

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

13, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001

No. 51/CEO/PN/2026

Dated: 23.04.2026

PRESS NOTE

➤ **Key event of Election on 23/04/2026**

Phase	Date of Poll	Event
PHASE - I	23/04/2026	• Poll Day
PHASE - II	29/04/2026	• Commissioning of EVM and VVPAT upto 25/04/2026 • Functioning of Absentee Voters on Essential Services (AVES) postal ballots, at postal voting center at RO Head quarter.

➤ **Enforcement and Seizure**

MAJOR SEIZURES

Name of the Area	AC 294 (Murarai) booth no 137
Date of seizure	23.04.2026
Name of Agency	On duty CRPF
Cohort (Cash)	Rs. 1,65,820/-
Description	Seizure of cash from polling agent Mr Rejaul Dafadar

Name of the Area	181 places in Kharagpur Town, Kharagpur Local, Sabong, Chandrakona, Belda, Dantan, Goaltore, Narayangarh, Debra, Ghatal Circles of Paschim Medinipur District
Date of seizure	22.04.2026
Name of Agency	Department of Excise
Cohort (Liquor)	Liquor, Beer, Spirit and other items, valuation Rs. 55,72,750/-
Description	Total No. Of Cases- Seizure- 52, Arrests- Nil

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 22.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 2903.31 Lakhs
2	Liquor	4099354.90 Liters / ₹ 10753.02 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	6656733.56 gm / ₹ 10826.19 Lakhs

4	Precious Metals	366808.29 gm / ₹ 5728.09 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	79832305.55 / ₹ 17928.79 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 48139.39 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. 22.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized		
1	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons (PCs) 384
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs	Cartridges (PCs) 595
		Explosives 216.2 KGs & 10364 PCs
		Bombs (PCs) 1232
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms (PCs) 52869
		b) Deposited (PCs) 41704

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, 22.04.2026)

Sl. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	69882	23281	93163
2)	Alipurduar	10669	3596	14265
3)	Jalpaiguri	83874	14619	98493
4)	Kalimpong	1769	30	1799
5)	Darjeeling	74753	32737	107496
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	28558	6214	34772
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	50295	40212	99665
8)	Malda	48891	672	49563
9)	Murshidabad	161393	19468	180869
10)	Nadia	43848	596	44444
11)	North 24 Parganas	173253	3078	176537

12)	South 24 Parganas	87920	1288	90481
13)	DEO Kolkata South	38082	1	38084
14)	DEO Kolkata North	147352	37	147389
15)	Howrah	58356	3215	63093
16)	Hooghly	111674	346	112854
17)	Purba Medinipur	120314	8900	129215
18)	Paschim Medinipur	91487	6048	97535
19)	Jhargram	16548	72	16620
20)	Purulia	29272	3565	33465
21)	Purba Bardhaman	51503	2285	57155
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	259284	60689	319985
23)	Bankura	28705	1474	30179
24)	Birbhum	106879	44843	159486
State total		1894561	277266	2196607

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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