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“Everyone In Bengal Should Know That Didi Is Here For You, Your Rights, And Your Safety,” Says Hon’ble Chairperson Mamata Banerjee

“BJP IS ONLY AROUND FOR SIX MONTHS. I KNOW INDIA AND ITS PEOPLE. BJP WILL BE WIPED OUT IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR. THIS IS WHY THEY ARE FOCUSING ON THEIR OWN LOBBIES”

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- We have announced Kranti block as a new administrative block and even though I did not go to Rajbanshi temple due to election rules in place, somebody will offer prayers on my behalf there. Politics and religion are two different things
- I hope my brothers and sisters of tea gardens in Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar remain well. There are around 182 tea garden estates and we have ensured functionality in all except four tea estates under the Duncan Group
- Ahead of Lok Sabha polls, BJP had said that they would reopen tea gardens if they come to power. But they didn’t even reopen one. It was we who achieved the task
- **We will make houses for those who work in the tea gardens as we did under the Chai Sundari scheme. Tourist spots can also come up in tea garden estates providing employment to the younger generation and the creation of hotels and shops. Tea estate labourers will also get the *patta*. This is my promise and work on it has already begun**
- People of Jalpaiguri know that there was nothing here before. You have seen 34 years of CPI(M) regime and 9 years of BJP at the Centre, they have done nothing during their tenure. I ensured multiple things in Jalpaiguri including the GoWB secretariat, Sports Centre, Circuit House, Gajoldoba integrated tourism hub and Zoo
- Bengal government has readied a Narayani Sena Battalion in Cooch Behar. We have declared a state holiday on the birth anniversary of Thakur Panchanan Barma. We have initiated a cultural museum in the name of Panchanan Barma. Even the Panchanan Barma University in Cooch Behar has been started by our government and studies are continuing in Rajbanshi language. We respect all languages and cultures
- Jalpaiguri Medical College, multispecialty hospital, new government colleges, polytechnics and industrial parks are coming up in the district. Clusters are coming up in Kawakhali too. New administrative blocks have come up as well
- A bridge is being prepared over Rakti River which will increase connectivity to Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, and Siliguri
- We have ensured water connection in over 1,54,000 households in Jalpaiguri. In the coming days, 4,32,000 more households in this district will receive piped water connection
- We came up with Sorasuri Mukhyamantri and Duare Sarkar to address people’s complaints. From emergency medical cases to household concerns, many cases are witnessing quick resolutions

- **A student from Alipurduar's Kamakhyaguri came third in Higher Secondary examinations. If she has any challenges to pursue her education, she should just let me know and I will look into it**
- In Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri combined, there are 282 tea garden estates. A scheme has been undertaken to provide houses to 3 lakh tea garden workers. The daily wage of these workers was increased from Rs 67 to Rs 225
- We did not win seats during the last Assembly elections except three in Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar. But I had come here during election campaigning and promised Lakshmir Bhandar to all. Did I discriminate after coming to power? No. Because I knew that people might not have supported us yesterday but tomorrow, they will. I have this faith
- **Around 1.9 crore mothers, daughters, and sisters of the state are availing of the benefits of Lakshmir Bhandar. Rs 36,000 crore is being spent on the same.**
- Earlier the Lakshmir Bhandar rule stated that only one member would get Lakshmir Bhandar, but now we have brought in a new rule that any woman in the age group of 25-60, can avail Lakshmir Bhandar. Once a woman attains 60 years of age, they will automatically be transferred to Old Age Pension and get Rs 1,000 monthly for the rest of their life. We give old age pension and will increase it further once we get our money
- We have brought in Lakshmir Bhandar to respect our women, they are now self-sufficient and empowered
- We have delivered on the promise to provide Krishak Bandhus with Rs 10,000 annually. If a farmer dies, his family gets Rs 2 lakh. During the unfortunate Malbazar incident, I had visited the families of victims and promised jobs. I kept my promise like I always do
- Many people in Cooch Behar have died due to indiscriminate firing by certain BSF personnel. I don't say they are all bad but I only want that they should work without any fear or favour. They should work independently
- **Modi is in power today but will not remain so forever. It is they who will protect our country and our borders. Instead of committing atrocities, they must work with the people, and not against them. Even this morning, one person was killed in Cooch Behar after someone, allegedly from the Bangladesh border fired at them.**
- We are taking action in the matter. Those who died in the BSF firing will get jobs as home guards and Rs 2 lakh for assistance. This is not a new decision and has been the norm for us
- Your daughters are your wealth. You must encourage them to move forward. If they achieve success in life and go forward, our homes and country will see further development. Our Kanyashree takes care of our daughters. We also have Sikshashree, Vivekananda scholarship, Medhashree, and Aikyashree scholarships
- **Earlier, the Centre would give scholarships. Now, they don't give 75% of the allocated funds as decided. Do they pay this amount through their own pocket? No. It is the tax we pay as GST. They take our money and do not give us our share which is used for jobs, housing, roads, and scholarships**
- How much money did you give to America? How much money was spent in Russia?
- I came to do [political] meeting in Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar, but I also held another [administrative] meeting with disaster management officials yesterday to alert

irrigation officials on the upcoming monsoon and ensure plans are put in place to help the people out

- We work for all religions respecting all traditions and celebrating our heritage. Bengal cannot be intimidated. **We want to ensure a people's panchayat this time and our party will monitor all activities after the results to ensure that no one seeks money from the people for our welfare schemes. I urge our people that they should not give money to people for Kanyashree, Swasthya Sathi, or Medhashree. These schemes are your rights**
- If someone asks for money for enlisting you in these schemes, tell them that you will complain to Didi directly as you have the number of Sorasori Mukhyamantri
- Trinamool Congress will win in Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Zilla Parishad, Bengal, and across the country because nobody else has the dedication to defeat us. We will ensure peaceful elections and I urge everyone to vote for all three tiers – Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, and Zilla Parishad
- One, two, three – BJP, CPI(M), and Congress ke biday deen. We might be getting into an alliance with them at the pan-India level but in Bengal, BJP-CPI(M)-Congress are working together in Bengal. They will collapse here because we shouldn't cheat people
- **Minorities in Bengal should remember that Didi is here for you in Bengal and nobody will snatch your rights or your safety. Rajbanshis and Kamtapuri should also remember that Didi is here for each and every citizen of Bengal. We will do all it takes to protect our people**
- We are building an economic corridor here in North Bengal like we are doing in South Bengal. Youth do not have to go out of the State anymore. An abundance of jobs will be created here in this region
- The Centre has halted funds for various projects in Bengal, but I assure you, we will snatch what is rightfully ours. Despite all the hardships, we are doing our best to help those affected by the pending salary of 100 Days' Work Scheme
- Under the Modi government, prices of cooking gas have increased from Rs 400 to Rs 1200. The free rice [provided by us] is being cooked using such expensive gas cylinders. Don't they have any shame left?
- They might try to bring outsiders into your region. Don't let them enter. Take care of your neighbourhood
- **BJP is only around for six months. I know India and its people. BJP will be wiped out in the General Elections next year. This is why they are focussing on their own lobbies.** Suddenly, they will share pictures with some Muslims to show how much they care about minorities. But they have killed minorities and Dalits by lynching them

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