Expanding Horizons:
Higher Education in West Bengal

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MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Higher Education Department is bringing out a document to showcase the achievements in the Higher Education Sector under the present Government.

Our Government has always laid very high priority on human resource development as we believe that the State's greatest strength is its people.

Accordingly, huge thrust has been given in expansion of higher education system in the State which has led to an all-time high addition of new universities, colleges and other set ups in Bengal over the last four and a half years.

I wish the publication all success.
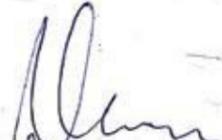
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FOREWORD

During the last four and half years, the State Government has strived for improving the higher education sector by emphasising the three Es: expansion, excellence and equity. On all three counts, we have achieved the milestones we set out for ourselves. Of late, we have added another E, i.e. employability.

In terms of expansion, our approach has been that while private investment in higher education is welcome, increase in public funding by the State is indispensable, to ensure a balanced and holistic development of higher education that is not only of high quality but also affordable and accessible to all.

The Higher Education Department's Plan budget (State core plan) quadrupled in the last four years, showing the Government's serious resolve to build higher education infrastructure at a rapid pace. In the last four and half years, thirty one Government colleges have been set up besides fifteen Government-aided colleges. Of the fifteen new Universities set up in the last four and a half years, seven are State-funded and have come up in the under-served areas of the State.

We have also undertaken what could be described as the largest single recruitment exercise in our State's higher education sector. A total of 2,883 Assistant Professors and 126 Principals were recruited through the West Bengal Public Service Commission and the West Bengal College Service Commission, and appointed in the State's Colleges.

Another reform that we can legitimately take pride in is that all admissions at the under-graduate and post-graduate levels in the State-funded higher education institutions were made online, from the academic session 2015-16. This was a major e-governance initiative to bring in greater transparency and fairness in admissions, and benefitted more than eight lakh applicants who were able to avoid the sun and rain, and could apply for admissions from the relative comfort of their homes and neighbourhoods.

The transformation of the State's higher education has just begun to unfold. The story of the good work undertaken by the Higher Education Department needs to be told, and hence this Document.

I compliment all the officials and staff of the Department of Higher Education and Directorate of Public Instruction for their efforts and hope that they will continue to work with the same zeal and focus in the days ahead.

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Foreword

These are happening times for the State's higher education sector. Through a large number of policy reforms and a significant increase in public spending, the State Government has vastly expanded higher education while also addressing quality issues. The work done in the last four years speaks for itself. To mention just a few—

- Fifteen new universities were set up. Of these, seven are State-aided and eight private universities.

- Thirty one new Government Colleges and 15 Government-aided colleges were set up.

- As a result of the huge expansion in higher education, the State's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), which was 12.6 in 2011, rose dramatically to 17.5 in 2015.

- The annual expenditure under the Plan budget of the Higher Education Department went up from ₹111.74 crore in 2010–11 to ₹471 crore in 2015–16; a more than 400% increase over four years.

- The West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2013 was enacted with a mandate to provide a 17% reservation for OBC students. In 2014–15, the very first year of implementation, a total of 59,612 OBC students were admitted, which was 10.6% of all students admitted in the State's undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

- To improve the quality of teaching, 1,545 teaching posts, 43 posts of Officers and 1,022 non-teaching posts were created in the State-aided universities, Government Colleges and Government-aided Colleges.

- A total of 2,883 Assistant Professors and 126 Principals were recruited and appointed in the State's Colleges. Another exercise for recruiting 3,000 Assistant Professors through the College Service Commission is on. This is easily the largest single recruitment drive in higher education in the State's recent history.

- Admissions to all undergraduate and postgraduate courses in all Government and Government-aided higher education institutions were made online from the academic session 2015–16.

- The salary accounts of all universities and colleges were made online with funds being transferred directly into the beneficiary's account. Fund allocation from the Government was done through the e-bantan and e-pradaan softwares. e-Tender/e-Procurement in the higher education institutions was made mandatory for any procurement above ₹5 lakh.

- GIS mapping was completed for all higher education institutions in the State.

Foreword

Vivek Kumar

Principal Secretary
Department of Higher Education,
Government of West Bengal

- As many as 24 Bills were placed before the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and passed, indicating the high level of reforms and enactments undertaken by the Higher Education Department.

- New Recruitment Rules were framed for the posts of Principal, Professors, Assistant Professors and Librarians in Government Colleges and Government-aided Colleges.

- The State's first Hindi-medium General Degree College at Banarhat, Jalpaiguri started functioning in August 2014. For the first time, Santhali was introduced as a subject in the State Eligibility Test (SET) conducted by the West Bengal College Service Commission.

- The West Bengal State Council for Higher Education was repealed and constituted afresh based on a new legislation, to significantly enhance the Council's powers and functions.

- The Librarians of Government Colleges and Librarians/Assistant Librarians/Deputy Librarians of Government-aided Colleges were conferred with Teaching status, along with all the attendant financial and service benefits, including Career Advancement Scheme and leave encashment up to 300 days.

- The leave encashment of Principals and whole-time teachers of Government-aided Colleges at the time of superannuation was enhanced to 300 days. The Graduate Laboratory Instructors (GLIs) were conferred with Teaching status, along with the attendant financial benefits, including Career Advancement Scheme.

- A long-pending demand of the hostel and mess employees of State-aided Universities and Government-aided Colleges was granted when they were conferred with Group D/non-teaching employee status with the attendant benefits of pension, GPF, encashment of leave salary etc.

The above illustrations are only a thin slice of the huge amount of work done in the last four years; the details can be glanced through the pages that follow. We have purposely emphasised pictorial documentation; after all, a good picture is worth a thousand words.

I thank all the officers, staff of the Department of Higher Education and its Directorates, for their untiring efforts at improving things. It is difficult to name so many individuals, so a huge 'thank you' to all the members of the team! A synergy among the Department, its Directorates, the State's universities and colleges has been built up, which has made this huge work possible in so short a time. We move ahead with the vision of establishing West Bengal as a higher education hub.

Though an effort has been made to maintain factual accuracy, any errors, typological or otherwise and omissions may please be brought to our attention.

Vivek Kumar

Serampore College, Hooghly (Estd 1818)

India's Best Minds:
Products of Bengal's Education System

Historical Perspective

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Spawning an ecosystem that has traditionally laid a high social value on educational achievements, the State is in an ideal position to emerge as a hub of higher education.

Higher education has always been West Bengal's comparative advantage. Whether in the liberal arts, performing arts, or the sciences, men and women of outstanding merit from the State have excelled themselves nationally and internationally. Building on a unique culture that values the pursuit of the intellect and regards highly the written word, the Higher Education Department is endeavouring to reclaim the mantle of being India's intellectual capital. The fact that there are more than 6,000 public libraries in the State, even in remote villages and settlements with some running on donations and voluntary contributions, attests the importance society lays on the pursuit of the intellect.

Spawning an ecosystem that has traditionally laid a high social value on educational achievements, the State is in an ideal position to emerge as a hub of higher education. As the gateway to India's north eastern region and adjoining Jharkhand, Bihar, Sikkim, Orissa, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, West Bengal can emerge as a magnet for students and researchers from several States of East and North-East India as well as the neighbouring countries.

Visva-Bharati University, the staff, students and Upacharya Bose with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
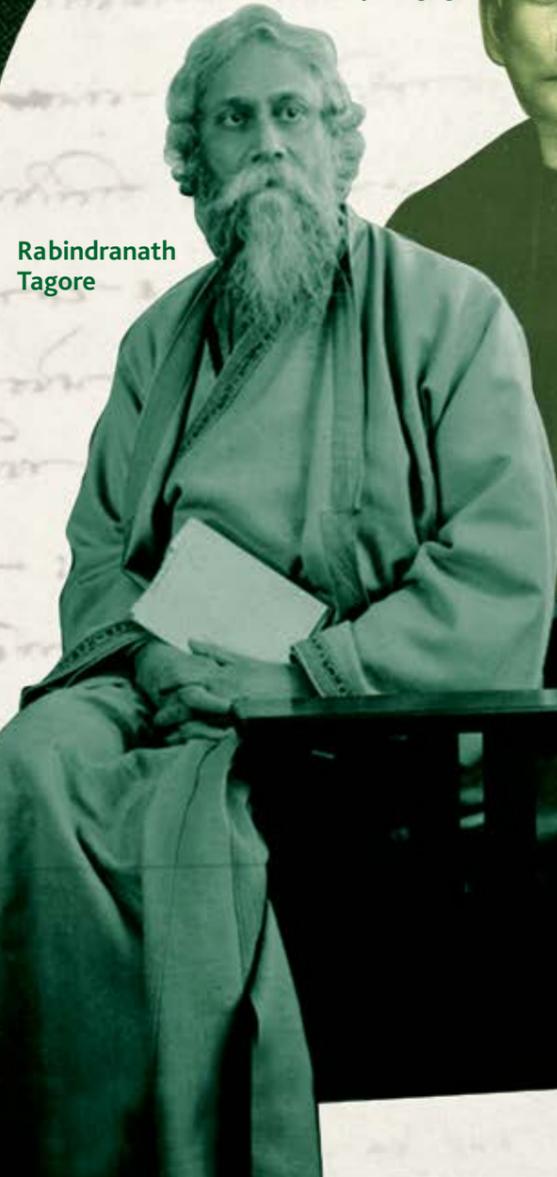
Those who wrote the future of Bengal
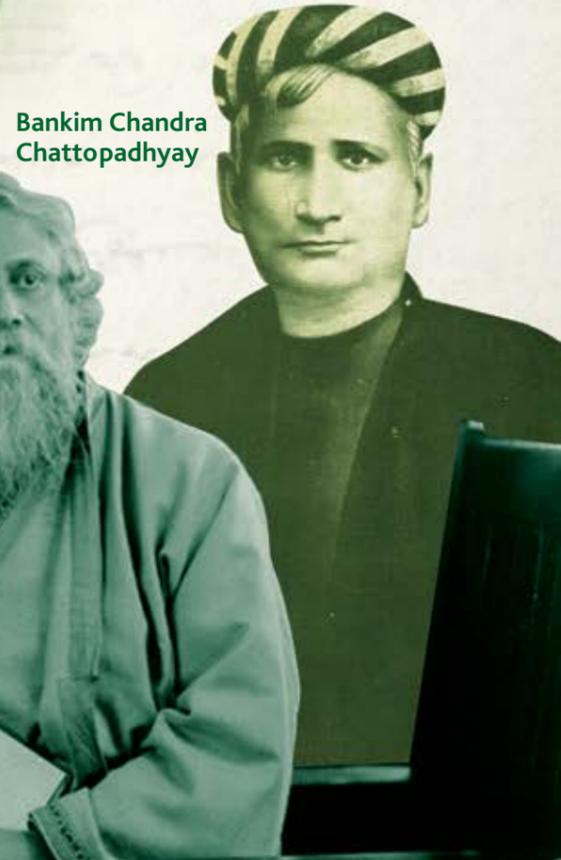
Michael Madhusudan Dutt

Bibhuti Bhushan Bandopadhyay

Sri Aurobindo

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

Rabindranath Tagore

Historically, as the capital of British India, Kolkata was the first to develop a modern system of education. It was here that in 1784, Sir William Jones, a well-known philologist of his time, established the Asiatic Society for the promotion of Oriental Studies. Missionaries and savants such as Ram Mohan Roy, David Hare, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Shashi Bhushan Chatterjee and William Carey spearheaded the establishment of modern education in the city.

Calcutta University was one of the first universities to be set up in India (1857) as was the first medical college. Hindoo College (later called Presidency College) was set up in 1817; in 2010 it was conferred the status of a University. The National Council of Education, Bengal later became the Jadavpur University in 1955. The Visva-Bharati University at Santiniketan, founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1939, is today a Central University.

Swami Vivekananda

David Hare

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Ram Mohan Roy

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

William Carey

First Bengali book,
printed in 1778

বোধপ্রকাশ শব্দশান্ত্রি
ত্নিরিচ্জিনাসূপকারার্থ
ক্রিয়তে ঘালেদদ্বেজী

A
GRAMMAR
OF THE
BENGAL LANGUAGE
BY
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ইৎদুদ্যোপি যন্যার্থ নয়ং শব্দবারিষেঃ
পুক্ত্যান্তস্য রুৎমনা ছযোবক্ত নরঃ বথ্যা

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Bethune College
(Estd 1879)
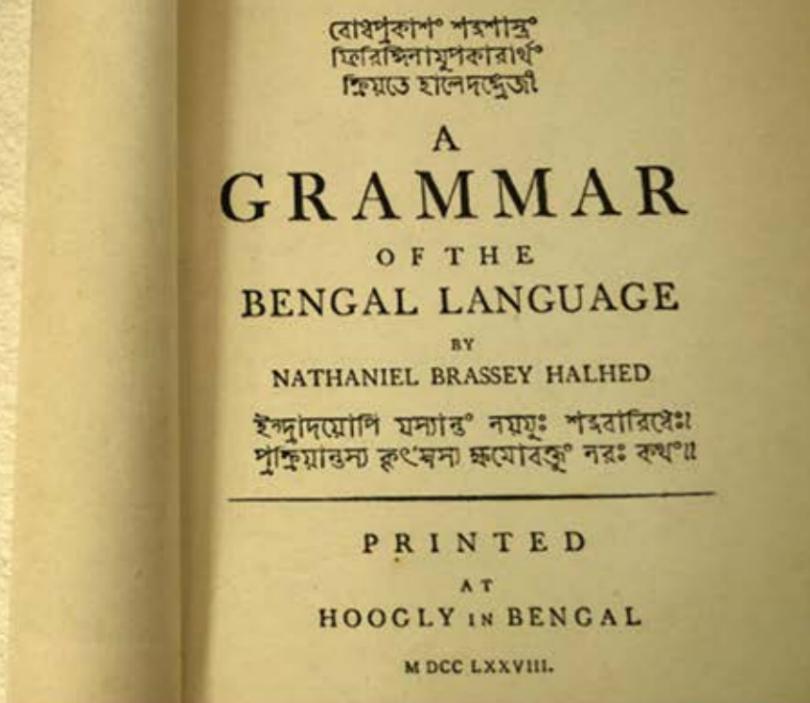
Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur (Estd 1856)

Missionary efforts in the spread of higher education in Bengal are well known. In 1860, St Xavier's College, named after St Francis Xavier, a 16th century missionary to India, was set up. Affiliated to the University of Calcutta, it became the first autonomous college in the State in 2006. St Xavier's College is poised to become a full-fledged University soon. With about 4,000 students today, St Xavier's College is expanding to another campus in New Town. Other missionary colleges in the state include Scottish Church College, Serampore College, St Paul's etc.

Bengal has always ranked high as a pioneering state in promoting women's education. Established in 1879, Bethune College ushered in a new era of enlightenment for the women of the 19th century. Loreto College, Kolkata, is another institution of higher learning established for women in 1912.

Advances were also made in the field of science and technology. The Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur was founded in 1856. At the time, it was only the second such institution in all of British India. It was taken over by the Government of India and renamed the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur in 2014 and today serves as a premier national institution for research and education in engineering, science and technology. IIT Kharagpur is the oldest IIT in India and has been ranked among the top 100 institutions in the world by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Graduate Employability Rankings while the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta has consistently ranked as one of the three premier business schools of the country.

There were many colleges in and around Kolkata that were noted for their contribution to what came to be popularly regarded as the Bengal Renaissance of the 19th century—Chandernagore College (1862), Krishnanagar Government College (1846), Krishna Nath College, Murshidabad, Government College of Art and Craft (1864), Lady Brabourne College (1939) and so on. Sanskrit College, established in 1824 is one of the oldest educational institutions in India specialising in the study of Sanskrit, Indian languages and Indological Studies. Recently, it has been upgraded into a university aimed at revitalising the study of Sanskrit in the state.

St Xavier's College (Estd 1860)

IIT Kharagpur (Estd 1951)

Sanskrit College
(Estd 1824)

Memories of a glorious past preserved

Some historically significant objects in the repository of University of Calcutta, Presidency University, Rabindra Bharati University and Rajabazar Science College

Exhibits at Asutosh Museum, University of Calcutta

Old apparatus at the Botany Lab, Presidency University

Acharya PC Roy's telephone, Rajabazar Science College

British era telescope, Presidency University

Old microscopes at Baker Laboratory, Presidency University

Telephone and clock used by Sir JC Bose

Tagore's Automobile at Rabindra Bharati University

WGF·91 Rabindra Bharati Society

1784	Asiatic Society established for promotion of Oriental Studies
1817	Hindoo College established
1824	Sanskrit College established during the Governor-Generalship of Lord Amherst
1846	Krishnanagar Government College established in Nadia district
1853	Krishna Nath College, Murshidabad established
1854	School of Industrial Art established. Converted to Government School of Art in 1864
1856	Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur founded
1860	St Xavier's College founded
1862	Chandernagore College established
1879	Bethune College for women opened
1912	Loreto College, an all-women's college, founded
1921	Visva-Bharati University founded at Santiniketan by Tagore
1939	Lady Brabourne College founded
1955	National Council of Education, Bengal becomes Jadavpur University

Staircase of Darbhanga Building,
University of Calcutta

Current Status of Higher Education

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Bengal has always been a pioneering state in the field of education.
It has witnessed many firsts, from multidisciplinary colleges
to women's education. It now enters a new era with a significant
spatial expansion of higher education.

Universities in West Bengal (Current Status)

20	06	01	08	08	43
State-aided Universities	State Specialised Universities	Deemed University	Central Universities and Institutes of Higher Importance	Private Universities	Total Number of Universities in West Bengal

Presidency University

Jorasanko Thakurbari which houses the Tagore Museum, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Universities under the Supervision of the Higher Education Department

State-aided

- University of Calcutta
- Jadavpur University
- Burdwan University
- University of Gour Banga
- Kalyani University
- Kazi Nazrul University
- Netaji Subhas Open University
- North Bengal University
- Presidency University
- Rabindra Bharati University

- Sidho Kanho Birsha University (New)
- Vidyasagar University
- West Bengal State University
- Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal
- Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (New)
- Diamond Harbour Women's University (New)
- Bankura University (New)
- Raiganj University (New)
- West Bengal University of Teachers' Training, Education Planning and Administration, Kolkata (New)
- Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata (New)

Jadavpur University, Kolkata

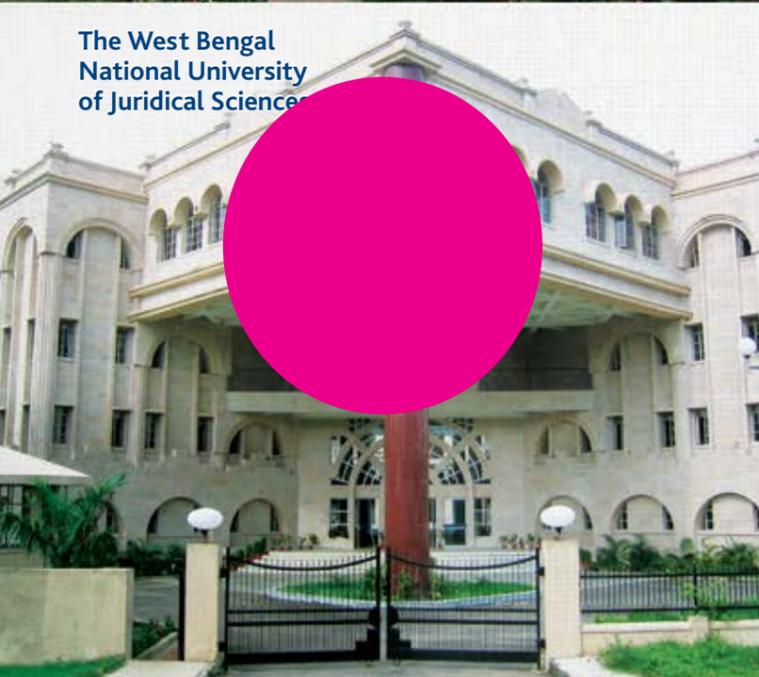Vidyasagar University, Paschim Medinipur

Jadavpur University, Kolkata
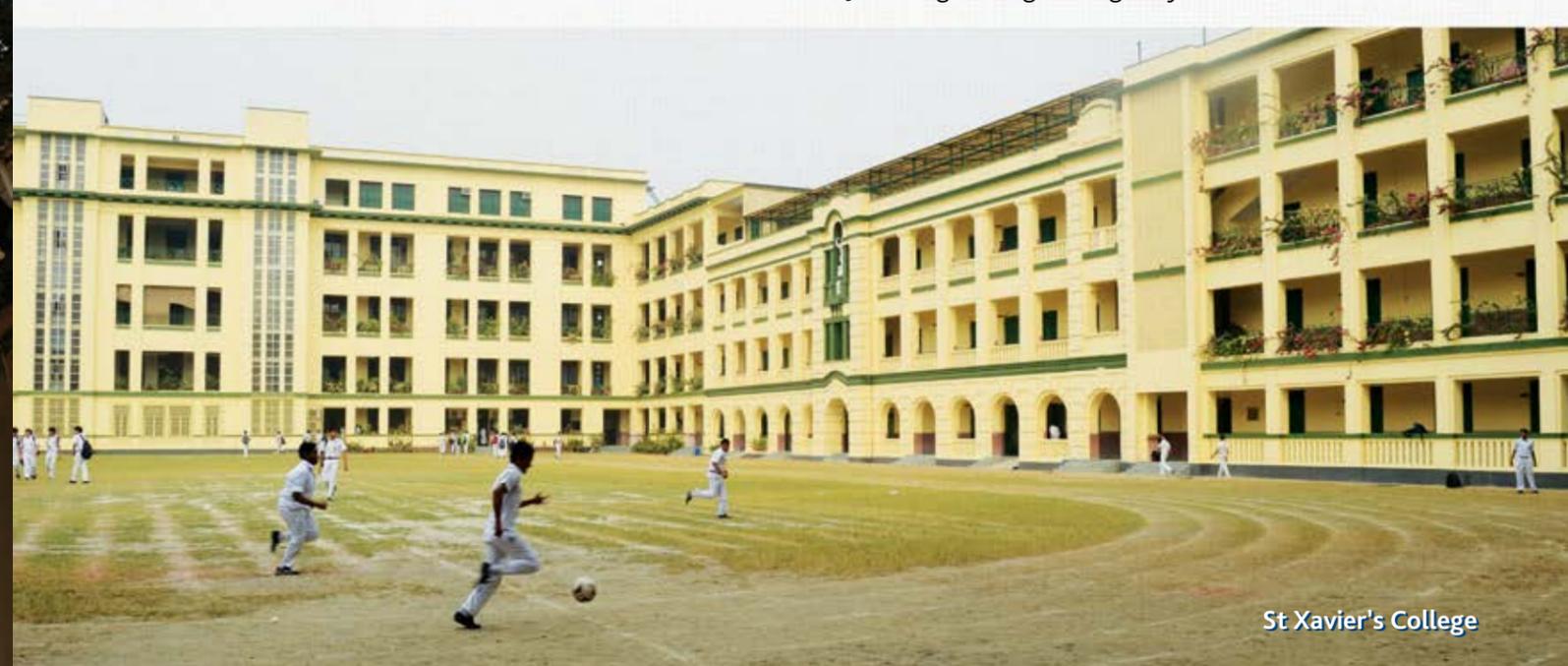
Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya

Library at National University of Juridical Sciences

Universities under the Supervision of the Higher Education Department

Central University
- Visva-Bharati University

Special Focus Universities
- Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (Agriculture Department)
- Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (Agriculture Department)
- The West Bengal National University of Juridical Science (Judicial Department)
- West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences (Animal Resource Development Department)
- The West Bengal University of Health Sciences (Health and Family Welfare Department)

Deemed University
- Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University

Autonomous Institutions
- Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College
- Government College of Engineering & Ceramic Technology, Kolkata
- St Xavier's College (autonomous), Kolkata
- Midnapore College
- Ramakrishna Mission Vidya Mandir, Howrah
- Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, Belur
- Narula Institute of Technology, Sodepur, Kolkata
- Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata
- JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Science

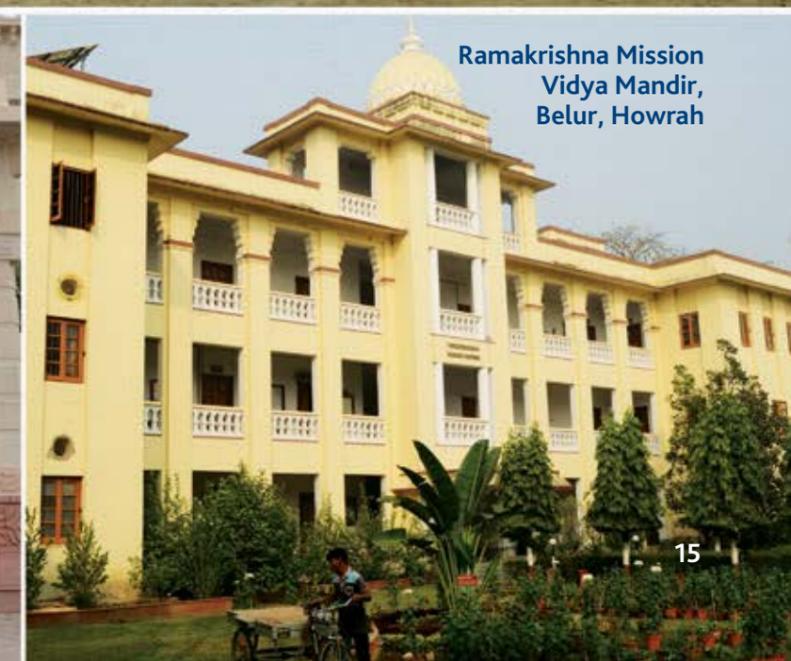
Jadavpur University, Kolkata

St Xavier's College

Visva-Bharati University

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda (Deemed) University, Belur, Howrah

Ramakrishna Mission Vidya Mandir, Belur, Howrah

There are many institutions of national stature and excellence located in and around Kolkata.

They attest to the high-end research and educational pursuits being undertaken in West Bengal.

Bose Institute, Kolkata

Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata

Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Salt Lake, Kolkata

Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata

Indian Statistical Institute, Baranagar

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata

Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur

Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Jadavpur, Kolkata
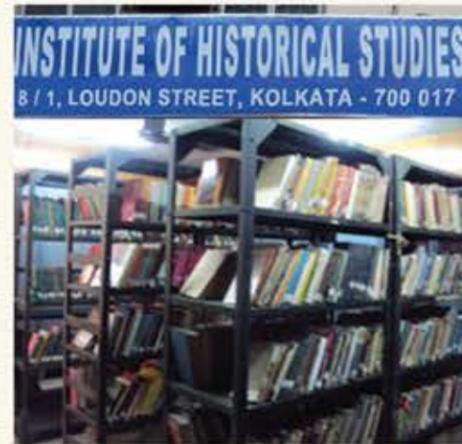
Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata

Indian Institute of Management, Joka

Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Kolkata (IISER-K)

National Institute of Technology, Durgapur

Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata

Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Salt Lake, Kolkata

Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Salt Lake, Kolkata

National Institute of Biomedical Geonomics, Kalyani

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur, Howrah

Students at the Library,
Serampore College

Ramakrishna Mission
Sikshanamandira, Belur

Asutosh Building,
University of Calcutta

Notable Successes in Higher Education during 2011–2015

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The State Government's emphasis in higher education is on four critical areas—Expansion, Equity, Excellence and Employability. It seeks to provide greater access to students from different sections of the society—SC/ST/OBC, female and differently-abled students and strives to be more responsive to national and global economic needs.

EXPANSION
EQUITY
EXCELLENCE
EMPLOYABILITY

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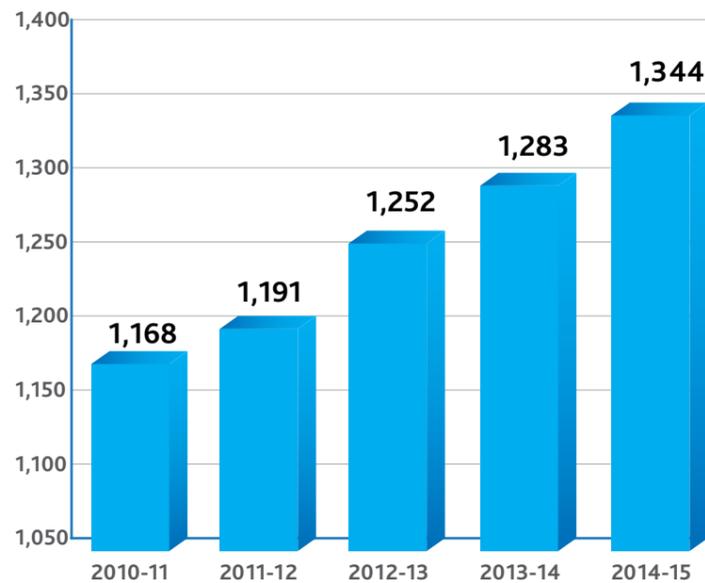OBC

SC

The figures speak for themselves

The rapid expansion in higher education, as a result of both public and private investment in the last four years, is evident from the figures captured by the All India Survey of Higher Education conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Some relevant statistics are given alongside.

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PUBLIC
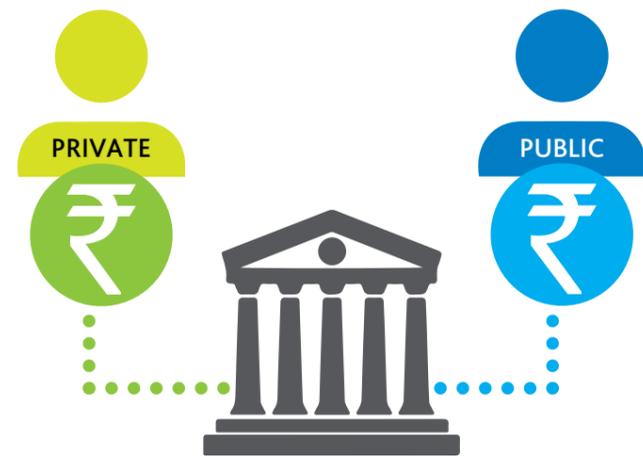
Number of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in West Bengal

Year	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015
University	26	26	26	27	31
College	926	947	998	1,014	1,061
Polytechnic	85	85	92	100	108
Nursing	52	52	52	53	53
Teacher Training	79	81	84	89	91
Total	**1,168**	**1,191**	**1,252**	**1,283**	**1,344**

Number of Higher Education Institutions

1,400
1,350
1,300
1,250
1,200
1,150
1,100
1,050

1,168 2010-11
1,191 2011-12
1,252 2012-13
1,283 2013-14
1,344 2014-15

Record Rise in Enrolment while Ensuring Higher Education is Inclusive and Accessible to All

Year	Total Enrolment	SC	ST	OBC	General
2014–15	**18,10,622**	3,34,821	59,763	1,60,177	12,55,861
2013–14	**17,85,382**	3,17,442	57,776	1,34,320	12,75,844
2012–13	**16,58,987**	2,76,226	48,514	98,382	12,35,865
2011–12	**14,97,019**	2,40,921	42,776	77,054	11,36,268
2010–11	**8,99,814**	1,16,071	23,147	39541	7,21,055

Number of Enrolled Students

20,00,000
18,00,000
16,00,000
14,00,000
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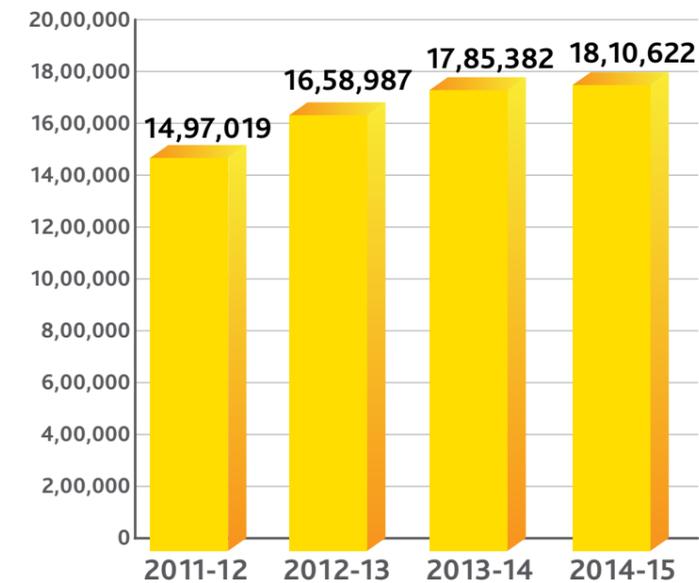
Gross Enrolment Ratio

The State's GER in higher education has risen dramatically to

17.5
in 2015 from

12.6
in 2011–12

Over 400,000 seats were added at the UG and PG levels in the State. This is an unprecedented achievement for the State in terms of expansion of higher education.

Rabindra Bharati University

Student practicals at the Laboratory, Department of Pure Chemistry, Rajabazar Science College

Ensuring Gender Balance in Higher Education

Number of Students

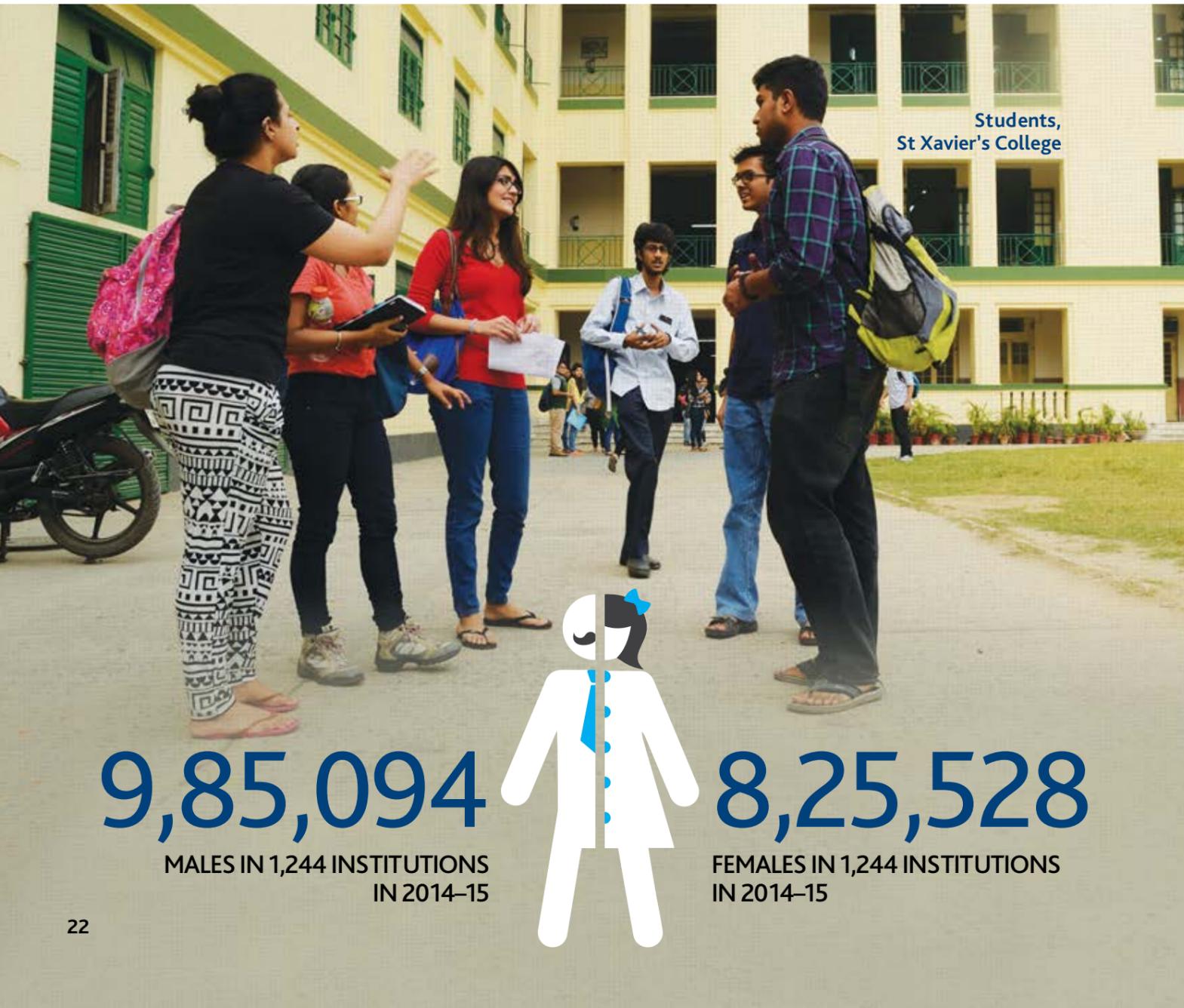| Year	Institution Count	Caste—Category								
		Total		SC		ST		OBC		
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
2014–15	1,244	9,85,094	8,25,528	1,88,619	1,46,202	34,315	25,448	91,973	68,204	
2013–14	1,187	9,97,279	7,88,103	1,81,797	1,35,645	32,815	24,961	77,487	56,833	
2012–13	1,131	9,39,674	7,19,313	1,61,146	1,15,080	28,120	20,394	58,799	39,583	
2011–12	1,056	8,55,873	6,41,146	1,40,341	1,00,580	24,902	17,874	44,381	32,673	
2010–11	438	5,16,489	3,83,325	67,845	48,226	13,548	9,599	23,664	15,877	

Students, St Xavier's College

9,85,094
MALES IN 1,244 INSTITUTIONS IN 2014–15
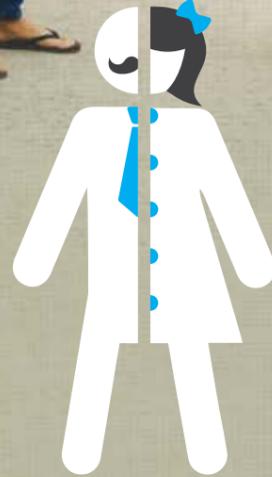
8,25,528
FEMALES IN 1,244 INSTITUTIONS IN 2014–15

Steady Growth in the Number of Teachers

Year	Total	SC	ST	OBC	General
2014–2015	50,411	2,883	411	1,428	45,689
2013–2014	48,188	2,641	361	1,232	43,954
2012–2013	45,261	2,385	318	986	41,572
2011–2012	43,040	2,285	322	939	39,494
2010–2011	22,058	1,046	136	348	20,528

Class at Bankura University

Walking the Talk on Resource Allocation

The State Government has walked the talk and has substantially increased the budgetary outlays for higher education over the last four years. In fact, under the Plan head, the increase is as much as 400% in four years. The State Government believes that while private investment in higher education is unavoidable and welcome, the State must continue to pump public funds into higher education so that quality higher education remains affordable and accessible for all.

Abstract Budget Provision and Revised Estimate from 2011 to 2015–16 (₹ in crore)

Year	Plan		Non Plan		Total	
	Budget Estimate ₹	Revised Estimate ₹	Budget Estimate ₹	Revised Estimate ₹	Budget Estimate ₹	Budget Estimate ₹
2010–2011	200.00	120.00	1,751.76	1,603.82	1,951.76	1,723.82
2011–2012	220.00	165.00	1,733.56	2,126.41	1,953.56	2,291.41
2012–2013	240.00	239.00	2,196.82	2,197.40	2,436.82	2,436.40
2013–2014	270.00	283.93	2,116.03	1,952.36	2,386.03	2,236.29
2014–2015	342.95	382.83	2,173.40	2,235.45	2,516.35	2,618.28
2015–2016	369.26	488.39	2,318.85	2,329.13	2,688.11	2,817.52

400%
GROWTH IN FOUR YEARS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLAN BUDGET

Students at the State Institute of Physical Education for Women, Hastings House, Alipore

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New Universities set up

*In the last four years,
seven new State-aided universities
have been established—*

Serial No	University	State-aided or Private	Class started/to start from Academic Session
1	Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University	State-aided	2013–14
2	Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol	State-aided	2013–14
3	Bankura University	State-aided	2014–15
4	Diamond Harbour Women's University	State-aided	2014–15
5	Raiganj University	State-aided	2015–16
6	West Bengal University of Teachers' Training, Education Planning and Administration	State-aided	2015–16
7	Sanskrit College and University	State-aided	2016–17

*Under the Policy and Guidelines for Establishing Private Universities
notified by the Higher Education Department in 2013,
eight private universities have come up in the state in the last 4 years*

Serial No	University	State-aided or Private	Class started/to start from Academic Session
1	Techno India University, North 24 Parganas	Private	2013–14
2	Seacom Skills University, Birbhum	Private	2014–15
3	Adamas University, North 24 Parganas	Private	2015–16
4	Neotia University, South 24 Parganas	Private	2015–16
5	University of Engineering and Management	Private	2015–16
6	JIS University, North 24 Parganas	Private	2015–16
7	Amity University, North 24 Parganas	Private	2015–16
8	Brainware University, North 24 Parganas	Private	2016–17

The North Bengal University, Siliguri started a new campus at Jalpaiguri from 2013–14.

Regional Centres of the Netaji Subhas Open University are being set up at Durgapur, Jalpaiguri while a new campus is also coming up at New Town, Kolkata.

The foundation stone for the proposed St Xavier's University has been laid at Rajarhat in December 2013.

The foundation stone for the second campus of Presidency University has been laid at Rajarhat in January 2014.

The Murshidabad centre of Aligarh Muslim University has been set up on a campus of 288 acres. It was inaugurated in February 2014. The PG and UG courses offered are 2-Year MBA, 5-Year BA LLB and 2-Year BEd courses.

Diamond Harbour Women's University, 2014

Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, 2013

The Vice Chancellor with staff and students in front of the new building, Bankura University, 2014

A corridor of the newly established Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, 2013

New Colleges set up

Harnessing GIS Technology for Planning

The huge increase in public spending in higher education has meant a rapid increase in the number of HEIs in the State, especially in the unserved and under-served areas.

Consider the figures: Till 2011, the State had set up 36 Government Colleges.

In the last four years, the State Government has set up 31 new Government Colleges (of which 28 are already functional) and 15 Government-aided colleges (of which 14 are functional). This exponential growth in the number of Higher Education institutions in West Bengal in the last five years is demonstrated in the table alongside—
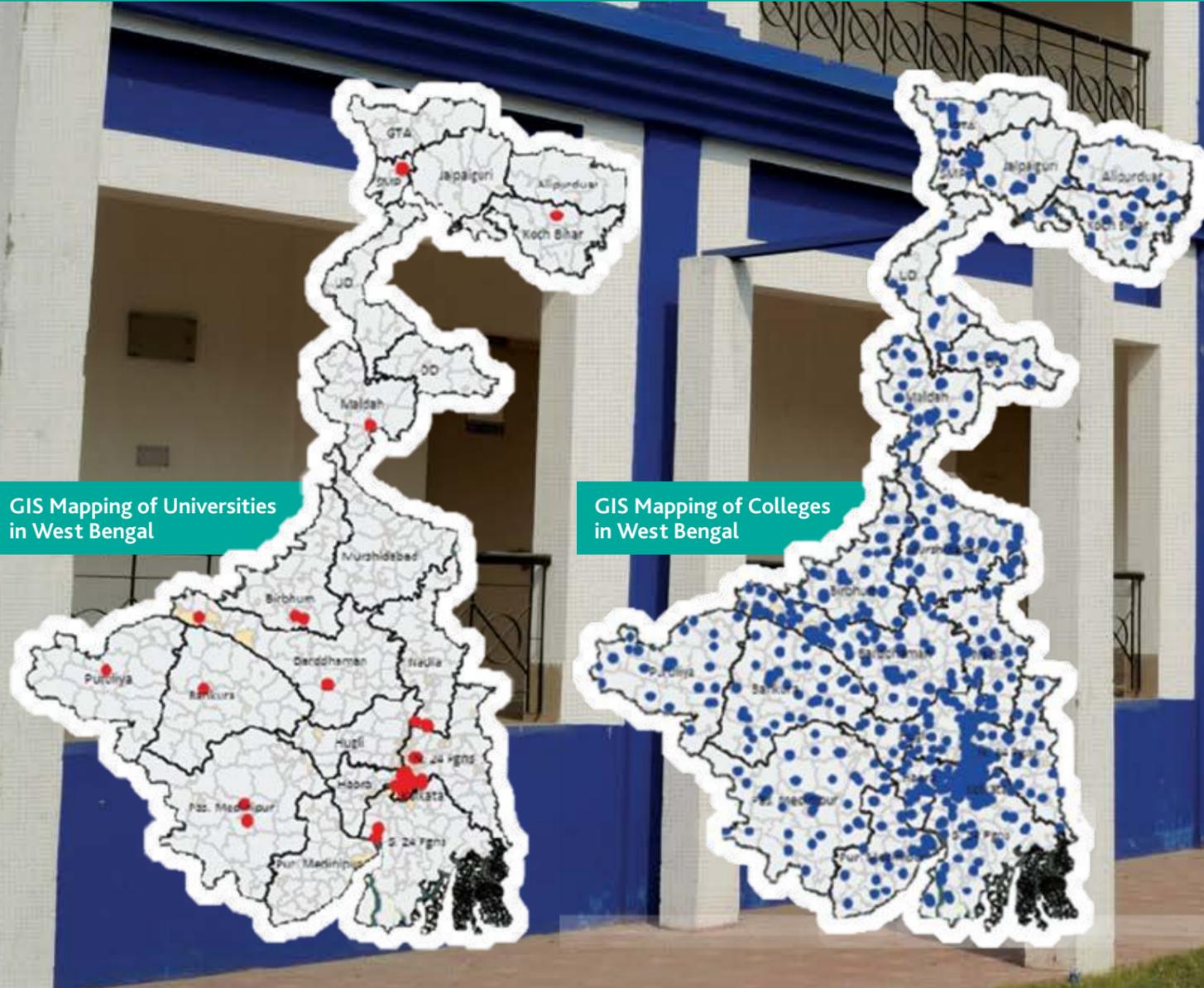
GIS Mapping of Universities in West Bengal

GIS Mapping of Colleges in West Bengal

District	Serial No	Name of the College	Academic Year of Commencement
Bankura	1	Ranibandh	2015–16
	2	Mejia (Gopalpur)	2015–16
Burdwan	3	Mangalkote	2015–16
	4	Kalna–I	2015–16
Darjeeling	5	Pedong	2015–16
	6	Gorubathan	2015–16
Jalpaiguri	7	Banarhat Kartik Oraon Hindi Government College (Hindi Medium)	2014–15
Paschim Medinipur	8	Girls' Wing of Jhargram Raj College	2014–15
	9	Nayagram Pandit Raghunath Murmu Government College	2014–15
	10	Salbani	2014–15
	11	Lalgarh	2014–15
	12	Mohanpur	2015–16
	13	Kharagpur–II	2015–16
	14	Gopiballavpur–II	2015–16
	15	Keshiary	2015–16
	16	Dantan–II	2015–16
Purba Medinipur	17	Sahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College, Nimtouri, Tamluk	2015–16
Nadia	18	Nakashipara, Muragacha	2015–16
	19	Kaliganj	2015–16
	20	Tehatta	2015–16
	21	Chapra	2015–16
Purulia	22	Manbazar–II	2015–16
	23	Joypur (Government Engineering College)	2016–17
North 24 Parganas	24	PR Thakur Government College, Thakurnagar, Gaighata	2013–14
	25	Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Government College, New Town Rajarhat	2013–14
Dakshin Dinajpur	26	SBS Government College, Hili	2015–16
	27	Kushmandi	2015–16
Hooghly	28	Singur	2013–14
South 24 Parganas	29	Sister Nibedita Government General Degree College for Girls, Hastings House, Alipore	2015–16
Cooch Behar	30	Harinchawra (Government Engineering College)	2016–17
Kolkata	31	Government Girls' General Degree College at Ekbalpur	2016–17

Government Colleges established since May 2011

New Government-aided General Degree Colleges set up during 2011–15

District	Serial No	Name of the Site/College	Academic Year of Commencement or Due to commence
Cooch Behar	1	Ghoksadanga Birendra Mahavidyalaya	2011
Burdwan	2	Dasarathi Hazra Memorial College, Bhatar	2013–14
	3	Acharya Sukumar Sen Mahavidyalaya, Gotan	2013–14
	4	Tehatta Sadananda Mahavidyalaya	2013–14
	5	BB College (Hindi Medium), Asansol	2015–16
Jalpaiguri	6	Lilavati Mahavidyalaya, Falakata	2013–14
	7	Dhupguri Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Dhupguri	2013–14
Purba Medinipur	8	Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, Shyamsundarpur, Patna	2013–14
	9	Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya	2015–16
Purulia	10	Sitaram Mahato Memorial College, Anandadeep	2013–14
South 24 Parganas	11	Sibani Mandal Mahavidyalaya at Namkhana	2013–14
Uttar Dinajpur	12	Chopra Kamala Paul Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Chopra	2013–14
Malda	13	Manikchak College	2014–15
Aliporeduar	14	Pijushkanti Mukherjee Mahavidyalaya	2015–16
Bankura	15	Akui Kamalabala Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Indas	2016–17

The newly established Government General Degree College, Kharagpur-II, 2015

New Higher Education Institutions in the State

Girls Wing of Jhargram Raj College, 2014

Government Girls' General Degree College at Ekbalpur, 2016

Government General Degree College at Keshiary, Paschim Medinipur, 2015

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Government College at New Town, Rajarhat, 2015

Government General Degree College at Kaliganj, Nadia, 2015

Government General Degree College at Salbani, 2014

Vice Chancellor at inspection of the construction of the new building of Bankura University, 2014

Sister Nibedita Government General Degree College for Girls at Hastings House, Alipore, 2015

Nayagram Pandit Raghunath Murmu Government College, Paschim Medinipur, 2014

Hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister, Higher Education Department at the Inauguration of Sister Nibedita Government General Degree College for Girls, 2015

Government General Degree College at Dantan–II, 2015

Government General Degree College at Kharagpur–II, 2015

Government General Degree College at Manbazar–II, Purulia, 2015

Construction of the Government Engineering College at Harinchawra, Cooch Behar (part funded by RUSA), 2016

Construction of Sahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College, Nimtouri, Tamluk

Plantation Ceremony, Government General Degree College, Mejia, Bankura, 2015

Construction of the Government General Degree at Pedong, Darjeeling, 2015

Construction of the SBS Government College, Hili, Dakshin Dinajpur

Classes of Government General Degree College of Kushmandi, at temporary premises, 2015

Construction of the Government General Degree College at Kushmandi, Dakshin Dinajpur, 2015

Jalpaiguri Campus, University of North Bengal

Staff-student interaction at the newly established Government General Degree College, Dantan–II, 2015

Respecting Linguistic Diversity

Addressing the issue of linguistic diversity and the demand for languages other than Bangla, the State's first Hindi-medium General Degree College at Banarhat, Jalpaiguri started functioning from August 2014.

For the first time, Santhali was introduced as a subject in the State Eligibility Test (SET) conducted by the West Bengal College Service Commission, thereby opening up avenues for recruitment of Assistant Professors in Santhali in the State's colleges.
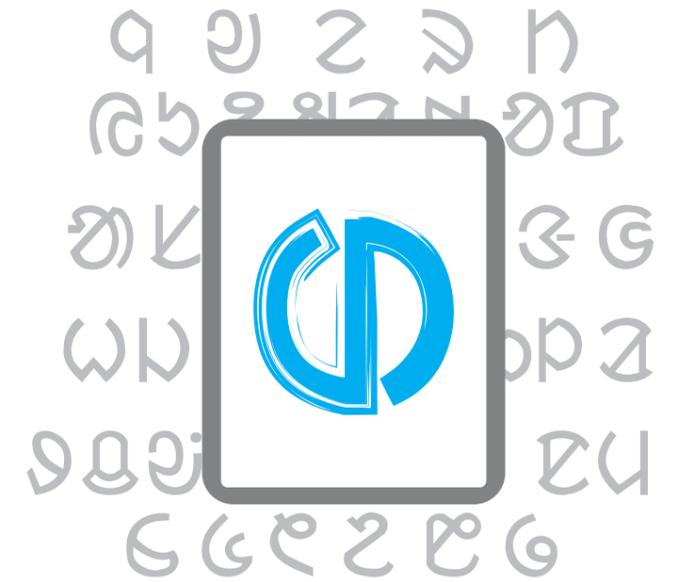
Santhali class being held at the newly-established Government General Degree College at Keshiary, Paschim Medinipur, 2015

Reservation for OBC Students

1 Reservation in Admission

The West Bengal State Higher Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act 2013, has been enacted to—

(a) Increase the representation of OBC students in the State's higher education system;

(b) Increase the State's Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education

3 Additional/New Seats

In 2014–15 admissions, we have created 73,309 additional/new seats in the institutions under the Higher Education Department.

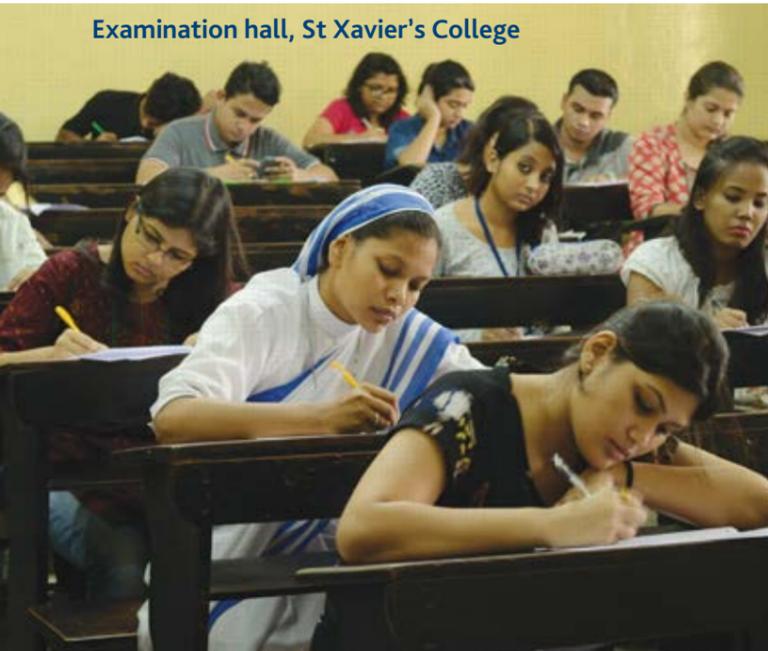# Addressing Equity and Access Issues

4 Achievement in the First Year

In the very first year of implementation, we have achieved a 10.6% reservation for OBC students, the details of which are as follows—

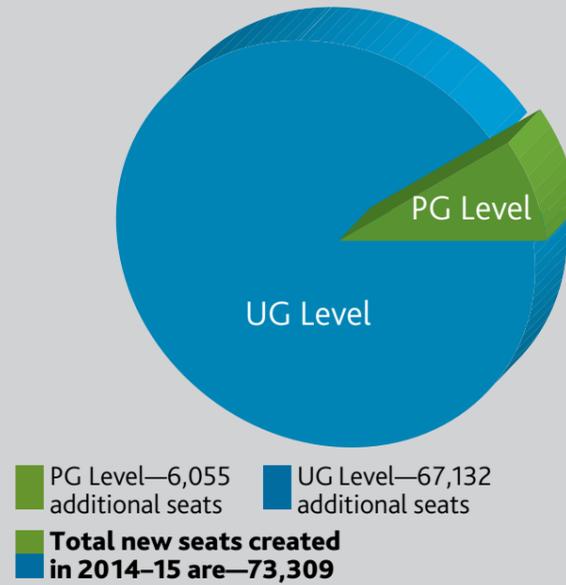| Category in 2014–15	Students Admitted	Students Admitted as a Percentage of Total OBC Students Admitted
OBC Category A	35,942	6.4%
OBC Category B	23,670	4.2%
Total	**59,612**	**10.6%**

5 Significance

It is significant that the creation of 73,309 additional seats has been achieved within the existing budgetary resources of the State Government.

Examination hall, St Xavier's College

Additional/New Seats Created

PG Level

UG Level

PG Level—6,055 additional seats

UG Level—67,132 additional seats

Total new seats created in 2014–15 are—73,309
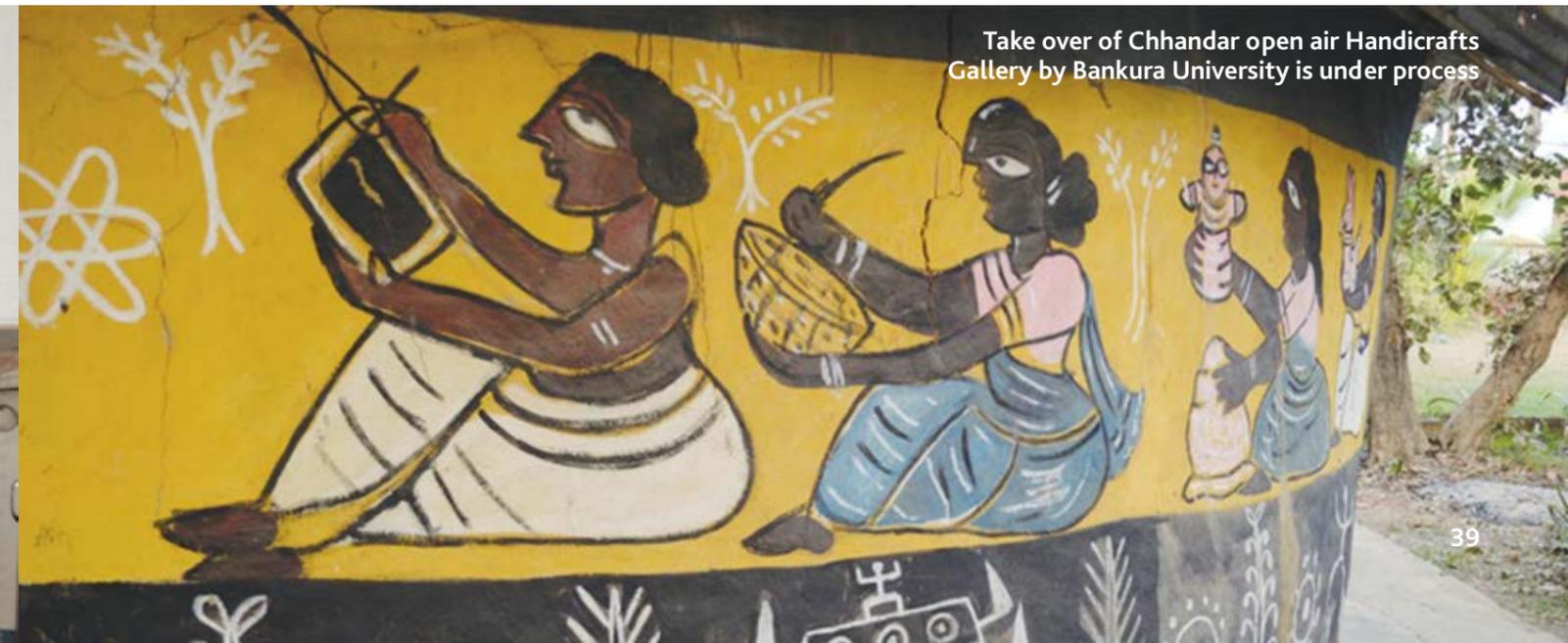

Students at a new Government General Degree College

Classroom of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Government College at New Town, Rajarhat

Take over of Chhandar open air Handicrafts Gallery by Bankura University is under process

PRINCIPALS **TEACHERS** **NON TEACHING STAFF** **LIBRARIANS**

Creation of New Posts

- The West Bengal College Service Commission has undertaken the task of recruitment for **2,261 posts** of **Assistant Professor** and **Librarian** in the State's Government-aided colleges; till date, **1,907 posts** have been recommended to the respective colleges and the process is complete. The West Bengal College Service Commission is also engaged in the process of recruiting **Principals** for **215 vacant posts** in Government-aided Colleges. By March 2015, **126 posts** have been recommended.

- The West Bengal College Service Commission has recently started the process of recruitment for another **2,000 posts of Assistant Professors** and **100 Principals** in the State's Government-aided colleges.

- A large number of teaching and non-teaching posts have been created by the present Government in the domain of higher education:

Sector	Teaching Posts Created	Officer Posts Created	Non-teaching Posts Created
Government General Degree College	761		344
University	521	39	283
Government-aided College	108		331
Government Engineering & Technology College	180	4	78
Total	1,570	43	1,036

- The West Bengal Public Service Commission took filling up of vacancies of **Assistant Professors** of different faculties in various General Degree Colleges (some of them are newly set up), BEd Colleges and Government Physical Education Training Colleges Training Colleges under WBES. Three advertisements have been published so far by the West Bengal Public Service Commission for recruitment of a total number of **1,149** (including **12 posts** meant for the newly set up Hindi Medium Government College at Banarhat Jalpaiguri) such vacancies. The process is on and the Commission has recommended **937 candidates** for appointment till date.

- The West Bengal Public Service Commission also took up filling **235 vacancies of teaching positions** in different Government Engineering and Technical Colleges. Till December 2015, **41 candidates** had been appointed.

View of Asutosh Building, University of Calcutta, from College Street, Kolkata

Revision of Recruitment Rules

Recruitment Rules regulating the recruitment to several posts in higher education were revised and notified. Posts for which rules were revised are—

- PRINCIPAL in Government General Degree College
- PRINCIPAL in Government College of Arts & Craft, Kolkata
- LIBRARIAN in Government Aided/Affiliated General Degree Colleges
- PRINCIPAL in Government Aided/Affiliated General Degree Colleges
- LIBRARIAN in Government General Degree Colleges
- ASSISTANT PROFESSORS in Government-aided or Affiliated General Degree Colleges
- ASSISTANT PROFESSORS in Government General Degree Colleges

Long Pending Issues Resolved

Conferring "Teaching" Status on Librarians
The Librarians of Government Colleges and Librarians/ Assistant Librarians/Deputy Librarians of Government-aided Colleges were conferred with Teaching status along with all attendant financial and service benefits, including Career Advancement Scheme and leave encashment up to 300 days.

Leave Encashment of Principals and Whole-Time Teachers
The leave encashment of Principals and whole-time teachers of Government-aided Colleges at the time of superannuation has been enhanced to 300 days.

Teaching Status to GLIs
The Graduate Laboratory Instructors (GLIs) were conferred with Teaching status along with the attendant financial benefits including Career Advancement Scheme.

Hostel Employees
A long-pending demand of the hostel and mess employees of State-aided Universities and Government-aided Colleges was granted when they were conferred with Group D/Non-teaching employee status with the attendant benefits of pension, GPF, encashment of leave salary, etc.

Teaching of Santhali
Santhali language is being taught in 13 colleges under Burdwan University, 9 colleges under Vidyasagar University, and 7 colleges under Sidho-Kanho Birsha University. It is also taught in postgraduate departments of all three of these universities.
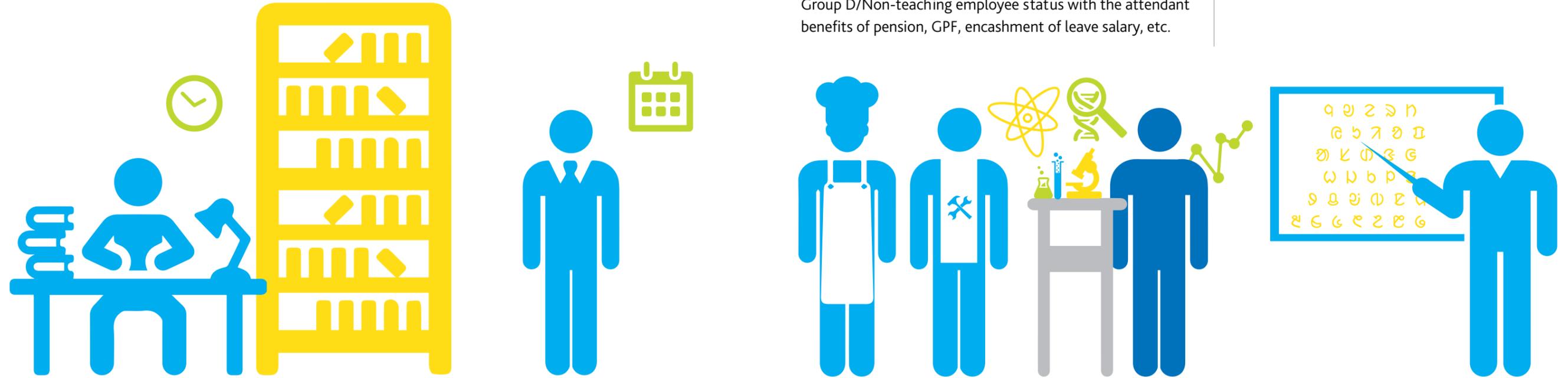
Arts Library of Bethune College

Students practicals at the Laboratory of the Department of Pure Chemistry, Rajabazar Science College
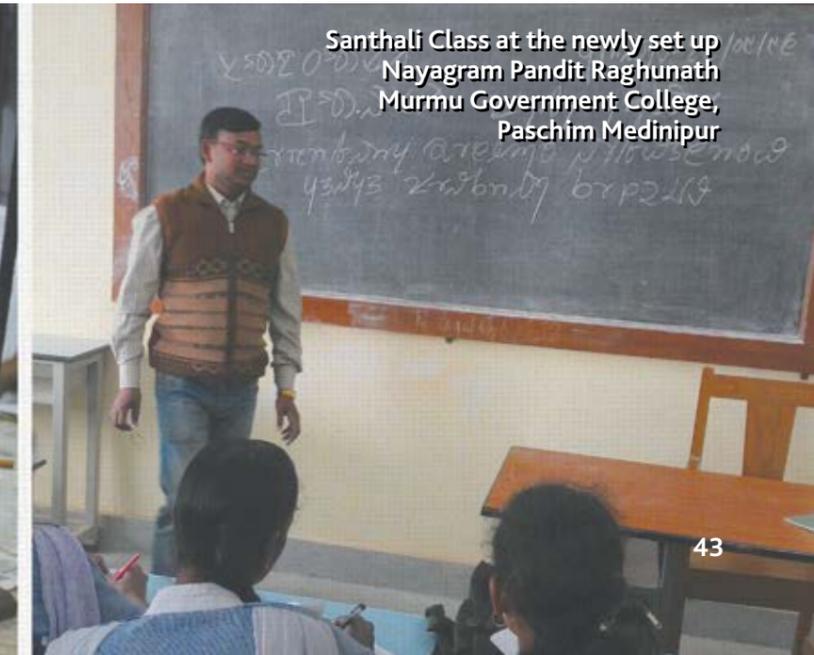
Santhali Class at the newly set up Nayagram Pandit Raghunath Murmu Government College, Paschim Medinipur

The iconic stairway of Presidency University

Snippets of Achievements at the State's Universities

6 new posts of officers have been created at Presidency University.

Approval has been accorded for establishment of the second campus of Presidency University at a proposed cost of ₹183 crore to be completed in phases. ₹30 crore out of the proposed ₹183 crore for the first phase has been released so far.

Another ₹95 crore is being sanctioned for setting up the 'Himalayan Centre' of Presidency University at Kurseong, Darjeeling.

A Department of Performing Arts has been opened at Presidency University and 7 new teaching posts have been created for it.
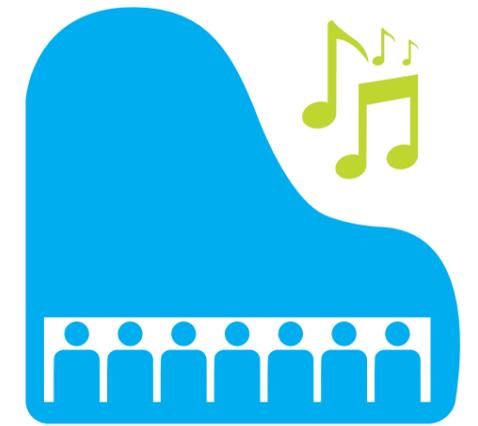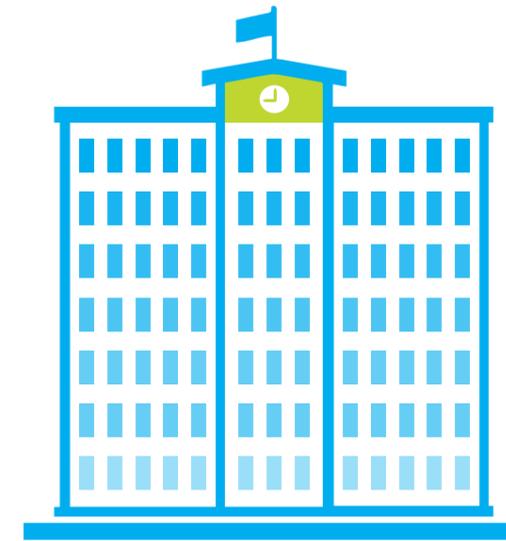
(Below) Renovation work at Presidency University

Professors' Common Room

Central Instrumentation Centre

Classrooms, Faculty Rooms

Snippets of Achievements at the State's Universities

33 teaching posts have been created for various Departments of Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia.

A new postgraduate Botany Department has been opened at Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia and 4 new teaching posts and 2 new non-teaching posts have been created for it.

Sidho Kanho Birsha University has started a one-year Diploma course in Chhau from the 2015–16 session.
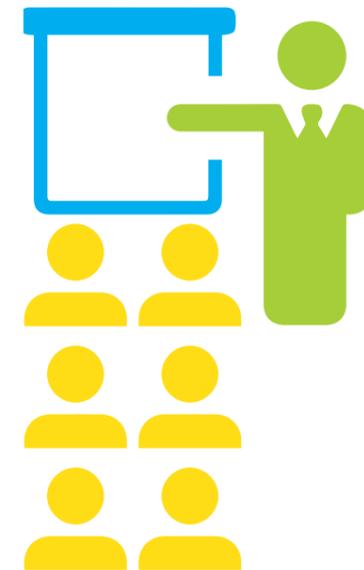
Students of the Chhau Diploma Course, Sidho Kanho Birsha University

Snippets of Achievements at the State's Universities

The Comparative Indian Languages and Literature Department at the University of Calcutta has been converted to a full-fledged teaching Department from a self-financing unit and 4 new posts were created for it.

A new Department of Buddhist Studies has been set up at the University of Calcutta and 4 new posts have been created for it.

The Bengal Music College has been converted to the Department of Performing Arts & Music under the University of Calcutta and 10 new posts were created for it.

The Institute of Jute Technology (IJT) has been converted to a Department of the University of Calcutta, the staff of the erstwhile IJT has been absorbed in the University and 13 teaching posts, 3 administrative posts and 28 non-teaching posts have been created.

Two more Chair Professorships have been instituted in the names of Swami Vivekananda and Sir Asutosh Mookerjee at the University of Calcutta, taking the total number of Chair Professorships close to 60.

Approval has been accorded for construction of a two-storeyed building for Tea Science at the University of North Bengal.

OFFICERS   TEACHERS   STAFF

Architectural plan of the Sanskrit Research Centre, Nabadwip, under the recently set up Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata

Students of the newly set up Government General Degree College at Dantan–II, 2015

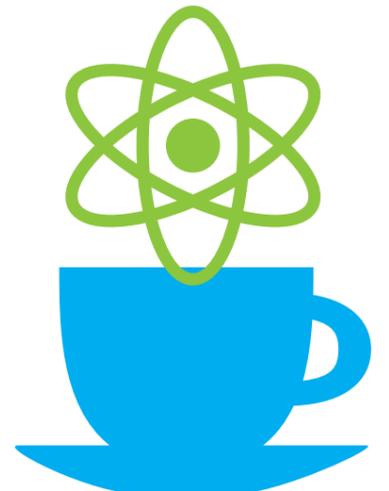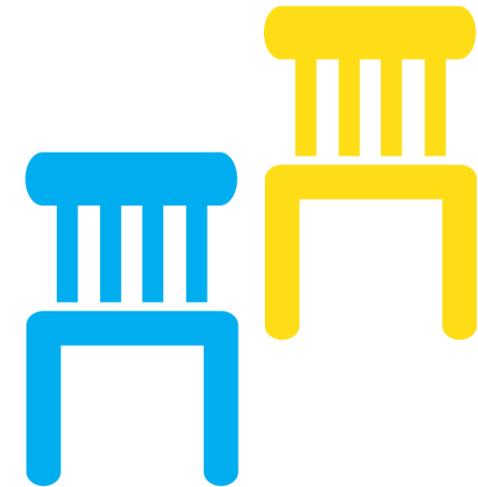## Snippets of Achievements at the State's Universities

66 new teaching posts have been created in the newly established Raiganj University and 46 posts of erstwhile Raiganj College have been converted to University posts.

12 teaching posts and 10 non-teaching posts have been created at Bankura University.

20 new posts for five newly instituted Departments, namely, Physics, Applied Psychology, Philosophy, Chemistry and Law have been created in the Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol.

One teaching post and one administrative post have been created for the High Energy & Cosmic Research Centre at the University of North Bengal.

42 new teaching posts have been created for Diamond Harbour Women's University.

21 new teaching posts have been created for the newly instituted Departments of Sanskrit, Zoology and Hindi at the Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University.

A Department of Hindi has been instituted at the University of Kalyani with four new teaching posts.

A postgraduate Department of Education has been instituted with six teaching posts and two non-teaching posts.
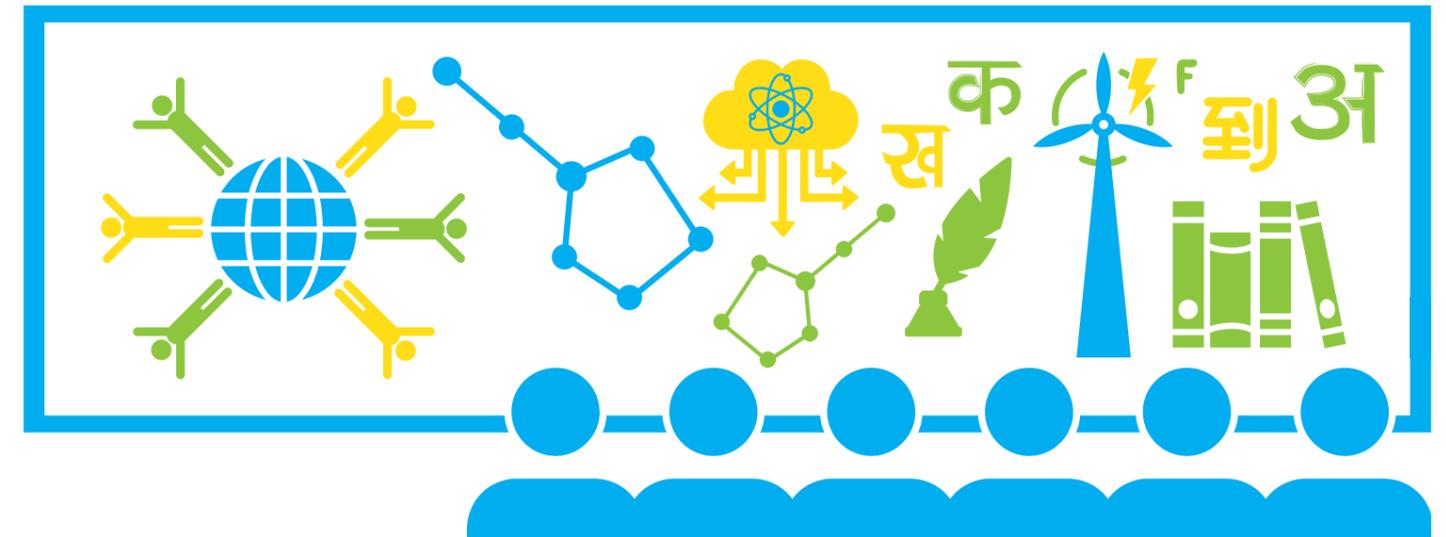
A mural at Chhandar, Bankura

Biodiversity Heritage Site declared by the Botanical Survey of India on the campus of Burdwan University

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Snippets of Achievements at the State's Universities

University of Kalyani has taken up the construction of the International Guest House cum 800 seater auditorium.

Departments of Law, Physiology and Library and Information Science have been opened in the University of Gour Banga and 18 new teaching posts have been created for them.

The Nazrul Centre for Social and Cultural Studies has been established at Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol and 4 posts have been created for it.

Departments of Performing Arts & Music, Santhali and Arabic have been instituted at Burdwan University and four teaching posts have been created for each of them.

The Biswabanga Scholarship Scheme has been instituted for two postgraduate students and one PhD student at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. ₹2 crore per annum has been allocated for this from the academic session 2016–17 onwards.

A Visiting Chair has been set up in the name of Bangabandhu Seikh Mujibur Rahaman at the University of Calcutta to enable prominent academics and scholars from Bangladesh to teach/deliver lectures in the state.

Gour Banga University, Malda

Administrative building, University of North Bengal

e-Governance Initiatives

Admission Applications to UG and PG Courses made online

For the first time, in a major e-Governance initiative, all admissions to all UG and PG courses in the State's State Funded/Aided colleges and universities were made online in the academic session 2015–16. This rendered the admission process more transparent, merit based and completely hassle-free for the applicants as they could apply from the comfort of their homes or neighbourhoods, obviating the physical hardship of visiting different institutions in the hot and humid summer season. Fees were deposited at linked banks, avoiding cash transactions at the colleges and universities. This has benefitted more than 8 lakh students in the State.

Toll-free Helpline

A toll-free helpline for admission related queries for UG and PG courses with provision for SMS to dedicated mobile numbers has been introduced from the 2014–2015 academic session onwards. This helpline, run by the Higher Education Department between June and September, guides students seeking admissions in any UG or PG course in the State's higher educational institutions. The helpline has proved to be immensely popular, going by the thousands of queries and grievances received and addressed.

Online Admission and Counselling by WBJEEB

For Degree-level Engineering and Technology courses, the complete admission process, from application, registration, examination, counselling to admission has been made online by the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination Board from the session 2012–13 onwards. This has immensely benefitted the about 1.5 lakh students who take this competitive exam each year.

Online Applications for Scholarships

For the Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship, a web-based application process was started from 2014–15. From 2015–16, the online application process was made compulsory for scholarship applicants in higher education institutions.
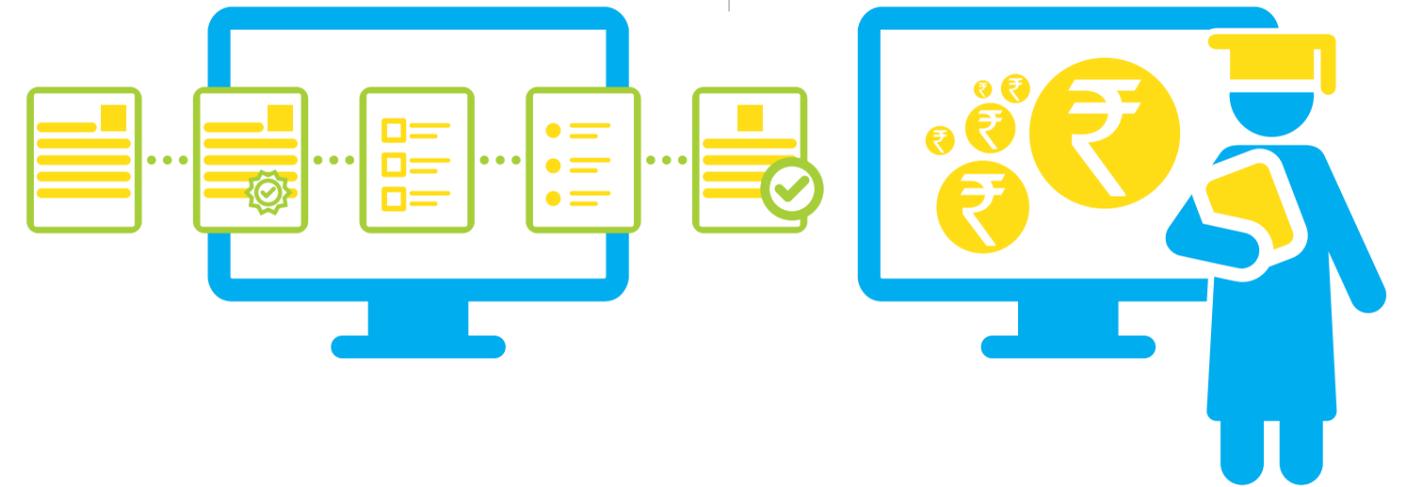
Computer Lab at the Salt Lake Campus of Calcutta University funded by TEQIP
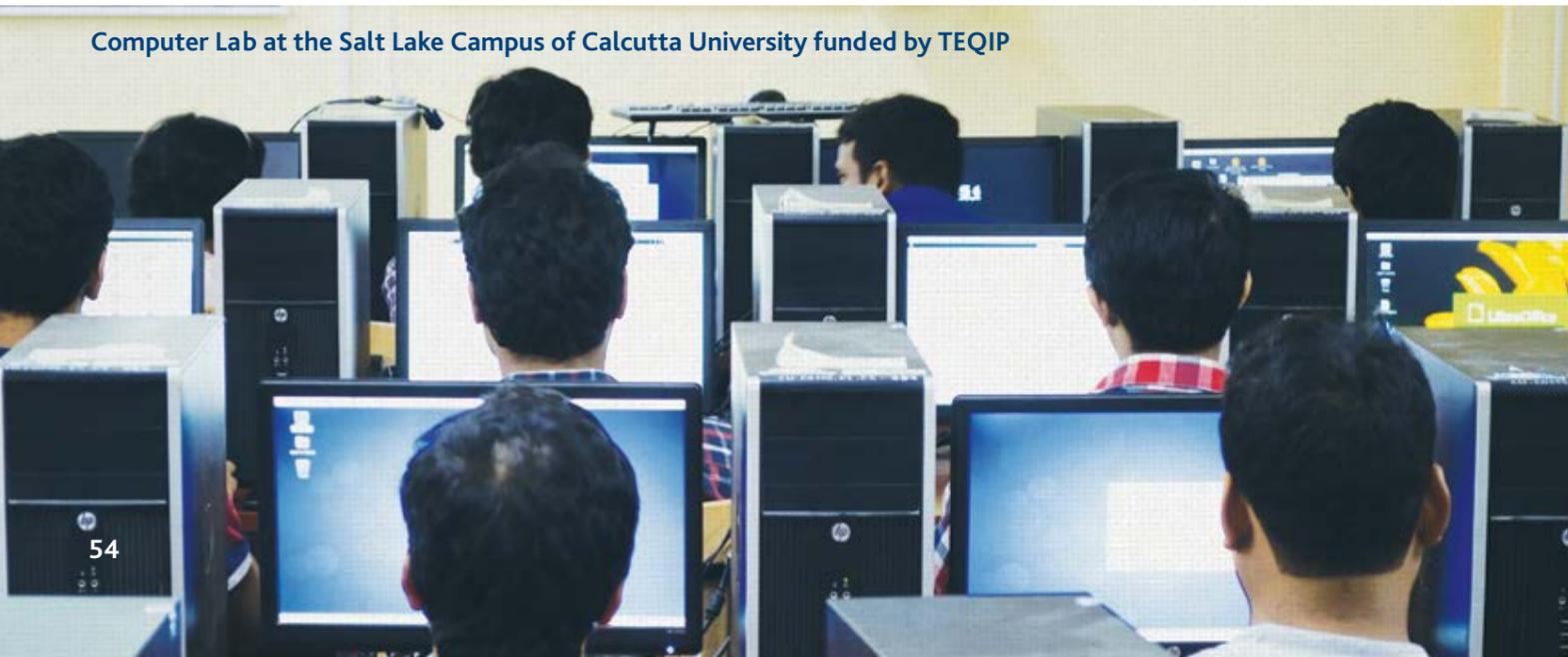
e-Governance Initiatives

Online Pay Packet and Pensions
Online Pay Packet and Pension Project for all Government/ Government-aided colleges (for both teaching and non-teaching staff) is under implementation through NIC.

GIS Mapping
A GIS mapping of all higher education institutions has been completed by the Higher Education Department.

COSA Implementation
In a major initiative to bring transparency and efficiency to financial releases from the Higher Education Department to aided higher education institutions, COSA (Computerisation of Salary Accounts) software has been implemented from 2015–16 for all higher education institutions receiving salary grants from the government. This software has placed all establishment-related information of higher education institutions at the Department's fingertips, making fund allocations more efficient and speedy.

Software Adopted
Adoption of other softwares such as e-Bantan, e-Pradan and e-Billing systems has been implemented for all universities, Government and Government-aided colleges. Further, all procurements above ₹5 lakh have been mandated to be done through the e-tender software, for which all DDOs have obtained digital signatures.

File and Letter Tracking System
To speed up the disposal of papers in the Higher Education Department, a File and Letter Tracking System has been introduced in 2015, integrating the Higher Education Department with the offices of the Director of Public Instruction, Director of Technical Education and the Financial Advisor.

Implementation of e-Governance

GIS Mapping

File & Letter Tracking Management System

Computer Lab at the Salt Lake campus of Calcutta University, funded by TEQIP
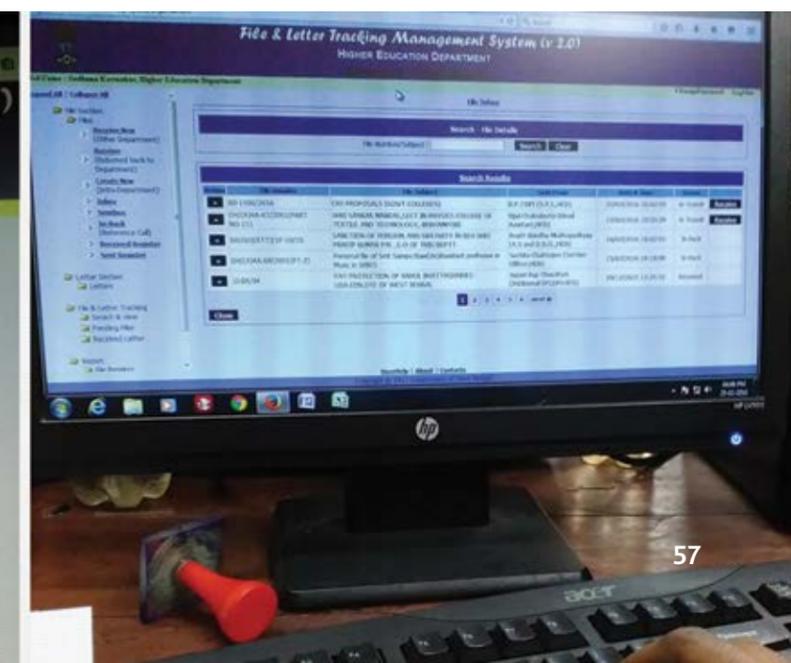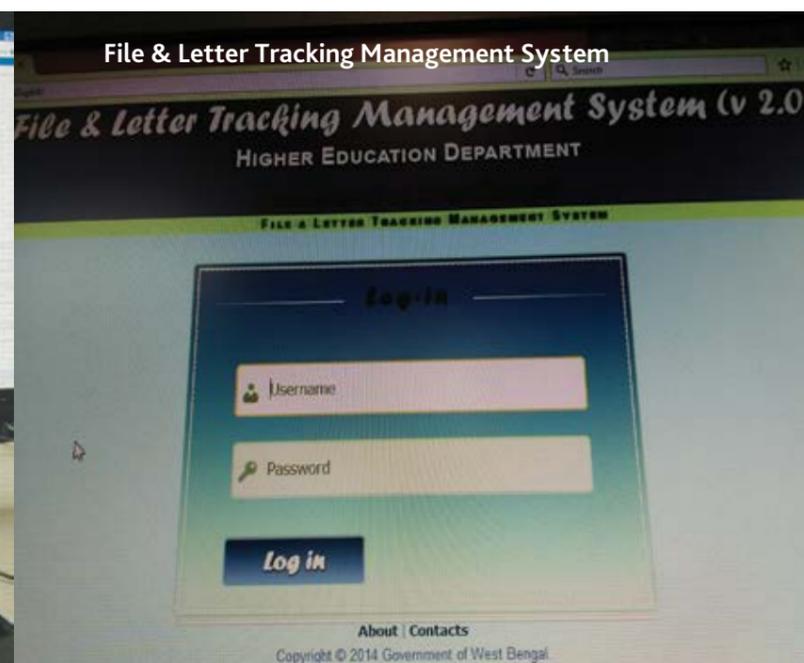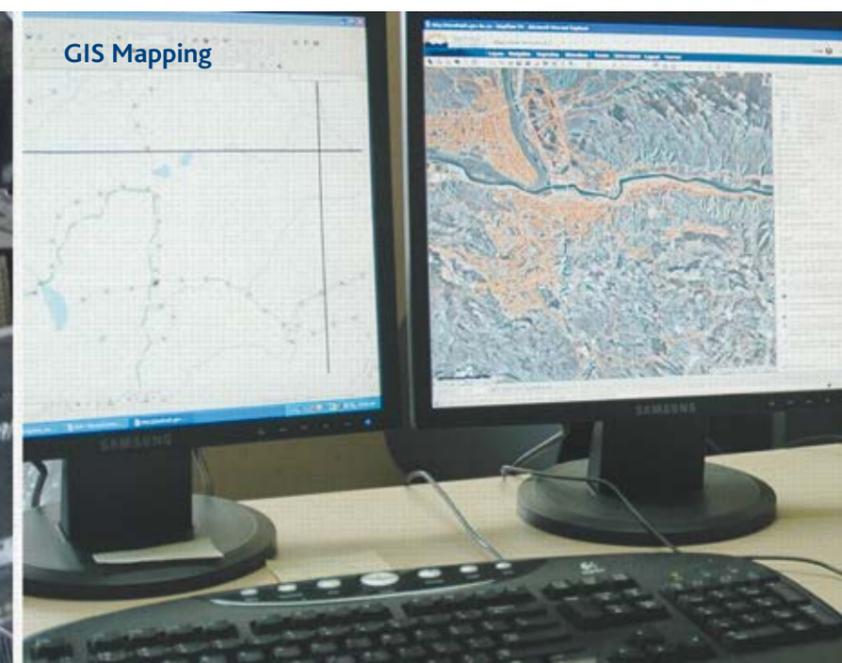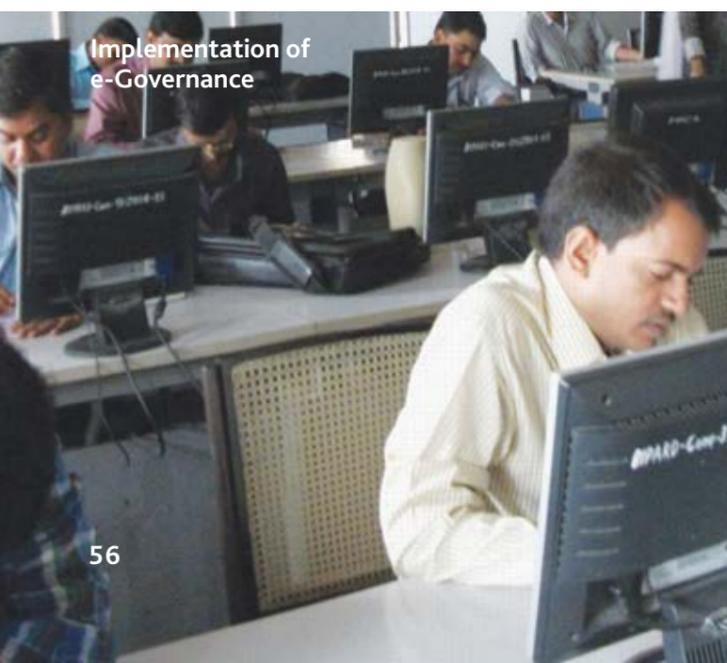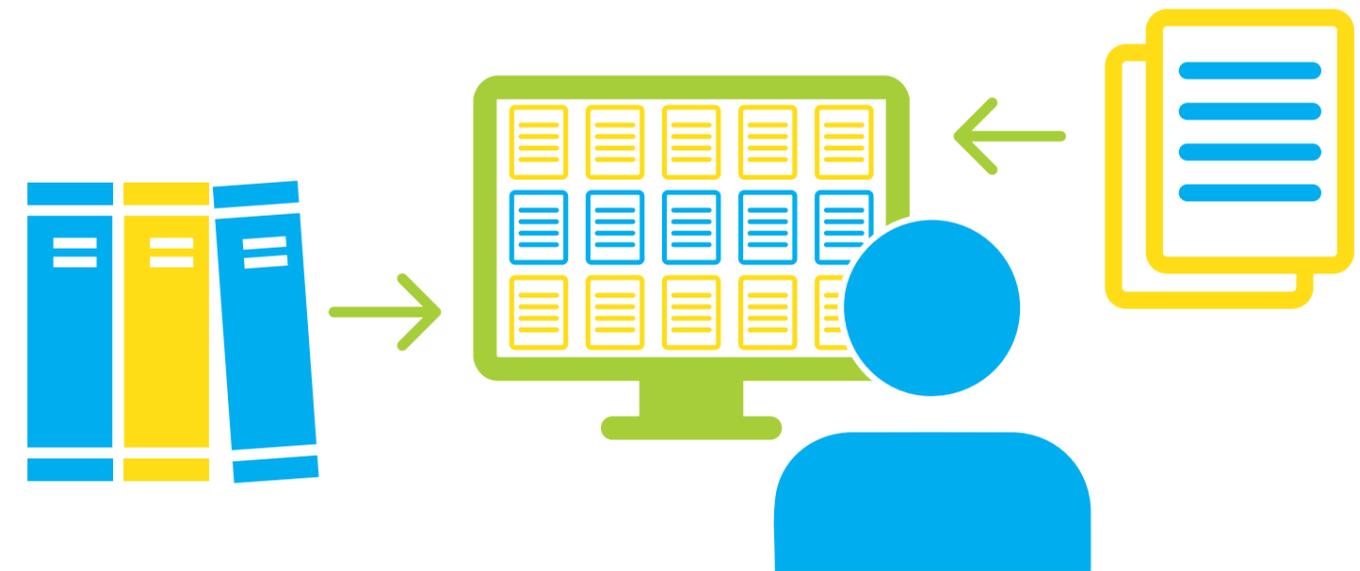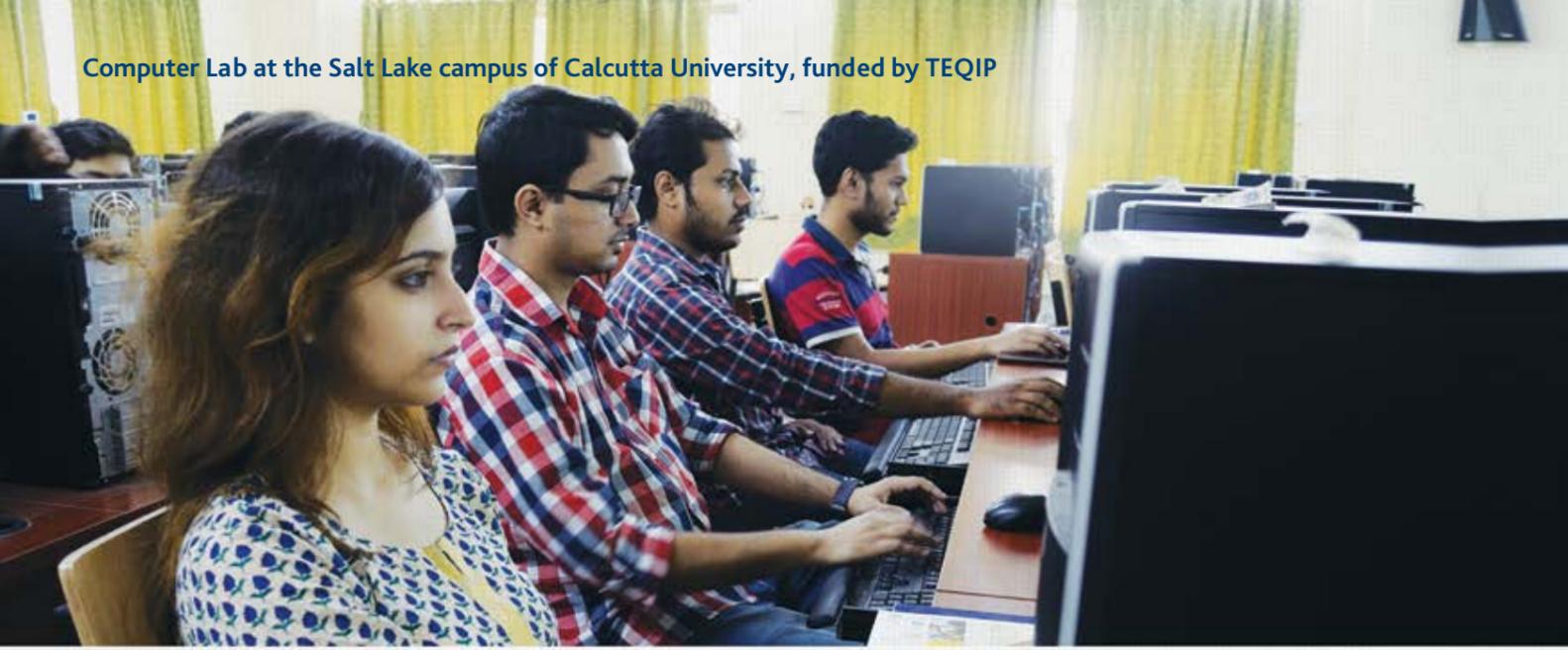
Government Engineering College, Kalyani

Technical Education

In the academic session of 2015–16, the total seats available in degree level engineering and technology courses in the State were as follows—

1,858 seats	1,320 seats	1,314 seats	34,510 seats	1,020 seats
5 State Universities/ University Departments	3 State Self Financing Universities	6 Government Engineering & Technology Colleges	73 Self Financing Engineering & Technology Colleges	10 Self Financing Pharmacy Colleges

total 40,022 seats
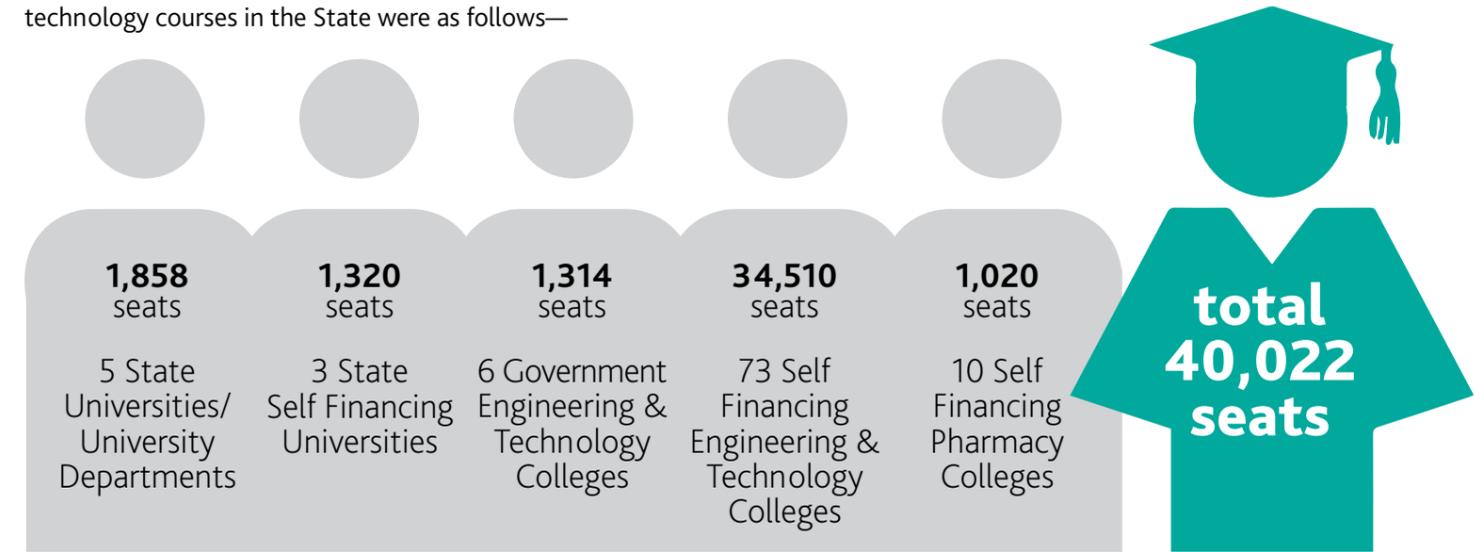
5% seats under TFW

Besides the above, 5% seats are available for poor and meritorious students under the Tuition Fee Waiver (TFW) Scheme of AICTE in all the Engineering/Technology/Pharmacy colleges as well as in University Departments.

Government College of Engineering and Textile Technology, Serampore

Institute of Pharmacy, Jalpaiguri

Teacher Training has seen a major boost

The mandate of the Right to Education Act is to ensure that all teachers in schools are formally trained. This has led to considerable expansion of teacher training institutions in the state in recent times, as shown below and alongside—

BEd Colleges

UNIVERSITY	GOVT	GOVT AIDED	UNIV BEd DEPT COLLEGES	BEd DEPT IN GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE	UNIV COLLEGE	SELF FINANCED	TOTAL
Burdwan	3	1	1	2		75	82
Calcutta	2	2	1	8		35	48
Gour Banga	1	1				17	19
Jadavpur							1
Kalyani		2	2			59	62
North Bengal		3	3		1	15	19
Rabindra Bharati							1
Sidho Kanho		1				1	2
State Univ	1	5		1		17	24
Vidyasagar		2		3		21	26
Viswa Bharati			1				1
Aliah			1				1

MEd Colleges

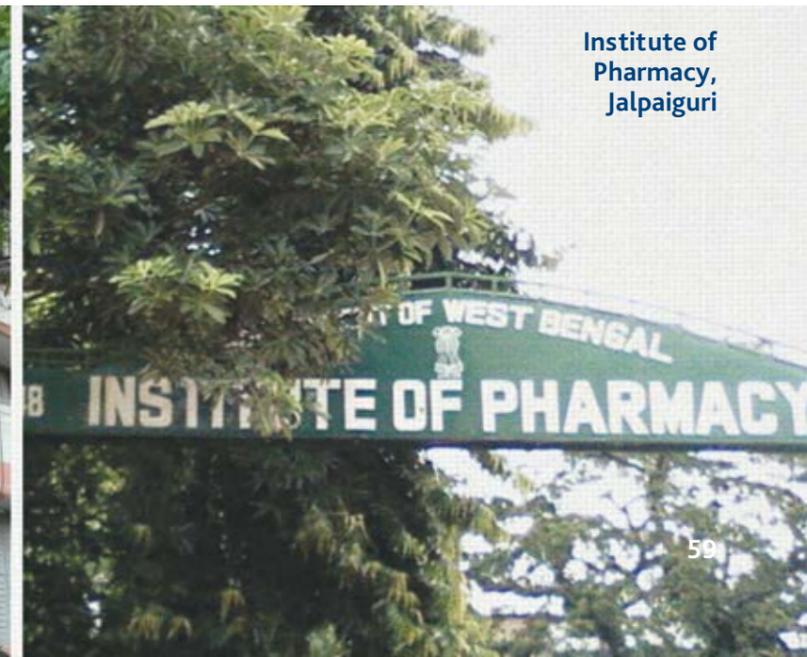| UNIVERSITY	GOVT	GOVT AIDED	UNIV BEd DEPT COLLEGES	BEd DEPT IN GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE	UNIV COLLEGE	SELF FINANCED	TOTAL
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Calcutta	2	1	1			1	5
Gour Banga							
Jadavpur							
Kalyani			1				2
North Bengal						1	1
Rabindra Bharati							
Sidho Kanho							
State Univ							
Vidyasagar						1	1
Viswa Bharati							
Aliah							

(Below) In line with the Verma Commission's recommendations, West Bengal has set up the West Bengal University of Teachers' Training Educational Planning and Administration (WBUTTEPA) as an umbrella institution for all teacher training institutions in the state. The University started functioning in 2015 and aims to bring in standardisation and excellence in teacher training institutions across the state.

Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Dr Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Higher Education Department felicitating a teacher at the State Level 'Shikshak Samman' Awards Function 2015

Vocationalisation and Employability

Community College Scheme

For career-oriented and skill-based education, Community College Scheme (CCS) has been introduced in five Degree Colleges—

- **Silda CS College, Paschim Medinipur**
  (a) Automobile Servicing—Repair and Maintenance
  (b) Mobile Repairing and Basics of DTH Installation

- **Mahisadal Raj College, Purba Medinipur**
  (a) Automobile Servicing—Repair and Maintenance
  (b) Community Care and Extension Service

- **Moynaguri College, Jalpaiguri**
  (a) Retail Management
  (b) Tourism Management

- **City College, Kolkata**
  (a) Media and Communication Technology
  (b) Travel and Tourism

- **Derozio Memorial College, Kolkata**
  (a) Photography & Video Production
  (b) Web Designing & Development

Tie-ups have been made with local industry partners so that students can be considered for absorption/employment in the market upon completion of the course.

- **Government College of Engineering & Leather Technology** is implementing a Skill Development Programme (Primary & Secondary) under Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP) sanctioned by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. A total financial grant of ₹7,56,95,000 has been sanctioned for this programme.

- **Three Under Graduate Engineering Programmes** (E&CE, CS&E and EE and **two Post Graduate Engineering Programmes** (Electrical devises and Power System, Mobile Communication and Network Technology) for **JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani, Nadia** have been accredited by the NBA for 2 years. Both are self-financing Engineering and Technology Colleges.

- In the academic year 2014-15, four **Undergraduate Engineering & Technology programs (ECE, EE, IT & CSE)** have been provisionally accredited in the **Narula Institute of Technology.**

- Tie-up of **Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College, Jalpaiguri** with **Amrita Viswa-Vidyapeetham** for the Indo-US Inter University Collaborative initiative in Higher Education and Research through a Special Satellite Network established by ISRO.

- **Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College,** Jalpaiguri is the Nodal Centre for Prime Minister's **Gram Sarak Yojana (PMGSY)** under NRRDA, Government of India covering entire North Bengal and Sikkim. A MOU has been signed by the Institute with Cognizant Technology Solutions towards establishment of an in campus school for development of soft and communication skill of the students.

Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College

Government College of Engineering & Leather Technology

Rush for Scholarship—Students Filling in Offline Applications at Bikash Bhavan

Financial assistance to Students

The State Government has renamed the West Bengal Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme for providing financial assistance to the poor but meritorious students of the State pursuing higher studies at various post-Madhyamik levels as the Swami Vivekananda West Bengal Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme in commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Under the Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship scheme, which provides financial assistance to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of society, scholarships amounting to ₹170.04 crore were granted to 1,78,003 students during 2011–2015.

In a major e-Governance initiative, from the financial year 2013–14 onwards, online submission of applications for the Scholarship Scheme has been introduced. During the financial year 2013–14, the Government spent ₹35.64 crore for providing scholarships to 39,254 meritorious students and expenditure during 2014–15 was around ₹40 crore.

2011 to 2015

Scholarships disbursed
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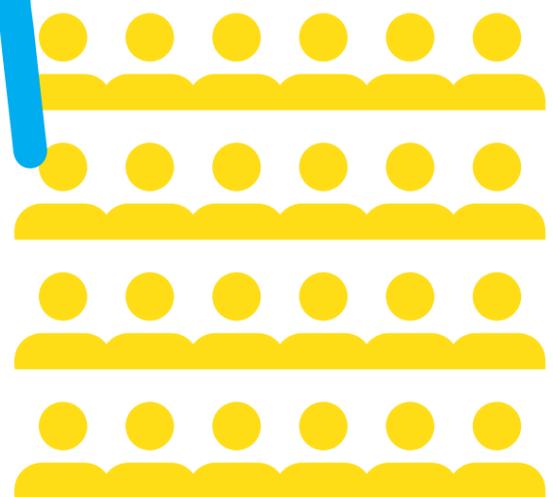
1,78,003 students benefitted

Offline Scholarship Application Submission

Legislative Business

A record number of legislations were made during 2011 and 2015, indicating the reforms in higher education undertaken by the State Government. The major legislative enactments are given below—

2011
1   The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act

2012
1   The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act
2   The West Bengal College Service Commission Act
3   The Techno India University Act
4   Kazi Nazrul University Act
5   The Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University Act
6   The Diamond Harbour Women's University Act

2013
1   The West Bengal State Higher Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act
2   The Presidency University (Amendment) Act
3   The Bankura University Act

2014
1   The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board Act
2   The West Bengals State Council of Higher Education Act
3   The West Bengal University of Teachers Training, Education Planning and Administration Act
4   The Raiganj University Act
5   Girls permitted to join Hindoo College
6   The Seacom Skills University Act
7   The JIS University Act
8   The Neotia University Act
9   The University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata Act
10   The Amity University Act
11   The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act
12   The West Bengal University of Technology (Amendment) Act

2015
1   The Brainware University Bill
2   The Sanskrit College and University Bill

The Kolkata Gazette

Subordinate Legislation and Rules made
1   West Bengal State Higher Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Rules, 2013
2   West Bengal State Higher Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) (Amendment), 2013,
3   Amendment of Schedule of the West Bengal University of Technology Act, 2000

Major Policy Initiatives
1   West Bengal Government's Policy and Guidelines for setting up the Private Universities, 2013
2   West Bengal Government's Policy and Guidelines for setting up self-financing General Degree College, 2015

Right to Delivery of Public Services

To bring in transparency, consistency and the desired predictability in the higher education sector, especially with regards to the delivery of public services, the State's Universities were asked to notify the different types of public services along with the specified timelines for delivery of each service under the Right to Public Services Act, 2013. An illustration of the services notified by Presidency University is given below—

Presidency University
86/1, College Street, Kolkata 700073

NOTIFICATION

No WBRPSA/01/25-6
Date 25.06.2015

In pursuance to the West Bengal Right to Public Services Act, 2013, Presidency University is pleased to notify the services along with the stipulated time limit for rendering the services, the Designated Officers responsible for providing the services, the Appellate Officer and the Reviewing Officer as follows—

Sl No	Services	Designated Officer	Stipulated Time Limit	Appellate Officer Designation	Stipulated Time Limit	Receiving Officer Designation	Stipulated Time Limit
1	Issue of Admit Card	Controller of	15 days from the date	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor Examinations	2 Working Days of form fill-up
2	Publication of Results	Controller of Examinations	27 days from last date of examination	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
3	Issue of Duplicate Grade Card	Controller of Examinations	7 working days from the date of application	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
4	Issue of Migration Certificate	Assistant Registrar	3 working days from the date of application	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
5	Academic Records Verification	Controller of Examinations	7 working days	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
6	Issue of Duplicate Registration Certificate	Assistant Registrar	3 working days from the date of application	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
7	Sanction of University Scholarship	Dean of Students	21 working days from the date of application	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
8	Issue of Duplicate Identity Cards to Students	Dean of Students	3 working days from the date of application	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days
9	Issue of NOC for Passport/VISA	Assistant Registrar	3 working days from the date of application	Registrar	2 Working Days	Vice Chancellor	2 Working Days

West Bengal State Council of Higher Education

The UGC in 1988, recommended formation of a Higher Education Council for State level planning and coordination of Higher Education. Following this recommendation, the West Bengal State Council of Higher Education was established on 29 July, 1994 under the West Bengal Act XXXVII of 1994 with the Minister-in-Charge, Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal as ex-officio Chairman. The council has been functioning since April 1995. Recently, the Act was amended in 2015 to give the Council a bigger mandate, to confer on it executive powers rather than just a recommendatory and supervisory role. The Council has been expanded and reconstituted in December 2015 to make it a more empowered body in the realm of higher education.

West Bengal College Service Commission

The West Bengal College Service Commission came into existence in 1978 in terms of Act LXII of 1978 for selection of Teachers and Principals for Government-aided colleges excepting those which are declared as minority institutions. To confer greater autonomy and accountability on the Commission, a new Act was enacted in 2012 (West Bengal Act XXIX of 2012) after repealing the Act of 1978. The West Bengal College Service Commission Act, 2012 has come into force. The Commission has been assigned with the responsibility of conducting State Eligibility Tests, selection of Librarians for colleges and also selection of non-teaching staff at the colleges.
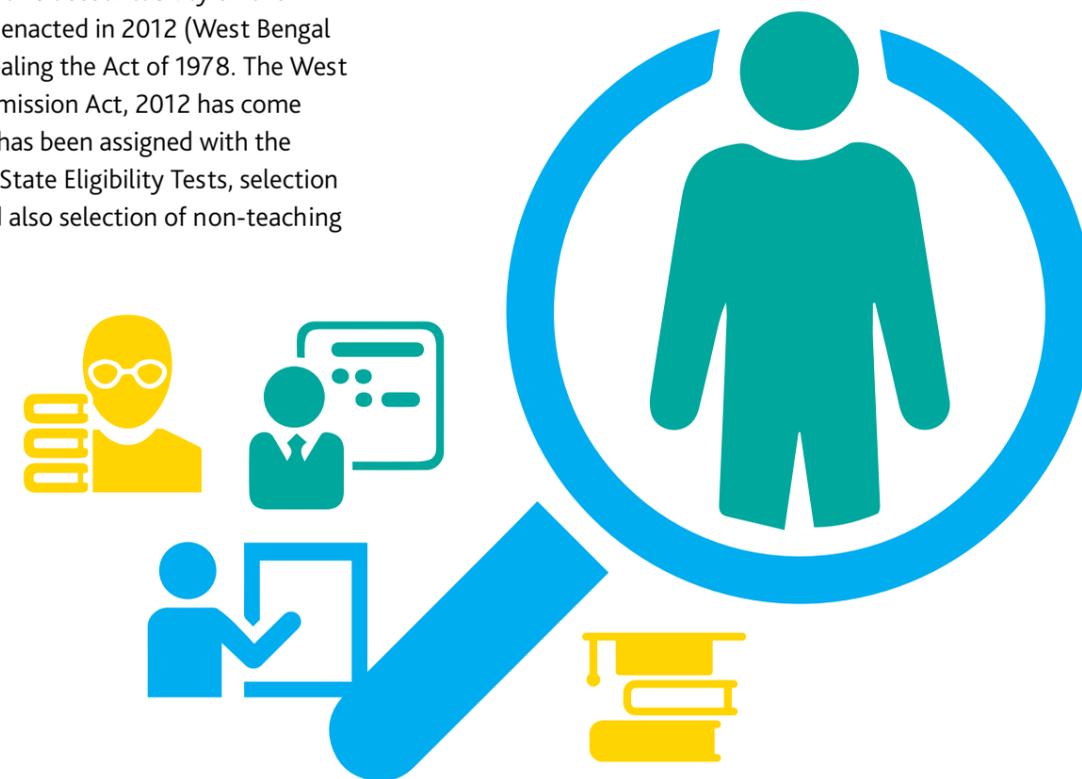
West Bengal State Council of Higher Education

Members of the West Bengal Education Commission (2014)

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Publications of the West Bengal State Book Board

West Bengal State Book Board

Kothari Commission recommended the teaching-learning at the university level through regional languages up to the university level. Accordingly, State Book boards were established to publish books in regional languages so that this switch to regional languages could be implemented. West Bengal State Foundation for Text Books was established as a registered society under Registration of Societies Act. It was later renamed West Bengal State Book Board in 1972.

The primary objective of this Board is to produce books in Bengali for undergraduate and postgraduate students of different disciplines studying in universities in West Bengal.

The Board has so far published 750 titles. Since May 2011, the Board has published 137 titles (49 new and 88 reprints) and has also published Higher Secondary level books in 6 disciplines.

6 HIGHER SECONDARY LEVEL BOOKS IN 6 DISCIPLINES PUBLISHED

137 TITLES PUBLISHED SINCE MAY, 2011— **49 NEW TITLES 88 REPRINTS**
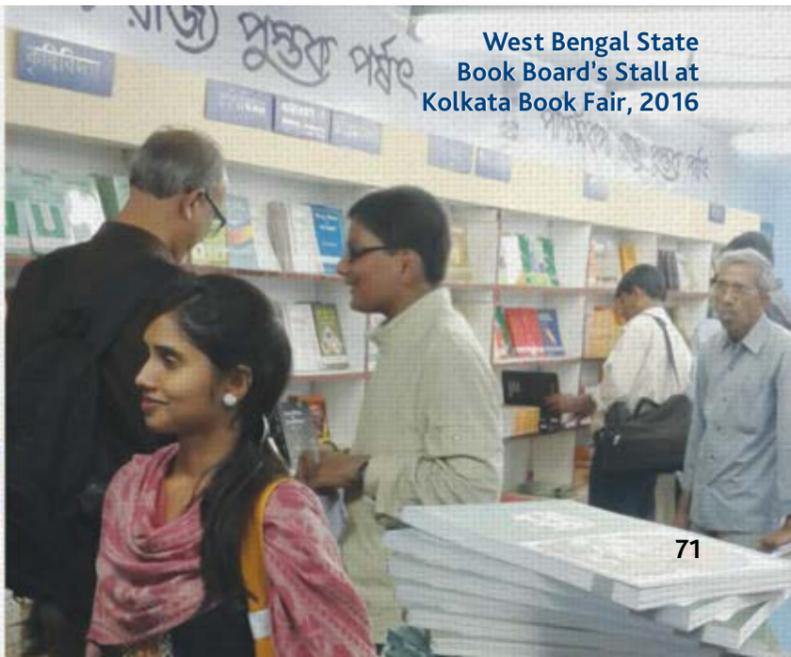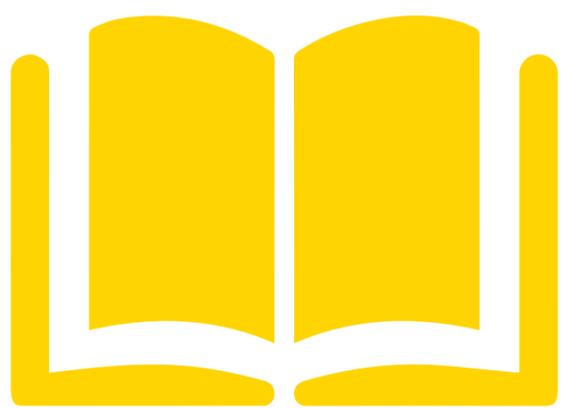
West Bengal State Book Board's Stall at Kolkata Book Fair, 2016

Directorate of State Archives of West Bengal

History

Growing out of the Secretariat Record Office, the West Bengal State Archives, the first in whole of South Asia, came into existence in 1910 under the control of the Home Department. In tune with modern principles, this massive repository of official documents, preserved essentially for administrative reference, was opened to unofficial access—with scholars and information seekers from various walks of life allowed to consult the records.

Despite a great many records having been transferred to the National Archives in Delhi, this institution remains a treasure trove for researchers (both Indian and foreign) working on colonial and even post-colonial India. From its first holding of Select Committee Reports going back to 1858, it has records till the 1960s.

In 1952, the control of the Record Office passed to the Education Department and in 2009 the Archives received the status of a Directorate, an event that stimulated substantial increase in Archival activities that inter alia include exhibitions, publications, digitisation, and collaboration with other archives, both Indian and foreign.

Earlier, the Archival records were spread across three buildings—the Historical Section was located in the building at 6 Bhawani Dutta Lane, Kolkata, the Current section at Writers' Building, and the Photo Archives, PWD and IB records in the New Functional Building at 43 Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata. Recently however, with the Government decision to turn the Writers' Building into a heritage site, bulk of its holdings has been transferred to the Building at Bhawani Dutta Lane. This development has been very convenient for scholars, who now find both historical and current sections in the same premises.

State Archives Building

Functions and Recent Activities

The four primary functions of the Archives are:

* To scientifically preserve records in its custody.

* Give the various wings of the Government and researchers and scholars access to its archival holdings.

* To issue certified copies of records, including the electoral rolls and the Bengal Gazette to information seekers. This function, earlier discharged from the Writers' building wing, is now carried out at the Shakespeare Sarani office.

* Lately, the Archives have actively taken up digitisation. It has already digitised a considerable number of documents, with more than seven hundred thousand exposures. Its other significant activities over the last five years include adoption of ITeS, setting up of LAN, launching of a very informative website, and renovation of the Archives Building at 6 Bhawani Dutta Lane. As part of generating archival awareness, it has produced two major publications—The Evolution of State Archives (1910—2010), and Rabindranath Tagore in Government Records—and held exhibitions on the same themes, along with one on the Women Revolutionaries of Bengal.

Rare Documents in the State Archives

Service Book of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
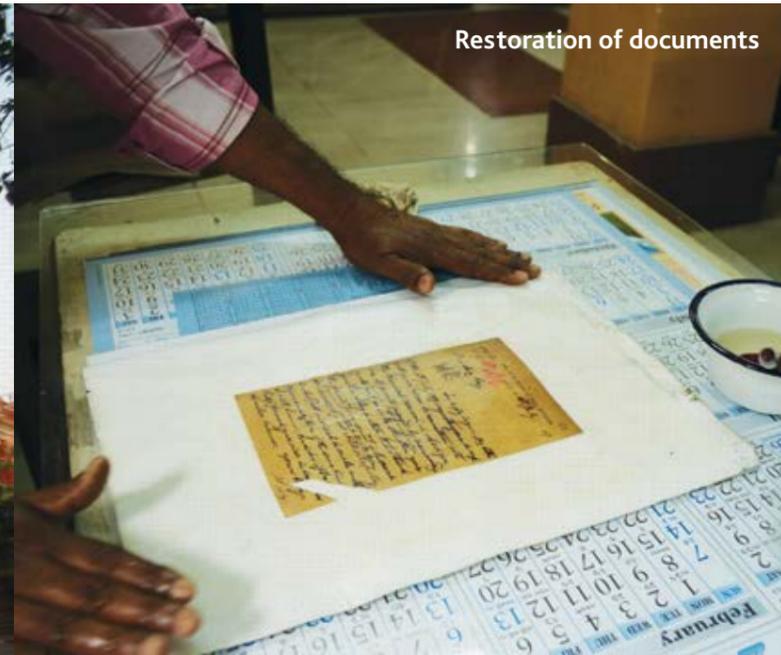
Birth Certificate—Tagore

Petition of Vidyasagar

Old photo of Writers' Building where the State Archives used to be

Writers' Building today

Restoration of documents

Digitisation of old documents
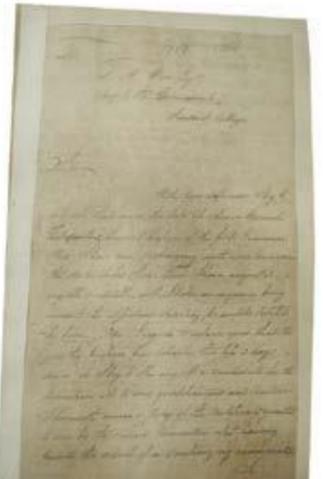
National Service Scheme (NSS) in West Bengal

- The volunteer strength of the NSS in West Bengal has been enhanced from 93,702 to 1, 01, 200 by the Government of India. A self-financing unit of the NSS has been introduced in West Bengal and 10,100 NSS volunteers have been distributed among various universities and HS councils on a self-functioning basis.

- NSS has been included as an extra academic activity in the curricula of IIT Kharagpur, the West Bengal University of Technology and Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vidyalaya, Kalyani.

- Students from West Bengal also have been selected in International Youth exchange programmes in China, Malaysia, Singapore etc during the last three years.

- Calcutta University received the Indira Gandhi National NSS Award for two consecutive years at New Delhi and some volunteers also received the Indira Gandhi National Award during the last four years.
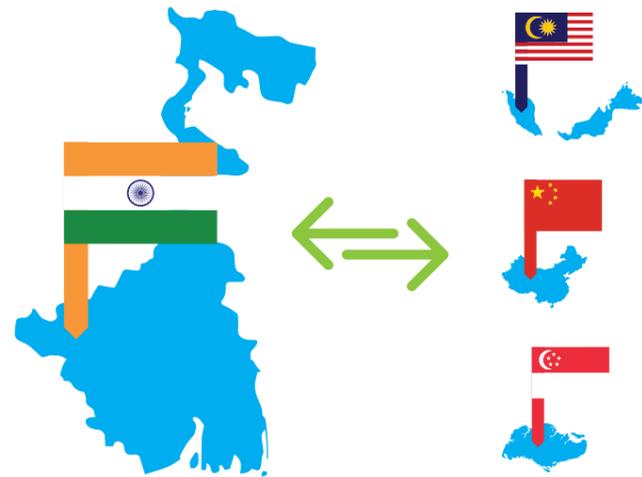
- Burdwan University, Jadavpur University, Presidency University, Kalyani University, Calcutta University and NSS cell have taken up project during the last two years under **Swachh Bharat Mission** successfully—Life skills enhanced training programme, Youth Leadership and Development project (YLPDP), Youth Club Development Programme (YCDP), cleanliness programs of hospitals, old age homes, religious and historic monuments, adolescent health and tribal youth exchange programmes.

- State Level Youth Conventions have been organised last year. State NSS Award for NSS functionaries have been introduced along the lines of the NSS National Indira Gandhi Award. Awards were given at a befitting function organised by Ramakrishna Ashram, Narendrapur.

- NSS volunteers have given Academic support to 7 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in the district of Purulia, Bankura, Paschim Midnapore, Burdwan, Dakshin Dinajpur and Jalpaiguri during the academic session 2014–15.

- A separate NSS window has been opened in the Higher Education Department website.

1,01,200
NSS VOLUNTEER STRENGTH

Minister in Charge giving away NSS State Level Awards at RKM

NSS State Level Awards Ceremony

NSS team with the trophy for Most Dedicated Marching Contingent received at the 2016 Republic Day Parade

NSS work by the students of the Government General Degree College at Dantan-II

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

The National Cadet Corps came into existence on 15 July 1948. Currently the NCC Directorate in West Bengal and Sikkim has six GP HQs, with 52 Major/Minor units. The Directorate comprises two Naval Units, two technical Air Squadrons and two flying Air Squadrons, an Independent Girls' Company, an Artillery Battery, an Armoured Squadron, a Composite Unit and an EME Company. For the training year 2015–16, there is a total of 224 Companies and 1 Platoon, 8 Divisions and 8 Flights and 628 Troops with an enrolled strength of 77,095 cadets.

77,095
CADETS ENROLLED

- At the Republic Day Camp at New Delhi in 2015, **13 cadets** were nominated for **'Rajpath' march past**, **13** were nominated for **'Guard of Honour'**, **2** were selected for **'Best Master of Ceremony (MC)'** cultural & NCC Activity and **12 cadets** were nominated for **'Youth Exchange Programme'** to Bangladesh, Russia, Bhutan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Khazakstan.

- 9,50,210 NCC cadets participated in the International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2015 out of which **67,879** were from West Bengal & Sikkim, which is the highest among 17 NCC Directorates. NCC achieved LIMCA Book of World Record for International Day of Yoga.

- At the **Inter Directorate Shooting Competition—2015 held** at Asansol in August 2015 in which 17 NCC Directorates participated, this Directorate won **2 Gold** and **2 silver** medals and its overall position was **second**.

- At the **West Bengal State Shooting Championship—2015** held at North Calcutta Rifle Club, Kolkata in September 2015, **16 NCC Cadets** of NCC Directorate West Bengal & Sikkim participated and won **1 Gold, 1 Silver** and **2 Bronze** medals.

- At the **Thal Sainik Camp—2015** held at New Delhi in September the Directorate West Bengal & Sikkim participated and secured **first position**, winning **17 medals (9 Gold, 7 Silver, 1 Bronze)**.

- At the **NCC National Games—2015** held in October 2015 the NCC Directorate West Bengal & Sikkim stood **second** winning **3 Gold** and **2 Silver** out of seven sports disciplines.

55 CADETS WERE AWARDED **GOVERNOR'S MEDAL** IN 2015

01 CADET WAS AWARDED **RAKSHA MANTRI PADAK** IN 2015

05 CADETS WERE NOMINATED FOR **DIRECTOR GENERAL NCC COMMENDATION CARD** in 2015

45 CADETS WERE NOMINATED FOR **CADET WELFARE SCHOLARSHIP** IN 2015

NCC's microlight at Behala

Sailing Expedition from Murshidabad to Kolkata

Award Ceremony at Raj Bhavan

Awards Ceremony 2015, Raj Bhavan

Holding High the Beacon of Science
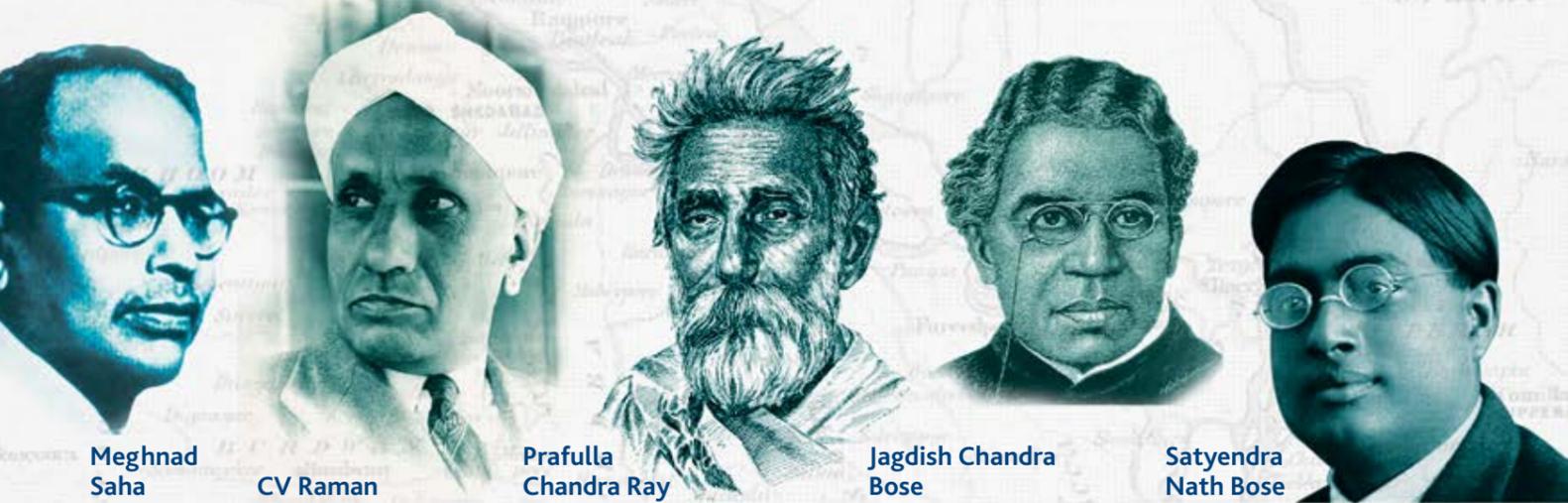
Meghnad Saha **CV Raman** **Prafulla Chandra Ray** **Jagdish Chandra Bose** **Satyendra Nath Bose**

Hon'ble Chief Minister interacting with students from different districts of West Bengal at the Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS)

Promotion of Science

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The State is making serious efforts to popularise the pursuit of science at the higher secondary, undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

For the last 200 years or so, West Bengal has always been known as a centre where the sciences have flourished. Whether it is the number of Nobel Laureates that Kolkata has produced or the number of science students and researchers coming out of its educational system, West Bengal leads the way. The State is making serious efforts to popularise the pursuit of science at the higher secondary, undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

In the 28 Government colleges operationalised in the rural and backward regions of the State during 2013–15, 21 have offered science subjects in the very first year of operations; in the rest, the infrastructure for introduction of science subjects is being readied in a phased manner. Also, efforts are underway to revitalise the Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS), Kolkata and increasing its mandate to support students and teachers in a study of the sciences.

Students Involved in a Research Project During Science Camp At JBNSTS
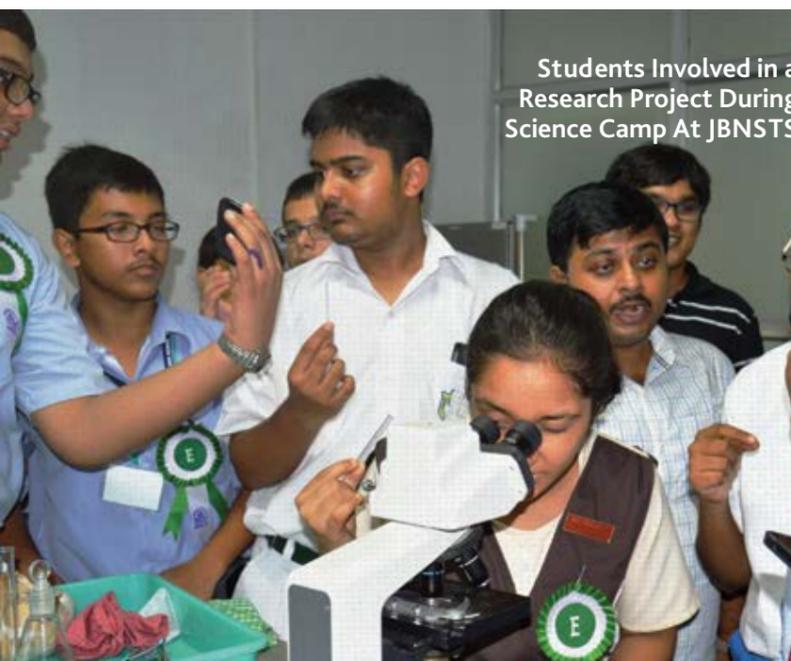
Science Program With Teacher and Students at Bankura

Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search

Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS), Kolkata is an autonomous registered Society under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (No S/4353 of 1960–61). Promoted and fully funded by the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal, JBNSTS was set up to commemorate the birth centenary celebration of Acharya JC Bose. In the last five decades, JBNSTS has become a premier institute of non-formal science education in India. The mandate of JBNSTS is to motivate students to take up science; to identify talented students of basic sciences, engineering and medicine who have the potential to develop into scientists and technologists of high ability; and to nurture them through financial and other support to develop their talents in the field of science and technology.

Senior Scholarship Programme

This is JBNSTS's core programme. Talented first year students of Basic Science/Medicine/Engineering are selected through multi-round, rigorous tests and are awarded scholarships till the completion of their MSc/MBBS/BE degrees. It is the oldest and one of the most prestigious scholarship schemes in India. Apart from Annual Book Grant ₹1,000 per annum selected candidates are awarded a scholarship amount of ₹1,000 per month in case of students of medicine and engineering, till their graduation. Since the DST—INSPIRE Government of India, recognised JBNSTS candidates who are selected from basic science are also entitled to the DST—INSPIRE scholarship & research grant of ₹80,000 (₹60,000 + ₹20,000) per annum till their completion of Masters degree. In 2015, 56 senior scholars have been selected for the award.

Junior Scholarship Programme

Started in 2015, science students of class XI are selected through multiple-round test and provided a scholarship of ₹500 per month for two years to support their higher secondary level study. A book grant of ₹1000 is also awarded to them. In 2015, 102 students have been selected for the junior talent scholarship.

West Bengal District Scheme Programme

The main focus of this programme is to expose the underprivileged but meritorious students of remote areas of the State of West Bengal to the world of science. Residential science workshops are organised for such students where they can interact with the eminent scientists, regular follow up activities are also arranged to motivate them regarding science education. In 2015, 10 schools have been identified from South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Nadia and Hooghly for training. Preliminary teachers training is also held to develop the science teaching potential of the teachers of these schools.

Other Programmes

The popularisation of science is also another activity of JBNSTS. This year, it observed the National Science Day in collaboration with West Bengal Science Academy and conducted a Meet the Scientists Programme at Netaji Indoor Stadium from 4 to 6 October at the State Youth Science Fair, 2015, a programme of the Department of Youth Services, Government of West Bengal.

Under CSIR's Talent Enrichment Program, selected scholars of JBNSTS are taken to different research/educational institutes in different parts of India for enriching their research ideas and interdisciplinary exposure to the world of cutting edge research.

Under the GoI's INSPIRE scheme, science camps of duration of five days with the top 1% (based on their Class 10 Board exam results) students of Class XI Science stream of West Bengal are organised. JBNSTS will organise the 50th Science Camp in March 2016.

JBNSTS scholars with the wax statue of Jagadish Bose in the Mother's Wax Museum, Eco Park, New Town (2015)

JB—Scholars during talent nurture seminar at JBNSTS

The TEQIP building
at Jadavpur University

Technical Education Quality Improvement Program

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Improving the quality of technical education through
the World Bank—MHRD assisted Technical Education
Quality Improvement Program (TEQIP) has been
a major initiative of the Higher Education Department.

Steel casting at the Metallurgy Department
of Jadavpur University funded by TEQIP

Modern apparatus at the Metallurgy
Department of Jadavpur University
funded by TEQIP

TEQIP Phase I in West Bengal

TEQIP Phase I in West Bengal was implemented in West Bengal along with other 12 states during the period from January, 2005 to June, 2009. Total 127 institutions were selected from 12 States including 11 institutes from West Bengal. In West Bengal three State funded Universities, four Government Engineering Colleges and four Private Self financing Engineering Colleges, participated in Phase-I. Universities and Government Institutes were provided fund as grants whereas private institutes received fund as long term interest bearing loans. Project Allocation for West Bengal, as approved by GoI, was ₹143.597 crore plus additional fund of ₹3.50 crore. The entire allocated fund has been fruitfully utilised.

₹143.597 crore

PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR WEST BENGAL, AS APPROVED BY GOI

₹3.50 crore

ADDITIONAL FUND RECEIVED

Centre of Excellence Under TEQIP–II

UCT—CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY
SYSTEMS BIOLOGY AND BIO-MEDICAL ENGINEERING (Selected COE)

FET—JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
PHASE TRANSFORMATION AND PRODUCT CHARACTERISATION (Selected COE)

TEQIP Phase II in West Bengal

TEQIP II has been implemented in 14 institutions of West Bengal since 2010. These are shown below—

	Sub Component 1.1	Subcomponent 1.2
Government Funded*	1 West Bengal University of Technology	1 University College of Technology Calcutta University
	2 University Institute of Technology—Burdwan University	2 Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Jadavpur University
	3 Government College of Engineering & Textile Technology, Berhampore (2nd Cycle)	
Government Aided*	1 RCC Inst of Information Technology, Kolkata	
	2 College of Engineering & Management, Kolaghat	
	3 Bankura Unnayani Institute of Engineering, Bankura	
	4 Birbhum Institute of Engineering & Technology, Birbhum	
	5 Murshidabad College of Engineering & Technology (2nd Cycle)	
Private Unaided*	1 Heritage Institute of Technology	1 JIS College of Engineering
	2 MCKV Institute of Engineering	
	3 Narula Institute of Technology	

* Categorisation as per MHRD's TEQIP–II guidelines

Computer lab at the Salt Lake campus of the University of Calcutta by TEQIP
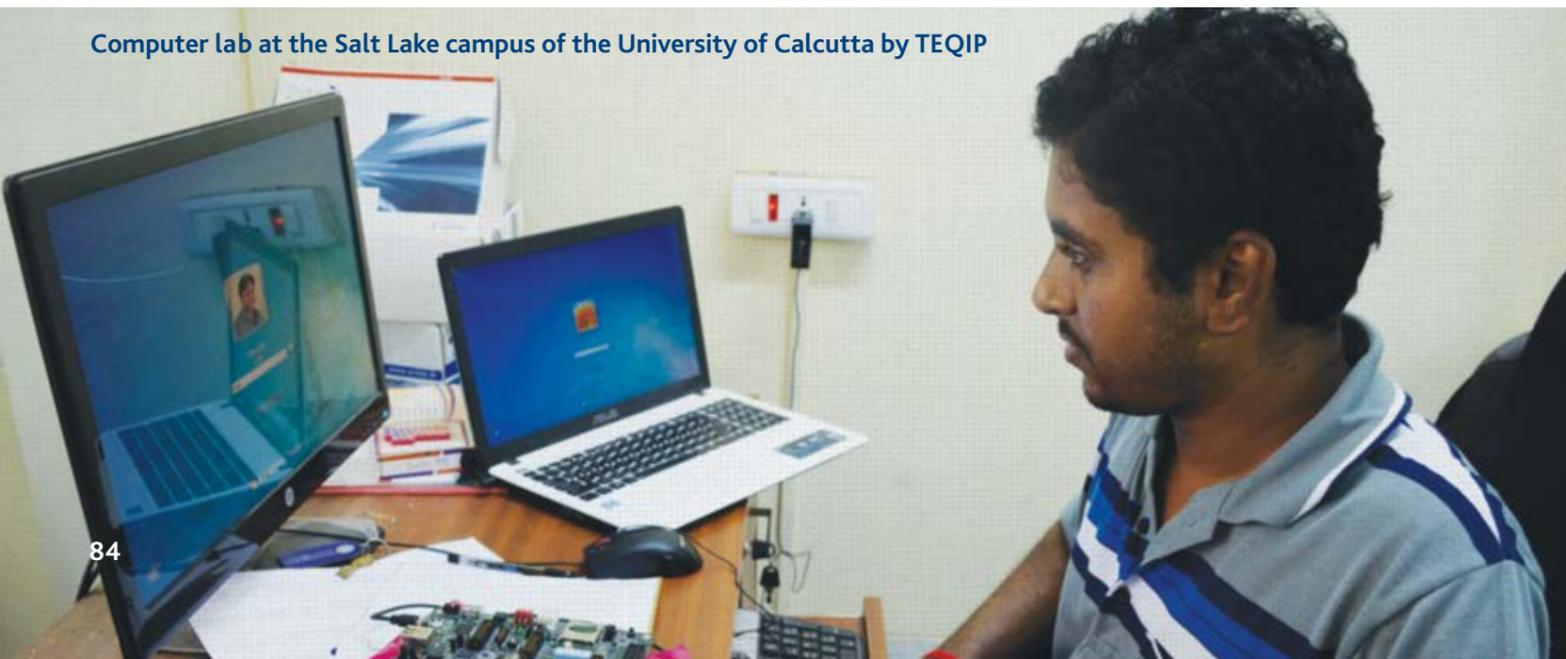
Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata

Students at a TEQIP funded institution

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Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP–II)

Improvement in Teaching, Training and Learning Facilities has been done through introduction of new Postgraduate programmes, modernisation of class rooms, modernisation and strengthening of existing labs, establishment of new labs for existing UG and PG programmes and new PG programmes, modernisation/improvements of supporting departments and libraries, updation of Learning Resources, minor civil works etc.

Providing Teaching and Research Assistantship to increase enrollments in existing and new PG and PhD programmes in Engineering and Applied Science Departments non GATE qualified students selected by the institutions are receiving funds as Teaching and Research Assistantship from the project. Up to October 2015 ₹12.95 crore has been disbursed to 767 MTech students and 18 PhD scholars as assistantship.

Selected institutions are to promote **increased participation of faculty in Research, Research & Development projects and Consultancies.** Institutions that already have PhD programmes should encourage Masters students to join their PhD programmes and also to get associated with industry oriented/sponsored research programmes. Under this 182 Research and Development programmes have been undertaken, 7897 publications, 236 books have been published and 57 patents have been obtained so far.

Faculty and Staff Development has received focus attention under the project. Up to October 2015 ₹8 crore has been utilised towards qualification upgradation, enhancement of subject knowledge, research competence up gradation, participation in seminar conference, international training programmes and pedagogy training for the faculty. Pedagogical training for the TEQIP institutes with the support of IIT Kharagpur. Till date, around 500 faculty members have been trained in Pedagogical and domain knowledge Under International Training Programme a good number of Faculties have attended so far and they have submitted reports on their return.

In each of the project institutions, **Industry-Institute Interaction cell** has been established to increase collaboration with the industries, increase rate of campus placement, increasing industrial training for students, increase in Internal Revenue Generation by collaborating with industry, etc. In Industry-Institute-Interaction (I–I–I) activity institutions are organising collaborative lectures and Conferences in association with Chambers and Industries. MOUs have been signed with nationally recognised organisations and academic institutions of repute. 144 numbers of EOI and MOU have been signed till now under I–I–I cell activities.

Institutional Management Capacity enhancement is being done through specially designed **MCEP** training programs organised at several IIMs for enhancing Managerial & administrative abilities of head of institutes, senior faculties and officials.

Several Institutional reforms have been implemented
- Board of Governors has been formed in all the project institutes in compliance with AICTE and UGC norms. All 14 project institutes have prepared Governance Development Plan with a specific delivery time frame and uploaded the same in their respective websites. All project institutes are conducting regular BOG meetings as per norms and the minutes are uploaded in the website.
- Out of 14 project institutes, at present 7 institutes are **already autonomous** and rest are in the pipeline to achieve autonomy.
- To sustain development activities initiated under TEQIP–II post project closure, all the institutes have established Four Funds vis. Corpus Fund, Staff Development Fund, Depreciation Fund and Maintenance Fund with annual savings of the institutes to strengthen the institute's own financial backbone.
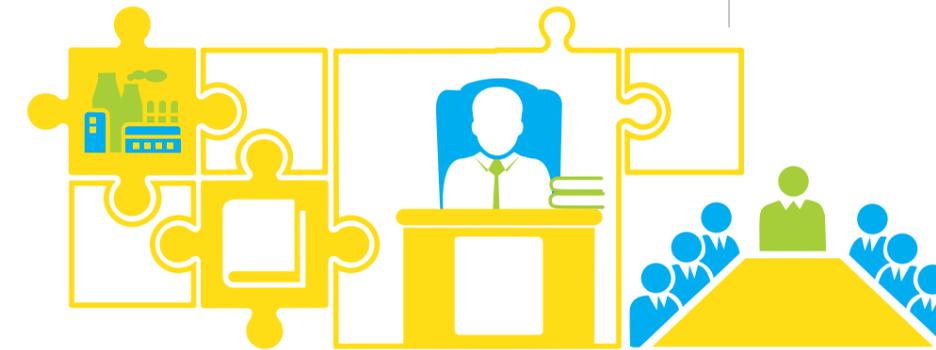
Physics Lab, Rajabazar Science College funded by TEQIP

Physics Lab, Presidency University

Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP–II)

Focused efforts are being made by the institutes to **improve academic performance of SC/ST/OBC, academically weak students** through remedial teaching and soft skill development programmes for increasing transition rate and employability Diagnostically identified weak students are nurtured for improvement of transition rate through regular programmes organised by the institute. In 2013–14 & 2014–15, 5658 weak students have been nurtured and up to October, 2015 and ₹2.67 crore has been utilised on this account.

In order to bring a parity between quality of Technical education implemented in colleges outside IITs and NITs and that in the premier technical institutes, MHRD has launched **QEEE (Quality Enhancement in Engineering Education)** programme wherein real time and synchronous technology is used to allow for an integration of superior external scholastic inputs into current pedagogical practices. Under the pilot programme for 100 colleges in the country, 6 colleges of this state are tagged and the programme has been found to be very beneficial to the students.
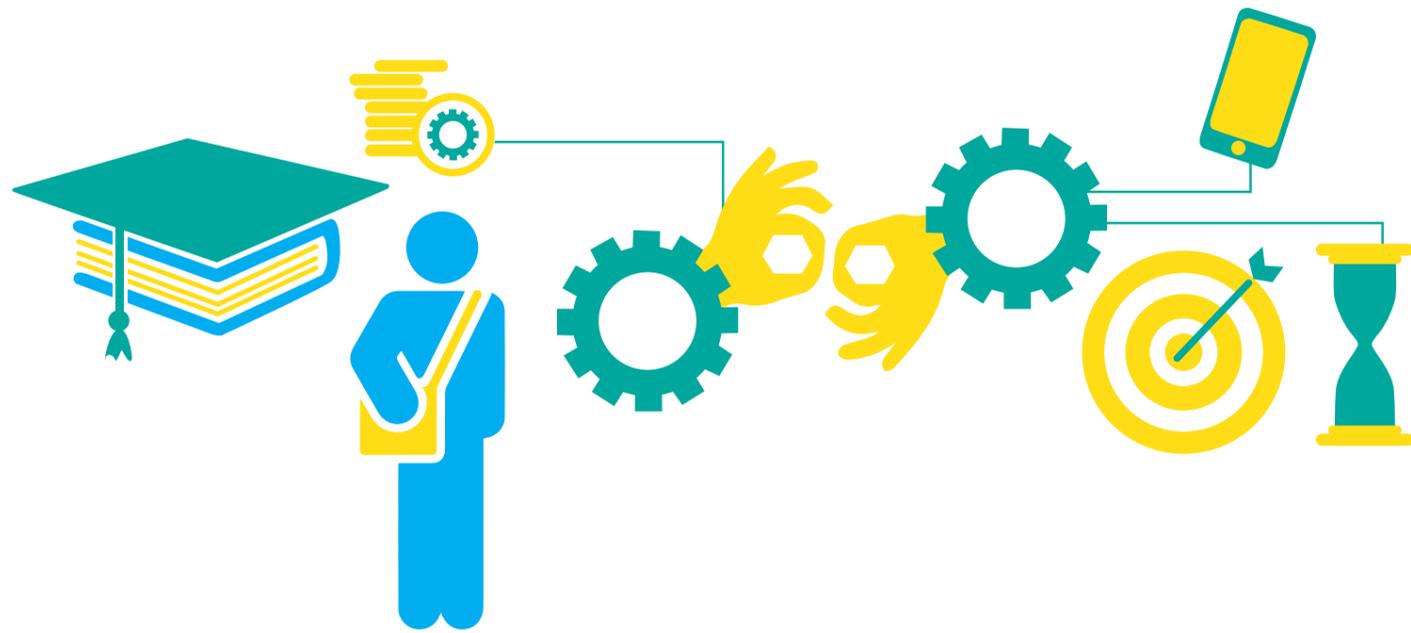
Project Monitoring & Evaluation

The project monitoring and reporting activities are mandatory for the SPFU and all the project institutes. The Project is being monitored through,

- (i) Key Performance Indicator with target values (KPIs)
- (ii) Web based Management Information System (MIS)
- (iii) Web based financial monitoring Report (e—FMR)
- (iv) Web based Procurement Management Support System (PMSS)

Compliance of Project Objectives

The performance of the state in TEQIP–II with reference to 9 Performance Assessment Indicator (5th JRM) is very much encouraging. All the 14 project institutions have achieved all 9 KPI (Key Performance Indicator) parameters. Proactive action of the State in implementing TEQIP–II has been commended at the 5th Joint Review Mission held by MHRD and World Bank.

Initiatives of SPFU—WB in Project Implementation

- (i) State-Private Sector Advisory Group (S-PSAG) has been established in the state in compliance with TEQIP–II guideline to oversee academia-industry partnership activities in various directions. Regular meetings are held to advise the project institutes to strengthen I-I-I Cell activities.
- (ii) In all project institutes senior academicians have been engaged as mentors and performance auditors to advise institutes and conduct regular performance auditing respectively.
- (iii) Eminent academicians are deputed to supervise the activities of Centres of Excellence established in two universities in order to attain the committed deliverables.
- (iv) To share the good practices established in West Bengal in connection with implementation of TEQIP–II, SPFU team from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Chattisgarh visited the state as per the recommendation of the GoI.
- (v) Due to sincere efforts of SPFU-WB, a MoU was signed between IIT Kharagpur and all 14 participating institutes of the State for pedagogical training of their faculties.

Language laboratory of an institute funded by TEQIP–II

New equipment purchased in an institute funded by TEQIP–II
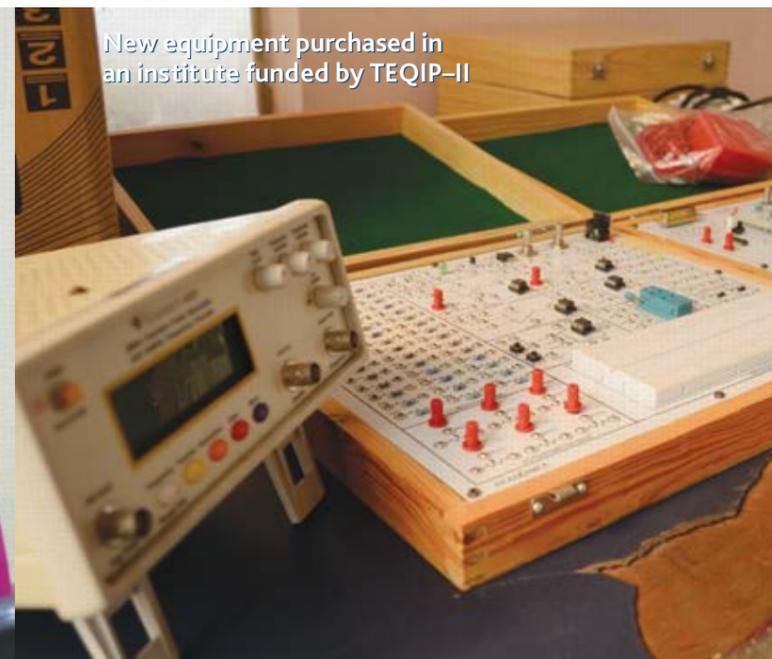
Library in an institute funded by TEQIP–II

Procurement of books and journals at Bhawanipur Education Society

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (funding pattern Centre 60:State 40), launched in 2013 which aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions.

Modernisation of Library under RUSA at the Bhawanipur Education Society

Conference Room of Gour Banga University funded by RUSA

Vertical extension of Academic Block

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

Under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the 12th Five Year Plan (on 60 Centre: 40 State sharing basis), the State Government has submitted a State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) amounting to ₹1,400 crore to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India.

Based on approvals of RUSA's Project Approval Board so far, the following institutions have been sanctioned funds—

Sl No	Name of University	Fund Sanctioned (In crore)	Fund Released Till 01 January 2016 (In crore)			Total Amount Released to Institutions till January 2016 (in Crore)
			Central Share	State Share	Total Amount Released (Central +State)	
1	University of Gour Banga	20.00	1.625	0,875	2.5	2.5
2	West Bengal State University	20.00	1.625	0.875	2.5	2.5
3	Jadavpur University	20.00	1.625	0.875	2.5	2.5
4	Vidyasagar University	20.00	1.625	0.875	2.5	2.5
5	University of Calcutta	20.00	2.5	2.5	5.0	0
6	University of Burdwan	20.00	6.0	0	6.0	0
7	Rabindra Bharati University	20.00	6.0	0	6.0	0
8	University of North Bengal	20.00	6.0	0	6.0	0

Raja N L Khan Women's College—computers with computer tables for e-learning laboratory

RUSA office at Bikash Bhavan

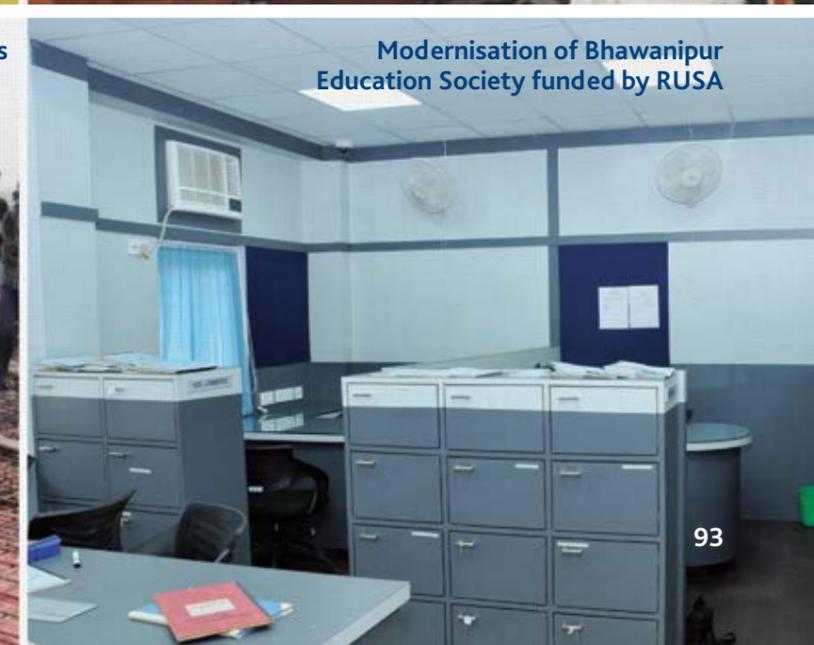Gym at Lady Brabourne College funded by RUSA

Conference room renovation work, Ramkrishna Mission Sikshanamandira

Midnapore College, construction of ladies toilet

Midnapore College, construction work in progress

Modernisation of Bhawanipur Education Society funded by RUSA

Colleges that have been sanctioned funds under RUSA (as of January 2016)

Sl No	Name of Institution	Fund Sanctioned (in crore)	Fund Released till January 2016 (in crore)			Total Amount Released to Institutions till January 2016 (in crore)
			Central Share	State Share	Total Amount Released (Central+State)	
1	Bankura Zilla Saradamani Mahila Mahavidyapith	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
2	Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
3	Bethune College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
4	Lady Brabourne College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
5	Raja Narendralal Khan Women's College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
6	Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
7	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
8	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	
9	Scottish Church College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
10	Serampore College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
11	St Joseph's College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
12	St Xavier's College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
13	Women's Christian College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
14	Bankura Christian College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
15	Loreto College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
16	Midnapore College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
17	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Autonomous)	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
18	Acharya Girish Chandra Bose College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
19	Bankim Sardar College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
20	Belda College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
21	Dhruba Chand Halder College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
22	Dr Bhupendra Nath Dutta Smriti Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
23	Dr Kanailal Bhattacharyya College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
24	East Calcutta Girls' College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
25	Garhbeta College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
26	Gurudas College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
27	Jagannath Kishore College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
28	Jogamaya Devi College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
29	Kaliachak College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
30	Maharaja Manindra Chandra College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
31	Malda College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
32	Mugberia Gangadhar Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
33	Panchakot Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
34	Prabhu Jagatbandhu College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
35	Raghunathpur College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
36	Raja Peary Mohan College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
37	Ramakrishna Mission Brahmananda College of Education	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
38	Rani Birla Girls' College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
39	Sabang Sajanikanta Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
40	Satyapriya Roy College of Education	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
41	Savitri Girls' College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
42	Seth Anandram Jaipuria College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
43	Shyampur Siddheswari Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
44	Sreegopal Banerjee College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
45	St Paul's Cathedral Mission College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
46	Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya,	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
47	Sukanta Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
48	Susil Kar College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
49	Syamaprasad College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
50	Tarakeswar Degree College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
51	The Bhawanipur Education Society College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
52	Uluberia College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
53	Vivekananda Mission Mahavidyalaya	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
54	Basanti Devi College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
55	Institute of Education for Women	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
56	Maharajadhiraj Uday Chand Women's College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
57	Ramsaday College	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
58	Vidyasagar College For Women	2.0	32.5	17.5	50	50
59	Bijoy Narayan Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
60	Bhattar College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
61	Shibpur Dinobondhu College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
62	Prabhat Kumar College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
63	Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
64	Pingla Thana Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
65	Egra Saradashashi Bhusan College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
66	Behala College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
67	Ramananda College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
68	Bajkul Miloni Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
69	Government College of Engineering & Ceramic	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
70	Krishnanagar Govt College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
71	Kabi Sukanta Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
72	Srikrishna College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
73	Bhangor Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
74	Netaji Mahavidyalaya	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
75	Barasat Government College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0
76	Hooghly Mohsin College	2.0	60.0	0	60.0	0

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Mandatory Accreditation of Higher Education Institutes

The National Assessment And Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in the country.

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Accreditation of Higher Education Institutes

In the light of UGC's mandatory accreditation requirements and to address quality issues, the Higher Education Department has undertaken a drive to have the HEIs accredited in a time-bound manner. The status as of January 2016 is as follows—

Sl No.	Name of Colleges	Grade	Accreditation Valid up to	Govt/Aided
1	Acharya Girish Chandra Bose College, Kolkata	B	11/29/2016	Govt Aided
2	Bankim Sardar College, 24 Parganas (S)	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
3	Bankura Christian College	A	1/4/2018	Govt Aided
4	Bankura Zilla Saradamani Mahila Mahavidyapith, Bankura	A	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
5	Barrackpore Rashtraguru Surendranath College, Barrackpore	A	5/4/2019	Govt Aided
6	Basanti Devi College, Kolkata	B	3/9/2017	Govt Aided
7	Belda College, Paschim Medinipur	B	2/3/2020	Govt Aided
8	Bethune College, Kolkata	A	3/2/2020	Govt
9	Dhruba Chand Halder college	B	1/7/2020	Govt Aided
10	Dr Bhupendra Nath Dutta Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Burdwan	B	9/23/2019	Govt Aided
11	Dr Kanailal Bhattacharyya College, Howrah	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
12	East Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
13	Garhbeta College, Paschim Medinipur	B	5/4/2019	Govt Aided
14	Gurudas College, Kolkata	B	3/26/2016	Govt Aided
15	Institute of Education for Women, Kolkata	B	3/9/2017	Govt
16	Jagannath Kishore College, Purulia	B	9/23/2019	Govt Aided
17	Jogamaya Devi College, Kolkata	B	12/9/2019	Govt Aided
18	Kaliachak College, Malda	B	9/15/2016	Govt Aided
19	Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata	A	12/9/2019	Govt
20	Loreto College	A	1/4/2018	Govt Aided
21	Maharaja Manindra Ch. College, Kolkata	B	3/26/2016	Govt Aided
22	Maharajadhiraj Uday Chand Women's College, Burdwan	B	4/20/2017	Govt Aided
23	Malda College	B	3/2/2020	Govt /Aided
24	Midnapore College	A	3/9/2017	Govt Aided
25	Mugberia Gangadhar Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur	B	10/24/2018	Govt Aided
26	Panchakot Mahavidyalaya, Purulia	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
27	Prabhu Jagatbandhu College, Howrah	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
28	Raghunathpur College, Purulia	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
29	Raja Narendralal Khan Women's College, Midnapore	A	3/26/2016	Govt Aided
30	Raja Peary Mohan College, Hooghly	B	12/9/2019	Govt Aided
31	Ramakrishna Mission Brahmananda College of Education, Kolkata	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
32	Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, Howrah	A	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
33	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College	A	12/9/2020	Govt Aided
34	Ramkrishna Mission Residential College, Kolkata	A	7/4/2017	Govt Aided
35	Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandira (Autonomous), Howrah	A	24/10/201/	Govt Aided
36	Ramsaday College, Amta, Howrah		4/20/2017	Govt Aided
37	Rani Birla Girls' College, Kolkata	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
38	Sabang Sajanikanta Mahavidyalaya, Paschim Medinipur	B	2/20/2019	Govt Aided
39	Satyapriya Roy College of Education, Kolkata	B	1/4/2018	Govt Aided
40	Savitri Girls' College, Kolkata	B	12/9/2017	Govt Aided
41	Scottish Church College, Kolkata	A	2/20/2019	Govt Aided
42	Serampore College,	A	1/7/2016	Govt Aided
43	Seth Anandram Jaipuria College	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
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47	St Joseph's College	A	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
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49	St Xavier's College	A	11/29/2016	Govt Aided
50	Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, Nadia	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
51	Sukanta Mahavidyalaya, Jalpaiguri	B	2/20/2019	Govt Aided
52	Susil Kar College, 24 Parganas (S)	B	10/24/2018	Govt Aided
53	Tarakeswar Degree College, Hooghly	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
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55	Uluberia College, Uluberia	B	2/20/2019	Govt Aided
56	Vidyasagar College for Women, Kolkata	B	3/9/2017	Govt Aided
57	Vivekananda Mission Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur	B	3/2/2020	Govt Aided
58	Women's Christian College	A	2/20/2019	Govt Aided
59	Bijoy Narayan Mahavidyalaya	B	30/04/2020	Govt Sponsored
60	Bhattar College	A	30/04/2020	Govt Aided
61	Shibpur Dinobondhu College	B	30/04/2020	Govt Aided
62	Prabhat Kumar College	B	30/04/2020	Govt Aided
63	Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya	B	30/04/2020	Govt Aided
64	Pingla Thana Mahavidyalaya	B	30/04/2020	Govt Aided
65	Egra Saradashashi Bhusan College	B	30/04/2020	Govt Aided
66	Behala College	A	30/04/2020	Govt Sponsored
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68	Bajkul Miloni Mahavidyalaya	B	30/04/2020	Govt Sponsored
69	Government College of Engineering & Ceramic	A	10/05/2020	Govt
70	Krishnanagar Govt College	A	10/05/2020	Govt
71	Kabi Sukanta Mahavidyalaya	B	10/05/2020	Govt Aided
72	Srikrishna College	B	10/05/2020	Govt Sponsored
73	Bhangor Mahavidyalaya	B	10/05/2020	Govt Aided
74	Netaji Mahavidyalaya	B	10/05/2020	Govt Aided

LOI accepted By NAAC of Colleges Previously accepted by NAAC

Sl No	Track ID	Institution Name	Process	Cycle	Previous Grade	Submitted Date	Status
1	WBCOGN11409	Acharya Prafulla Chandra College, Kolkata 700131	Accreditation	2	B++	27/04/2015	Accepted AIDED
2	WBCOGN11593	Ananda Chandra College, 735101	Accreditation	2	B++	29/01/2014	Accepted AIDED
3	WBCOGN12410	Bagnan College, Howrah 711303	Accreditation	2	B	1/4/2015	Accepted AIDED
4	WBCOGN13759	Bangabasi Evening College	Accreditation	2	B	12/5/2015	Accepted AIDED
5	WBCOGN12588	Bankura Sammilani College, Bankura 722102	Accreditation	2	B+	28/05/2014	Accepted AIDED
6	WBCOGN13949	Barasat Government College, Barasat 700124	Accreditation	2	B	5/1/2015	Accepted GOVT.
7	WBCOGN12141	Berhampore Girls College, Baharampur 742101	Accreditation	2	B	30/05/2014	Accepted AIDED
8	WBCOGN13562	Bhairab Ganguly College, Belgharia 700056	Accreditation	2	B	26/06/2015	Accepted AIDED
9	WBCOGN12472	Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Howrah 711101	Accreditation	2	B++	25/03/2015	Accepted AIDED
10	WBCOGN13583	Chakdaha College Chakdaha, Municipality 741222	Accreditation	2	B	23/06/2014	Accepted AIDED
11	WBCOGN11818	Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya B, Bongaon 743235	Accreditation	2	B	9/7/2014	Accepted AIDED
12	WBCOGN13450	Fakir Chand College, Diamond Harbour 743331	Accreditation	2	B+	21/05/2014	Accepted AIDED
13	WBCOGN13697	Gokhale Memorial Girls' College, Kolkata 700020	Accreditation	2	B	12/9/2014	Accepted AIDED
14	WBCOGN12946	Gour Mahavidyalaya, Malda 732142	Accreditation	2	B	18/03/2015	Accepted AIDED
15	WBCOGN13451	Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya, Ghateswar 743336	Accreditation	2	B	30/07/2015	Accepted AIDED
16	WBCOGN13292	Hooghly Mohsin College, Chinsura 712101	Accreditation	2	B++	23/06/2014	Accepted GOVT.
17	WBCOGN13421	Kaliyaganj College, Kaliyaganj 733129	Accreditation	2	B	3/7/2014	Accepted AIDED
18	WBCOGN11333	Kidderpore College Kolkata 700023	Accreditation	2	B	15/06/2015	Accepted AIDED
19	WBCOGN11911	Lalbaba College, Bally 711202	Accreditation	2	B+	18/08/2013	Accepted AIDED
20	WBCOGN12697	Mahadevananda Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata 700120	Accreditation	2	B++	12/2/2015	Accepted AIDED
21	WBCOGN13553	Mahatma Gandhi College, Purulia 723101	Accreditation	2	B	29/05/2015	Accepted AIDED
22	WBCOGN13293	Mahishadal Raj College, Mahishadal 721628	Accreditation	2	B	17/07/2015	Accepted AIDED
23	WBCOGN13331	Maulana Azad College, Kolkata 700013	Accreditation	2	B++	29/07/2013	Accepted AIDED
24	WBCOGN11043	Muralidhar Girls' College, Kolkata 700029	Accreditation	2	B+	31/07/2014	Accepted AIDED
25	WBCOGN12414	Nabagram Hiralal Paul College, Konnagar 712246	Accreditation	2	B	25/09/2014	Accepted AIDED
26	WBCOGN13229	New Alipore College, Kolkata 700053	Accreditation	2	B+	19/07/2013	Accepted AIDED
27	WBCOGN13010	Panchmura Mahavidyalaya, Panchmura 722156	Accreditation	2	B+	5/3/2015	Accepted AIDED
28	WBCOGN12096	Panskura Banamali College, Panskura Rs 721152	Accreditation	2	A	20/04/2014	Accepted AIDED
29	WBCOGN12745	Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Hugli-Chuchura 712401	Accreditation	2	B	29/05/2014	Accepted AIDED
30	WBCOGN13243	Raja Rammohun Roy Mahavidyalaya, Arambagh 712406	Accreditation	2	B+	8/5/2015	Accepted AIDED
31	WBCOGN13107	Rammohan College Calcutta 700009	Accreditation	2	B+	18/08/2014	Accepted AIDED
32	WBCOGN13363	Rampurhat College, Rampurhat 731224	Accreditation	2	B	18/07/2014	Accepted AIDED
33	WBCOGN11700	Rishi Bankim Chandra College, Naihati 743165	Accreditation	2	B	29/05/2013	Accepted AIDED
34	WBCOGN14033	Sambhunath College, Labpur 731303	Accreditation	2	B	30/07/2015	Accepted AIDED
35	WBCOGN12748	Sarojini Naidu College For Women, Kolkata 700028	Accreditation	2	B++	30/05/2014	Accepted AIDED
36	WBCOGN13397	Serampore Girls' College, Serampore Hooghly 712201	Accreditation	2	B+	30/05/2014	Accepted AIDED
37	WBCOGN10410	Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata 700071	Accreditation	3	A	16/04/2015	Accepted AIDED
38	WBCOGN10559	Southfield College, (Formerly Loreto College), Darjeeling 734101	Accreditation	2	B+	7/18/2015	Accepted AIDED
39	WBCOGN12206	Sovarani Memorial College, Howrah 711408	Accreditation	2	B	18/02/2014	Accepted AIDED
40	WBCOGN12142	Sripat Singh College, Murshidabad 742123	Accreditation	2	B+	1/6/2015	Accepted AIDED
41	WBCOGN13115	Surendranath College, Kolkata 700009	Accreditation	2	B	11/5/2015	Accepted AIDED
42	WBCOGN12599	Suri Vidyasagar College, Suri 731101	Accreditation	2	B+	8/7/2014	Accepted AIDED
43	WBCOGN13369	Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar 736160	Accreditation	2	B+	14/05/2015	Accepted AIDED
44	WBCOGN13887	Union Christian Training College (BEd), Baharampur 742101	Accreditation	2	B+	1/19/2015	Accepted AIDED
45	WBCOGN11361	Vivekananda College, Calcutta 700063	Accreditation	2	B++	19/06/2015	Accepted AIDED
46	WBCOGN13547	Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya, Medinipur 721458	Accreditation	2	B	30/07/2015	Accepted AIDED

Foundation Stone Laying & Inauguration by

MAMATA BANERJEE

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal

on **26th February, 2016** at **5.30 PM**
at **Khudiram Anushilan Kendra,** Kolkata

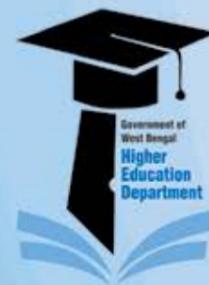## Foundation Stone Laying

Sanskrit Sahitya Charcha O Gabeshana Kendra, Nabadwip

- It will function under the newly-established Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata
- Proposed to come up on 2.44 acres of land at Permedia mouza in Nabadwip, Nadia
- To undertake research on Sanskrit literature and promote the study of Sanskrit as a language; and manage and preserve rare and important manuscripts
- It will re-establish the position of Nabadwip/Nadia as a centre of Sanskrit learning
- Administrative approval for Rs. 25 crore accorded
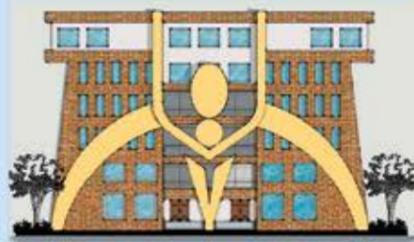
The West Bengal University of Teachers' Training, Education Planning and Administration, Kolkata

- Administrative approval accorded for Rs.15 crore for construction of Academic Building
- WBUTTEPA has started functioning from 2015-16 from David Hare Training College premises
- It is an umbrella institution encompassing all teacher training institutions in West Bengal
- Its objective is to bring in standardization and uniformity in teacher training programmes to improve the quality of the state's teachers

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Academic Building of Bankura University

- The University started functioning from 2014-15 from temporary accommodation
- Rs.15.25 crore spent for construction of Academic Block and Student Activity Centre on 8.22 acres of land in Tilabedia Mouza
- 78 teaching posts,19 non-teaching posts created
- 11 postgraduate courses introduced
- 904 students are enrolled currently

Administrative Building of Diamond Harbour Women's University

- The first Women's University in Eastern India
- Started classes in 2014-15 from temporary premises
- 6.83 acres of land allotted in the Cheora Mouza of South 24 Parganas
- Rs. 33.27 crore sanctioned for construction of Academic Block, Administrative Block and Student Activity Centre
- 70 teaching posts, 21 non-teaching posts created
- 10 postgraduate courses introduced
- 449 students are enrolled currently

New Administrative Building of Bidhan Nagar Government College

- Constructed at a cost of Rs. 23 crore
- 6-story building houses, besides class rooms, a Central Library, Gymnasium, Auditorium, Examinaition Halls, Dispensary, Conference Room, Cafeteria, Alumni Association Room, etc.
- Building to be operational from Academic Session 2016-17

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