
5)	Darjeeling	48499	22147	70646
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	26128	5103	31231
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	44499	31238	83851
8)	Malda	38647	617	39264
9)	Murshidabad	117612	11964	129584
10)	Nadia	36077	546	36644
11)	North 24 Parganas	133352	1991	135527
12)	South 24 Parganas	74757	912	76074
13)	DEO Kolkata South	31011	1	31013
14)	DEO Kolkata North	130394	37	130431
15)	Howrah	46371	2047	49728
16)	Hooghly	98016	277	99018
17)	Purba Medinipur	110235	7335	117571
18)	Paschim Medinipur	77361	5720	83129
19)	Jhargram	13786	63	13849
20)	Purulia	25745	2456	28670
21)	Purba Bardhaman	44494	1988	49670
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	256369	60001	316428
23)	Bankura	24763	1236	25999
24)	Birbhum	72915	35125	126018
State total		1580892	225170	1838572

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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West Bengal