Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I rise to present the Annual Financial Statement for the financial year 2020-21 to this August House.

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Hon'ble Members, at present our country is passing through unprecedented crisis which has reached an alarming situation. Indian economy was so far in ICU but now it has been shifted to ventilation.

Today democracy is under threat. The foundation of Indian Constitution is shaken. Under this situation, India's federal structure is at stake. Not only this, according to Global Democracy Index[1] India's position among other countries of the world has slipped by 10 places and now reached 51st place. It is clear that a planned and purposeful conspiracy is active which will lead the Indian society to a division.

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[1]**Global Democracy Index, 2019 (*The Economist*)**

All the economic indices are not only going down but in many cases they are negative. Not only this, we are also experiencing economic slowdown on the one hand and inflation on the other–as a result, the citizens are now under the grip of Stagflation. Under this situation, the farmers are also facing a tremendous crisis. So then, where have the "Acche Din" gone in these 5 years.

At present India's GDP growth rate has touched its lowest – it has come down to 5%* in 2019-20 which is lowest during the last 11 years. In comparison, the growth of GDP of Bengal has reached 10.4%* which is double the growth rate of India.[2]

Similarly, when the industrial growth of India during 2019-20 (April-November) is 0.6% the industrial growth of Bengal is almost 5 times (3.1%)[3]. Where has the chest thumping slogan of 'Make in India' disappeared?

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[2]**Source: MOSPI, Govt. of India and Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics, Govt. of WB**

***At Constant Prices**

[3]**Index of Industrial Production (IIP), (April-November) 2019-20 MOSPI, GoI and BAE&S, Govt. of WB**

In the midst of such a gloomy environment, we are fortunate that Bengal has claimed No. 1 position in different areas.

100 days work	- Bengal is first
Small Scale Industries	- Bengal is first
Rural Housing	- Bengal is first
Rural Road	- Bengal is first
Minority Scholarship	- Bengal is first
Skill Development	- Bengal is first
EoDB (Ease of Doing Business)	- Bengal is first
e-Tendering[4]	- Bengal is first

Hon'ble Commerce and Industries Minister of Government of India is forced to admit in the Parliament another bright example of Bengal surging forward. He was forced to admit that an amount of Rs. 22,267 Cr. foreign capital has been invested in Bengal during the last 8 years.[5]

In addition, the resounding success of the five Bengal Global Business Summits have made Bengal proud. From the large number of investment proposals received in these summits around Rs. 4.45 lakh Cr. worth investment in large industries has already fructified.

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[4]Awarding Tenders via e-Tender

[5]Government of India Reply given in the Parliament on 5.2.2020 by Union C&I Minister

You will be happy to know that during the last 8 years an amount of Rs. 2,43,419 Cr. has been invested in small and medium industries through the co-operative and commercial banks – here also Bengal is first.[6]

Bengal has been rejuvenated with the implementation of Swasthya Sathi inclusive of free treatment facilities for all. Bengal has become a model State in development programmes like Jaladhara, Gatidhara, and also from agriculture production to poultry reforms.

Hon'ble Members, in the last 8 years considerable work has been done by our Government in the field of good governance and economic reforms under different social protection schemes for the citizens.

Even after repaying the huge burden of loan and at the same time persistent non-cooperation of the Central Government, we have stood by the people of Bengal and we are determined to introduce various social development schemes for the citizens. As a result when the rate of unemployment in India has touched its highest in the

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[6]Through regular meetings of State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) with Finance Minister and creation of MSME Sub-Committee of SLBC

last 45 years, we have been able to successfully reduce the rate of unemployment by 40% in Bengal.[7] Compared to many big States West Bengal has again achieved No. 1 position in reducing poverty successfully to a great extent. This glory is achieved as the State Government has made continuous efforts to include all the members of the family in state schemes and as a result:

1. Percentage of school dropout - considerably reduced
2. Girl child marriage - considerably reduced
3. Ensure food security through Khadya Sathi Scheme
4. Young generation is marching forward with their heads high through the introduction of schemes like Kanyashree, Sikshashree, Aikyashree, Sabuj Sathi, Swami Vivekananda Scholarship, Anandadhara, Jago.

Income of the farmers has also increased manifold due to introduction of exclusive schemes like direct purchase of paddy from the farmers, Krishak Bandhu, Shashya Bima etc.

Poor parents are now getting grants for marriage of their girl child through Rupashree Scheme. Our Government has firmly stood with the senior citizens and differently abled through different social schemes like Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Manabik and others.

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[7]Reply of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 321 on 19.03.2018

We have also implemented various schemes to strengthen the self help groups, social protection schemes for unorganised labours and their families, schemes for folk artists. From Sabujsree to Samabyathi we have firmly stood by our people at every step from birth to death.

Not only this, through many other programmes our Maa Mati Manush Government is marching ahead under the able leadership of Mamata Bandyopadhyay.

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Tax Reforms

2.1 Goods & Services Tax

Honourable Members, you are aware that we had vehemently opposed the Central Government's hurried and unplanned implementation of GST. The country is bearing the brunt of this decision. Tax evasion through fraudulent invoices has reached gigantic proportions. Recently, the Central Government Minister accepted on the floor of the Parliament GST evasion of more than Rs.44,000 Cr. This situation is a cause of serious concern.

2.2 Settlement of Dispute Scheme for VAT, CST and Entry Tax

Honourable Members, I am happy to inform that in December, 2018, the Settlement of Dispute Scheme which I had introduced benefitted more than 30,000 taxpayers. We could collect Rs.1,120 Cr. of the arrear disputed tax.

Still, more than 25,000 such disputed cases are lying pending. I propose to introduce a new and more attractive Settlement scheme for all VAT, Sales Tax, CST etc. and Entry Tax cases which are lying pending upto 31st January, 2020.

The scheme will offer taxpayers to settle their VAT, CST etc. cases by depositing 25% of the disputed tax by 31st March, 2020. For tax payers who are not able to avail this facility, the scheme provides the option of payment of 25% on half of the disputed tax (VAT, CST etc.) before 31st March, 2020. On the balance half of the disputed tax (VAT, CST etc.) they will be required to pay 30% in maximum of 6 monthly instalments from April, 2020.

For Entry Tax, only the admitted tax needs to be paid within 31st March, 2020. For those who are unable to avail this facility, the scheme allows payment of 50% of admitted tax within 31st March and balance 50% with nominal interest in maximum of 6 monthly instalments.

2.3 Settlement of Certificate Cases

Presently, more than 15,000 Certificate Cases/Tax Recovery Cases of the Commercial Taxes are lying pending in the Directorate of Commercial Taxes. For the benefit of the taxpayers, I propose to extend the new Settlement of Dispute Scheme on similar lines for disposal of such Certificate Cases also.

2.4 Settlement of Dispute Cases under Motor Vehicles Act

Waiver of penalty on Outstanding Motor Vehicle Dues

For the benefit of the general public, I propose to introduce a new settlement scheme wherein the taxpayers will get complete waiver of interest and penalty of the outstanding tax, if the payment is made within 31st March, 2020.

Waiver of 50% Compounding Fine on Motor Vehicles Offences

Over and above this, I also propose to waive 50% of the Compounding Fee imposed on all motor vehicles violations under the Motor Vehicles Act, if the payment of the Compounding Fine is made within 31st March, 2020.

2.5 Waiver of Agricultural Income Tax

Honourable Members, considering the gravity of the present situation in the Tea Gardens in the State, I now propose to waive the Agricultural Income Tax to the Tea Gardens for the next two financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

2.6 Relief under Stamp Duty & Registration Act

Waiver of interest on outstanding Stamp Duty

Honourable Members, there are large number of old deeds which are pending registration due to incomplete payment of Stamp Duty. Due to high rate of interest, the registrant public is unable to deposit the remaining amount to complete the registration process. I propose to waive the interest on such cases so that the registrants are able to register their deeds. This move will help thousands of such people.

Reduction of Stamp Duty on Amalgamation

Honourable Members, it is often observed that amalgamation of adjacent plots of lands is required, specially in cases of family property. The present Stamp Duty of 5% to 7% is imposed on such transaction. I propose to reduce the Stamp Duty in such cases from 5% - 7% to nominal 0.5% with the ceiling of Rs.3,00,000.

Creation of Fast Track Appellate Authority for Disposal of Appeal Cases

Honourable Members, a large number of Appeal Cases are lying un-disposed in various Registration Offices of the State. For the speedy disposal of these pending appeal cases, I propose to establish Fast Track Appellate Authority. All cases have to be disposed of within 90 days of the initiation of the case. This will benefit a large number of people.

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3. New Proposals

3.1 Opening of new universities

Hon'ble Members are aware that in the span of last 8 years, the number of universities in the State has increased from 12 to 42, including a new university Harichand Guruchand at Thakurnagar with a branch in Krishnanagar for the contribution of Matua Community, Alia university for the development of the Muslim community, Kanyashree university at Krishnagar, Hindi university at Howrah for the benefit of Hindi speaking people, Darjeeling Hill university, Mahatma Gandhi university at Purba Medinipur, a Women university at South 24-Parganas.

I am happy to announce that 3 more new universities – Birsa Munda University at Jhargram, Ambedkar University in SC dominated area and another university for advancement of education among OBCs will be established in the next two years. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 50 Cr. in the next financial year**.

3.2 Bandhu Prakalpa for Scheduled Caste

Hon'ble Members, I am glad to introduce a new scheme called "Bandhu Prakalpa" for the welfare of aged people belonging to Scheduled Caste community.

Under this scheme, all SC persons above the age 60 years who are not covered under any other pension scheme will be given a monthly pension of Rs. 1,000. As a result, 100% Scheduled Caste persons above the age of 60 years, about 21 lakhs, will be given Old Age Pension. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 2,500 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.3 Jai Johar Prakalpa for Scheduled Tribe

Hon'ble Members, I am glad to introduce a new scheme called 'Jai Johar Prakalpa' for the welfare of aged Scheduled Tribe persons.

Under this scheme, all ST persons above the age 60 years who are not covered under any other pension scheme will be given a monthly pension of Rs. 1,000. As a result, 100% Scheduled Tribe persons above the age of 60 years, about 4 lakhs, will be given Old Age Pension. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 500 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.4 Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha

Hon'ble Members, the unorganised workers in construction, transport and other sectors of our State are given free of cost various benefits like compensation for accidental death or disability, health facilities, grant for education of children, etc under the Samajik Suraksha Yojana (SSY). Besides the above benefits, they also get the benefit of provident fund. Under the Provident Fund component of the SSY, the enrolled beneficiaries under the scheme has to deposit Rs. 25 per month and an amount of Rs. 30 is contributed by the State Government. On reaching the age of 60 years or on death or discontinuation, the beneficiary can draw the accumulated amount along with interest.

I am happy to announce a new Scheme named 'Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha'in place of the existing Samajik Suraksha Yojana. Under the new scheme, the State Government, besides providing other benefits free of cost will also provide provident fund benefit free of cost. It will bear the beneficiary contribution of Rs. 25 per month in addition to its own contribution of Rs. 30 per month. The beneficiary will not have to make any contribution for all the benefits including the Provident Fund. This Scheme will be operative from 1st April, 2020. It is expected that 1.50 Cr. families will be benefitted under the Scheme. **For this purpose, I propose to make an additional allocation of Rs. 500 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.5 Banglashree Prakalpa

Hon'ble Members, this Government has given special focus on the development of MSME sector in the State as it provides maximum employment.

With the objective of further giving impetus to the MSME sector, I propose to introduce a new incentive scheme for MSME named "Banglashree" from 1st April, 2020. MSMEs which started operations with effect from 1st April, 2019 will also be eligible for this Scheme. It is expected that with this Incentive Scheme more and more

new MSMEs will be established and huge employment will be generated. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 100 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.6 Karma Sathi Prakalpa

Hon'ble Members, I am happy to announce a new Scheme named 'Karma Sathi Prakalpa' for making unemployed youth self-reliant. Under the Scheme every year for the next 3 years, 1 lakh unemployed youth will be assisted. They will be provided soft loan and subsidy for taking up any new income generating project upto Rs. 2 lakh. The loan will be provided by the State owned Cooperative Bank. It is expected that unemployed youth assisted under the Scheme will able to take up small manufacturing or trading activities and will become self-reliant. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 500 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.7 Establishment of new MSME Park

Hon'ble Members, West Bengal is a leading State in micro, small and medium enterprises. As per NSS report of the Central government, the State has 88.67 lakh MSME establishments. During the last 8 years, the number of MSME Clusters in operation has grown from 49 to 539.

The infrastructure for small industries has also seen tremendous growth. At present 52 MSME Parks are operating and 39 more such Parks are under construction in the state.

Now in order to further attract MSME investment in the State, I propose to establish 100 new MSME Parks in the next 3 years. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 200 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.8 Chaa Sundari

Hon'ble Members, around 3 lakh permanent workers are on rolls in 370 tea gardens in the State. Among them almost 50% are women and a majority belong to Scheduled Tribes. You are aware that the State Government is already giving rice at Rs. 2 per kg, free electricity, health benefits, mid-day meal and also a large number of other benefits.

Many of these workers do not have house of their own due to poor economic condition. With the objective of providing them housing facilities, I am happy to announce a new Scheme named "Chaa Sundari" under which within next 3 years the State Government will provide funds for construction of housing for all those permanent workers who do not have house of their own. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 500 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.9 Hasir Alo

Hon'ble Members, during the last 8 years we have achieved 99.9% electrification in the State to provide electricity to the consumers. Besides this, we are providing electricity at low cost to the poor consumers. But still those who are very poor, face much problem in paying their electricity bills.

I am happy to announce a new Scheme named 'Hasir Alo' for providing free electricity to the poor of our State. Under the Scheme, no electric charge will be levied on all those poor domestic consumers whose quarterly consumption of electricity is upto 75 units (Life Line Consumers). This will benefit around 35(thirty five) lakhs poor families of the State. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 200 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.10 Training Academy for Civil Services

Hon'ble Members, in order to encourage students of West Bengal in appearing for Civil Services Examinations we are already running a Training Centre at the Administrative Training Institute. We have received encouraging response and a good number of students have been successful at the competitive Civil Services Examinations.

Encouraged by the success of this coaching centre, I am happy to announce of opening of 3 new Civil Service Academies at Kolkata, Siliguri and Durgapur named Mahatma Gandhi, Jai Hind and Azad for coaching students for such examinations. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 15 Cr. for the next financial year**.

3.11 Bangla Sahayata Kendra

Hon'ble Members are aware that the State is providing most of the services online to the public through extensive use of Information Technology. With the objective of improving access to all the services of the State Government, I propose to establish 2,744 Bangla Sahayata Kendras in the first phase in all 23 District offices (including Kolkata), 66 Sub-Divisional offices, 342 Block Development offices, 1,500 Primary Health Centres and 813 Libraries across the State. Citizens would be able to use these Kendras for getting services relating to all Schemes of the State Government like Kanyashree, Aikyashree, Caste Certificates, Residential Certificates, deposit of tax and other fees, etc. **For this purpose, I propose to make an allocation of Rs. 100 Cr. for the next financial year**.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your permission I would like to place the achievements and State Plan allocation of major departments in Part-4 of the speech which may be considered as read. Sir, I now directly go to the concluding part of my speech at Part-5 (page no. 91).

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Achievements of major Departments and Budget Allocations for 2020–21

Big push to Agriculture and Rural Economy

4.1 Agriculture

The State for the 6th consecutive year has been awarded "Krishi Karman Award" for the best performance in coarse cereals production during the year 2017-18. Moreover, two farmers of West Bengal have been selected for "Agriculture Minister's Krishi Karman Award" in the year 2017-18.

"Krishak Bandhu" scheme was launched in January, 2019 with two components namely "Krishak Bandhu (Assured Income) scheme" to provide financial assistance @ Rs. 5,000/- per acre and "Krishak Bandhu (Death Benefit)" to provide one time death grant of Rs. 2 lakh

Assistance. Rs. 620.23 Cr. has already been given to 39,51,800 farmers under "Krishak Bandhu (Assured Income)" up to Kharif 2019 and Rs. 1100.79 crore is going to be disbursed to 41,02,503 farmers by 31st January, 2020. Under "Krishak Bandhu (Death Benefit)" scheme, assistance amounting to Rs. 89.08 Cr. has been given to family of 4,454 deceased farmers till 31st December, 2019.

During 2019-20, a total amount of Rs. 128 Cr. is being provided as subsidy to farmers for purchase of equipments, of which Rs. 70 Cr. for establishment of 400 Custom Hiring Centres.

Rs. 1,285 Cr. is proposed for more than 20 lakh farmers as relief from damages by cyclone 'Bulbul' & other calamities under the scheme–State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) during 2019.

Bangla Shasya Bima (BSB) Scheme, a wholly state funded Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented in the State since Kharif 2019 season. Full premium is borne by the State Government for all crops except potato and sugarcane. About 46 lakh farmers have been covered under the scheme during Kharif 2019 season.

1 lakh farmers are being provided monthly pension of Rs. 1,000/- under Farmers' Old Age pension scheme.

Under "Universalization of Soil Health Cards" 45.28 lakh Soil Health Cards have been issued in the second cycle (2017-19). There are 23 Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) in our State.

I propose to allocate Rs. 5860.57 Cr. to the Agriculture Department for the next Financial Year.

4.2 Agricultural Marketing

186 Krishak Bazars with modern marketing facilities have been set up so far. 18 of such Krishak Bazars have already been connected with the national level e-NAM (Electronic National Agricultural Market) portal.

Total Rs. 1773.13 Cr. have been spent from 2011-12 to 2018-19 for creation of marketing infrastructures including Krishak Bazars.

"SUFAL BANGLA" project is operational since 2014. It procures agricultural commodities directly from the individual farmers/Farmers' Producers' Organisations (FPOs)/Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) etc. and sell the same directly to the consumers at reasonable price. It presently operates with 63 mobile vans, 3 Hubs and 131 static and mobile stores in 15 districts of the state. Since inception Rs. 21.63 Cr. of fund has been utilised in this project till date. Annual turnover is expected to reach Rs. 32 Cr. during 2019-20.

Potato Procurement Scheme 2019 was introduced to safeguard the farmers of the state wherein Rs. 550/- per quintal was declared as the procurement price.

Potato Market Intervention Scheme 2019 has been introduced to stabilize the upward market price of potato.

In view of the recent nationwide spiralling price hike of onion above Rs. 150 per kg, Onion Market Intervention Scheme 2019 was implemented. As on date, i.e, 31.12.2019, onion is being sold to public @ Rs. 59/- per kg through 131 SUFAL BANGLA outlets, 934 Fair Price Shops under Food and Supplies Department and 105 women SHG groups in different districts.

WBAPM(R) Act was suitably amended twice in 2014 and in 2017 to attract more investment in the sector and provide remunerative price to the farmer.

West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board (WBAMB) has introduced online integrated electronic single platform permit (e-Permit) System for fast and hassle-free transactions of agricultural produce in West Bengal.

I propose to allocate Rs. 350 Cr. to the Agricultural Marketing Department in the next Financial Year.

4.3 Food Security: Food and Supplies

"Khadya Sathi" is presently providing food security to 9.16 Cr. beneficiaries across the state.

Highly subsidized foodgrains is being provided through the vast network of 500 plus distributors and 20,000 plus fair price shops.

Special packages over and above the existing entitlements are provided to more than 50 lakhs beneficiaries belonging to vulnerable sections of society and those living in remote/interior areas i.e. Aila affected blocks, Jangal Mahal area, Hill areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts, all workers and non workers residing in tea garden areas.

40.81 lakh MT of paddy was procured in the K.M.S 2018-2019 from 11.05 lakh farmers. Further 5.23 lakh MT of Paddy has been procured so far (upto 31.12.2019) in KMS 2019-20.

Storage capacity has been increased from 63,044 MT in 2011 to 9,54,374 MT in 2019 and will be further enhanced to 12,09,074 MT by March 2021. Projected capacity as on March, 2020 is 11,00,244 MT.

The Department has taken initiative to Construct 'Model Fair Price Shop' in all Tea gardens. Till date 155 such FPS in Darjeeling (26), Jalpaiguri (79), Kalimpong

(06) and Alipurduar (44) districts have been constructed and construction of 11 more FPSs will be completed by March 2020.

Digital Ration Cards have been provided to each and every Khadya Sathi beneficiary. e-PoS machine have been introduced in more than 19,000 Fair Price Shops till date.

A new 'Non Subsidized Digital Ration Card' has been introduced for persons who are not entitled to get 'Subsidized Food Grain Digital Ration Card'.

I propose to allocate Rs. 8,390 Cr. to the Food and Supplies Department for the next Financial Year.

4.4 Food Processing Industries and Horticulture

West Bengal Produced 29.55 million tonnes (MT) of vegetables in 2018-19 against 27.70 MT in the year before which is 15.9 per cent of the country's total vegetable production (3rd Advanced estimates).

In Paschimanchal and North Bengal, cultivation of vegetables, fruits, flowers and spices is being encouraged. With this initiative an additional land of 3,687 hectares has been brought under cultivation in Paschimanchal and 1,090 hectares in North Bengal regions.

Experimental cultivation of Commercial Seedless Varieties of Grapes in Bankura district has commenced in consultation with the National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune. Propagation of commercial varieties of new

fruits like dragon fruit and strawberry has also been taken up in the North Bengal districts.

The work related to establishment of "Centre of Excellence for Vegetables", in Hooghly district, an initiative taken up with the assistance of MASHAV, Israel has commenced.

30 FPOs (Farmer Producers Organizations) have been formed for procurement of inputs, cultivation and marketing of produce.

Scheme for raising of about 18 lakhs of different fruit plants / horticultural plants at Ayeshpur Nursery, Nadia and about 6 lakhs at Mohitnagar Nursery in Jalpaiguri district will be taken up in next financial year.

I propose to allocate Rs. 185 Cr. to the Food Processing Industries & Horticulture Department.

4.5 Animal Resources Development

The annual egg production will increase from 860 crore in 2018-19 to about 959 crore in 2019-20, a 12% increase due to distribution of chicks and ducklings to over 10 lakh beneficiaries.

During this financial year, about 64 lakh chicks and ducklings have already been distributed among 6.85 lakh beneficiaries. There is plan for distribution of another 15.75 lakh chicks and ducklings among 3.15 lakh beneficiaries.

The implementation of the State Incentive Scheme for Commercial Layer Poultry and Poultry Breeding Farm, 2017 is going on. 41 Projects for 17.50 lakh layers with an investment of about Rs. 160 Cr. have already been completed leading to production of additional 50.95 Cr. eggs annually. Another 38 projects for 15.40 lakh layers with an investment of about Rs. 151 Cr. is under process. After completion of all the projects, additional 96 Cr. eggs will be produced annually. This will hugely reduce our dependence on import of eggs from other States.

To augment egg production in the State, an Environmentally Controlled Commercial Layer Farm is being set up at Kalyani, Nadia at a project cost of Rs. 31 Cr. having layer capacity of 3 lakh from where 9.10 Cr. eggs will be produced annually and the farm will start functioning at the end of this financial year.

The artificial insemination for 37.53 lakhs Cow, Buffalo mother cattle has already been done and 10.86 lakh calves were born through artificial insemination upto October 2019.

To meet up the demand of broiler chicks in the State, a Broiler Breeding Farm is being set up at Jotiakali, Jalpaiguri at a project cost of Rs. 12.63 Cr. having Breeder capacity of 30,000 from where 30 lakh chicks will be produced annually.

Modern Chicken and Pork Processing Plant at Phansidewa block of Darjeeling district with a capacity of 8 MT Chicken and 8 MT Pork per day, at a project cost of Rs. 36.25 Cr., has been established and started functioning.

106 numbers of Mobile Veterinary Clinics (MVC) have provided doorstep Animal Health Care Services to 11.34 lakh livestock owners of remote areas in the State upto October 2019.

I propose to allocate Rs. 565.50 Cr. to the Animal Resources Development Department.

4.6 Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources & Fishing Harbours

To ensure production of big sized fish 12,000 kg/ha/ year, Moyna Model has been implemented across 19 districts covering an area of 180 hectares in 2019-20. The scheme 'Big Fish in Big Water Bodies' was executed in 152 nos. of water bodies for production of big fishes above 2 kgs. in weight.

During 2019-20 under Jal Dharo Jal Bharo, 14,232 ponds with an area of 1,383 hectares have been excavated.

During 2019-20, distribution of 300 lakh of fish fingerlings along with 5,000 MT fish feed was made free of cost, benefiting about 35,000 fish farmers.

Fish culture in the 21 abandoned Opencast Coal Pits (OCPs) in Paschim Bardhaman, has been taken up till now.

In 2019-20, around 70 women have received assistance in taking up Ornamental fishery. 1,622 tribal fish farmers, have also received assistance for culturing Deshi Magur in small ponds.

10 cold storages, 8 Ice plants, 12 fish markets and 6 fish landing centres have been constructed. Re-excavation and reclamation of 14 nos. of beels (OX BOW lakes) has aided in increasing the area under culture. 53 nos. of Khuti Societies located at Contai and Diamond Harbour have been engaged for operation and maintenance of the dry fish centres.

8,500 old and infirm fishermen are being provided monthly old age pension of Rs. 1,000/-. 3,656 nos. of Distress Alert Transmitters (DAT) have been distributed.

During 2019-20, 5,460 bi-cycles with insulated boxes and 1,433 Jal and Handies were distributed to poor fishermen, 290 tribal fishermen were provided with financial assistance for contribution of dwelling houses @ Rs. 1 lakh per head.

I propose to allocate Rs. 340 Cr. to the Fisheries Department for the next Financial Year.

4.7 Panchayat & Rural Development

Under MGNREGA, West Bengal could establish itself as the highest achiever in the country. In 2018-19 financial year, the State could generate as high as 33.83 Cr. person days. In current Financial Year, 14.55 Cr. person days have been generated as on 31st December, 2019. Average person days of employment provided per household in previous financial year i.e. 2018-19 was 77 days. It is expected that this would be breached by end of the current financial year.

In 2019-20 financial year till date, 58,846 no. water conservation and water harvesting structures have been completed.

For housing Anganwadi Centres not having own buildings, construction of such building for 1,099 centres have been taken up in the current financial year.

Under Banglar Awas Yojona, in the last financial year i.e. 2018-19 sanction was accorded by the State for 5,85,869 no. of houses, out of which 5,56,903 were completed so far. In this financial year, sanction has been accorded for 8,12,069 no. of beneficiaries, out of which 7,54,074 have already received at least one or more instalments till 31st December, 2019.

Under the Banglar Gramin Sadak Yojona, 35,611.41 Km of road length has been sanctioned under this programme involving an amount of Rs. 16,561.62 Cr. During 2018-19, a sum of Rs. 2010.06 Cr. has been spent under this programme which is highest ever in the State. Till 31st December, 2019 Rs. 1,139 Cr. has already been spent in the programme and it is expected that expenditure by end of this financial year may surpass the previous financial year. In 2018-19, a new road length of 5,111.82 Km were constructed in the State which is highest ever in the State and is among the top most performances in the country. During 2019-20, 1,165 Km of new road length is further constructed and about 3,500 km under Phase I & II of the programme are under various stages of construction. Once completed, the Phase-I of Gramin Sadak Yojona will be over in the State.

Under Mission Nirmal Bangla, since 2012-13, total 71,40,421 individual household toilets have been constructed in the State till date. All the districts and Gram Panchayats have turned ODF within this time. Around 2,380 no. public toilets have also been built.

Up to December 2019, total 22,70,374 beneficiaries have been benefitted under the National Social Assistance

Programme (NSAP) an expenditure of Rs. 940 Cr. up-to 31st December 2019. At present 14.17 lakh old age pensioners, 7.77 lakh widow pensioners, 62,775 disabled pensioners and 13,599 no. of families have been granted benefit under NSAP till December 2019.

Under WBSRLM, more than 8 lakh all-women Self Help Groups have been formed and brought under the Anandadhara fold till now. 37,353 Upasanghas and 3,336 Sanghas have been formed. 3,281 Sanghas are now registered as Multipurpose Primary Co-operative Societies under the West Bengal Co-operative Societies Act.

So far this year, SHGs of have been sanctioned credit of Rs. 11,368.90 Cr. Till December 2019, 6,62,234 SHGs were credit linked with outstanding loan balance of Rs. 8,700 Cr.

I propose to allocate Rs. 20,786 Cr. to the Panchayats & Rural Development Department for the next Financial Year.

4.8 Irrigation and Waterways

Rehabilitation works of Durgapur Barrage, Dauk Barrage, Mahananda Barrage and Massanjore Dam, as recommended by the experts have been taken up.

An additional area of 13,800 hectares of cultivable land has been brought under irrigation during 2019-20 by completing renovation of 1 Major Irrigation Scheme and 18 Medium and Minor Surface Irrigation Schemes. Rehabilitation works of existing 38 more medium and minor irrigation schemes are ongoing to bring additional 8,800 hectares of land under irrigation.

After almost a decade, Kharif irrigation has been provided to 12,600 hectares of land in Paschim & Purba Medinipur districts consequent to rehabilitation of old Medinipur Anicut. Canal irrigation will be provided in the ensuing Boro-Rabi season at 2.64 lakh hectares of cultivable land.

During 2019-20, 76 km of flood and river eroding embankments have been improved and 36 km of drainage channels have been excavated. Work of Ghatal Master Plan has been started from State's own resources.

The "West Bengal Major Irrigation and Flood Management Project" under World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank funding, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,932 Cr. has been taken up for modernization of DVC canal system.

I propose to allocate Rs. 2,820 Cr. to the Irrigation and Waterways Department for the next Financial Year.

4.9 Water Resources Investigation & Development

During 2019-20, Irrigation Potential of about 60,000 hectare has been planned to be created. A total of 2,487 minor irrigation schemes with an irrigation potential 54,760 hectares have already been completed up to 31.12.2019.

Under 'Jal Dharo Jal Bharo' programme, 29,348 units of equivalent tanks have been created / renovated up to 31.12.2019.

Under 'Jalatirtha' and other Programmes, 721 schemes have been completed creating irrigation potential of 19,113 hectares up to 31.12.2019.

Under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), 1,386 Minor Irrigation Schemes have been completed in this year up to 31.12.2019 creating irrigation potential of 26,145 hectares.

Under the World Bank assisted West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project (WBADMIP), 298 schemes have been completed in this year up to 31.12.2019 creating an additional irrigation potential of 2,469 hectares.

During 2019-20 up to 31.12.19, 190 Water User Associations (WUAs), comprising 8,628 beneficiary families have been formed.

Since 2011-12 up to 31.12.2019, 204.82 km old silted creek has been re-excavated in saline area of South 24 Parganas District creating 6,628.5 hectares of Irrigation Potential.

142 schemes having irrigation potential of 949 hectares have been completed with solar power. 145 of schemes using minor irrigation have been installed creating irrigation potential of 677 hectares up to 31.12.2019 since 2011-2012.

I propose to allocate Rs. 925 Cr. to the Water Resources Investigation & Development Department for the next Financial Year.

4.10 Co-operation

Crop Loan to the tune of Rs. 2,639.96 Cr. has been disbursed to 9,64,187 numbers of farmer-members upto 30.11.2019.

Construction of 3 (three) Storage Godowns having total capacity of 3,750 MT has been completed during current year under RIDF/WIF. Construction of another 20 Storage Godowns, each having capacity of 10,000 MT, involving Rs. 208.87 Cr. has also been taken up.

Construction of 55 Rural Godowns with a capacity of 5,500 MT in different co-operatives involving Rs. 9.63 Cr. has been completed during current year under RKVY. Construction of another 83 Rural Godowns having capacity of 8,300 MT involving Rs. 14.53 Cr. has been taken up during the current fiscal.

Loan to the tune of Rs. 704.84 Cr. has been given to 1,05,762 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) during the current year.

During KMS 2018-19, 16.53 lakh MT paddy was procured through Co-operative Societies / BENFED / CONFED.

Under the 'Income Enhancement Initiative for SHGs through Poultry Farming & Goat Rearing', a loan of Rs. 180 Cr. has already been provided to 1 lakh members of Self Help Groups for backyard poultry and goat rearing.

Initiative has been taken to establish Customer Service Points (CSP) in 2,631 PACS with an aim to provide financial services to the rural people. So far, 2,204 numbers of PACS have been assisted with Rs. 199.26 Cr. for the purpose.

Farm Machinery Hubs (Custom Hiring Centre) are being set up. 340 co-operative societies have been assisted with Rs. 102.99 Cr. for the purpose.

I propose to allocate Rs. 295 Cr. to the Co–operation Department.

4.11 Forests

Under 'Sabujshree' 29,98,601 seedlings have been distributed till mid of October, 2019 since its inception in 2017.

Afforestation covering 8032.042 hectare of forest area and non-forest areas have been achieved during 2019-20. Also, more than 1 Cr. of seedlings have been distributed.

As per Biennial 'India State of Forest Report, 2019', by Forest Survey of India, the Recorded Forest Cover of the State increased by 55 sq. km i.e., an increase of 0.33% over the last 2 year. There has been a qualitative Improvement also. 'Very Dense Forest' increased by 25 sq. km & 'Medium Dense Forest' by 13 sq. km & 'Open Forests' by 17 sq. km.

In 2019, a new alternate Rhino Habitat at Patlakhawa in Cooch Behar district outside the usual habitat in Jaldapara National Park and Gorumara National Park has been made.

Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre (VCBC), established at Rajabhatkhawa under Buxa Tiger Reserve, Alipurduar, was the second such centre of the country.

The JICA assisted West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project (WBFBCP) implemented in 600 JFMCs has raised a total of 80 lakhs seedlings in 40 modern nurseries funded though the project.

Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Forest Department inaugurated the Anaconda enclosure and Hyena enclosure at Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata on International Tiger Day celebrated on 29.07.2019.

A nature interpretation centre was opened at Bengal Safari, Siliguri on 05.03.2019.

Trackless toy train was introduced at Bengal Safari, Siliguri for visitors.

I propose to allocate Rs. 415 Cr. to the Forest Department for the next Financial Year.

Social Infrastructure

4.12 Health & Family Welfare

OPD and IPD services have started at 40 SSHs out of the 42 Super Speciality Hospitals of the State. The OPD at the 41st SSH at Hatuara in Purulia district has started functioning from 2019.

The number of Government Medical Colleges has increased from only 10 in 2010-11 to 18 in 2019-20. 4 more Government Medical Colleges are being set up.

Nearly 1.5 Cr. families consisting of 7.5 Cr. persons (approx) are covered under Swasthya Sathi. The beneficiary can avail coverage upto Rs 5 lakh without making any contribution. 1,518 Network Hospitals and Nursing Homes are providing services under the scheme. Health Care Benefit amounting to Rs. 906.53 Cr. was availed by 8.99 lakh patients in 2019-20 against Rs 503.50 Cr. availed by 5.2 lakh patients in 2018-19.

Out of 14 Mother and Child Hubs (M&CH), 9 units have become operational. 5 more hubs (at Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Canning SDH, Silampur BPHC, Sujapur PHC in Malda district and Anupnagar RH in Murshidabad district) will become operational during 2020-21.

12 Waiting Huts for pregnant women, set up for facilitating safe delivery of babies, are functioning. 2 more Waiting Huts have been planned for Birpara SGH in Alipurduar and Joypur BPHC in Amta II block of Howrah.

Matri-Yan, the 24×7 emergency transportation service have performed more than 10.44 lakh patient trips (till September, 2019) by 804 ambulances.

10,357 sub-centres and select PHCs are being upgraded to 'Su-swasthya Kendra' over a period of 5 years commencing from 2018-19. 162 sub-centres and

268 PHCs have been upgraded as 'Su-swasthya Kendra' in 2018-19. Additional 1,800 primary healthcare facilities are being upgraded into Su-swasthya Kendras by March, 2020.

69 critical care facilities are functioning in the State including 44 Critical Care Unit (CCU) and 25 High Dependency Unit (HDU). More than 1,82,000 people have received quality critical care treatment in these units.

The Institutional Delivery has increased from 97.5% in 2018-19 to 98.5% in 2019-20. It was only 68.1% in 2011.

The Maternal Mortality ratio has reduced from 101 per 1 lakh mothers in 2018 to 94 in 2019, much below the national average of 122. It was 117 per 1 lakh mothers in 2011.

The State has achieved Infant Mortality Rate of 24 per 1,000 live births against last year of 25 per 1,000 live births, much below the national average of 33.

One unit at Srirampur has been made functional this year making the tally to 70 Sick New-born Care Unit (SNCUs) with additional 2,523 beds.

117 Fair Price Medicine Shops are now functional.

149 High-end Fair Price Diagnostic and Dialysis Centres including 39 Dialysis Units are functional in the State. Total amount spent so far is Rs. 394.56 Cr. and free services have been availed by 67.41 lakh patients.

I propose to allocate Rs. 4,608 Cr. to the Health & Family Welfare Department.

4.13 School Education

Since 2011, more than 1,87,000 additional class rooms have been constructed. Free school uniforms has been given to more than 8 (eight) Cr. school children, free school bags to nearly 73 lakh students and shoes to around 170 lakh students.

In 2019-20 so far School uniform was provided free of cost to more than 108 lakh students of Primary and Upper-Primary level.

100% schools have been covered under mid-day-meal programme. Currently about 113 lakh students are covered. 2,914 Dining Halls have been constructed and more than 5,000 are under construction.

4,665 no. of additional classrooms have been sanctioned.

65 English Medium schools have been sanctioned under the Government sector.

A completely new e-Portal of the School Education Department named “Banglar Siksha” has been launched.

67,644 Primary Teachers, 26,000 Upper-Primary Teachers and 13,961 Secondary Teachers have been trained during 2019-20 financial year.

Composite school grant has been sanctioned to 67,321 Primary and Upper-Primary schools and 8,604 Secondary and Higher Secondary schools.

I propose to allocate Rs. 8,750 Cr. to the School Education Department for the next Financial Year.

4.14 Higher Education

The number of Universities in the State have increased from 12 to 42 in last nine years out of which 20 are State Aided Universities, 10 are Private Universities and 12 are up-coming Universities. 50 new Colleges have been established during the same period.

Gross enrollment in Higher Education increased from 13.24 lakhs during 2010-11 to 20.97 lakhs during 2018-19 academic session.

I propose to allocate Rs. 700 Cr. to the Higher Education Department for the next Financial Year.

4.15 Technical Education & Training and Skill Development

Since the inception of 'Utkarsh Bangla' programme training infrastructure to train 6 lakhs persons annually has been established.

1,502 Training Partners with 2,411 Training Centres are presently empanelled for short term training in 38 skill sectors under State Plan.

Under DDUGKY, 28 Project Implementing Agencies with 69 active Training Centres are providing training in 22 skill sectors.

99 Training Partners with 266 Training Centres are presently enrolled for training under PMKVY-CSSM.

Utkarsh Bangla has been awarded with the prestigious Winner's Prize at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) prize 2019 under the aegis of the United Nations.

Under 'Swapno Bhor' programme, skill development work is being implemented for Kanyashree recipients.

Total number of Govt. & Govt. sponsored Polytechnics has become 76 compared to 40 as was before 2011.

17 (seventeen) new self-financed polytechnic/diploma pharmacy institution has been set-up during the academic year 2019.

The approved intake capacity of polytechnics has gone up to 39,947 in 2019-20 including students under Lateral Entry Scheme compared to a total approved intake capacity of 17,185 before 2011.

Construction works of the following 4 new Govt. polytechnics are going on: Mirik, Alipurduar & Dasnagar under State Plan, Ulluberia under MSDP.

Intake capacity of the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) has been enhanced from 80,809 in 2018 to 85,300 during 2019.

MoU has been signed with M/s TATA-STRIVE and M/s SIEMENS for conducting German Dual-VET Training Scheme at 11 nos Government ITIs for Electrician Trade & at 10 nos Government ITIs for Fitter Trade in West Bengal.

ARISE (Advanced Repair and Industrial Skill Enhancement), a joint venture with Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd is running at 04 Government ITIs.

M/s Naandi Foundation is imparting Mahindra-Pride Classroom Programme on Soft Skills, Life Skills, Communication Skills and Interview Preparation at various Government & Private ITIs in West Bengal. In F.Y. - 2019-20, total 3813 no. of students have already been trained from 44 ITIs (Government ITI-25 & Private ITI- 19). Total 296 trainees have been shortlisted by 06 companies in Job-Utsab at Govt. ITI, Tollygunge.

In Short Term Vocational Training for VIII+ Level (06 months duration), 1,15,198 students have already been awarded Skill Certificate in the Academic session 2018-19. Expected Skill Training to be imparted to 1,30,000 students in the Academic session 2019-20.

In Vocational Education Programme for X+2 level (Equivalent to mainstream H.S. Course), 23,448 students have passed in the year 2019 and about 29,558 students are expected to appear in March 2020.

I propose to allocate Rs. 900 Cr. to the Technical Education, Training & Skill Development Department for the next Financial Year.

4.16 Youth Services and Sports

Renovation and upgradation of Vidyasagar Krirangan Barasat, Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kishore Bharati Stadium, Barrackpore Sports Complex, Diamond Harbour Sports Complex have been taken up in this Financial year. Bengal Table Tennis Academy has been operationalised. Grant-in Aid has been provided to individuals & organisations such as Canning Swimming Pool & Canning Sports Complex, Jhargram Archery Academy & Bengal Football Academy, etc.

06 (Six) nos. of new Youth Hostels namely (1) Durgapur Youth Hostel (Paschim Bardhaman) (2) Mython Youth Hostel (Paschim Bardhaman) (3) Nabadwip Youth Hostel (Nadia) (4) Mayapur Youth Hostel (Nadia) (5) Swami Vivekananda Multifacility Youth Hostel (Malda) (6) Navaprajanma (Annexe) State Youth Hostel at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake have become operational during the financial year 2019-20.

I propose to allocate Rs. 625 Cr. to the Youth Services and Sports Department for the next Financial Year.

4.17 Information & Cultural Affairs

Under the State-funded Flagship Programme Lok Prasar Prakalpa (LPP) more than 1.94 lakh folk artists are enrolled. During this year, LPP artists have performed in more than 30,000 programmes throughout the State.

'Swastha Sathi' Scheme has been extended to Cable TV Operators, Sub-operators, their workers and families with membership of more than 12,000 and coverage of more than 1 lakh.

"West Bengal Pension Scheme for the Journalists, 2018" for those journalists above 60 years of age has till now covered 96 retired journalists with monthly pension of Rs. 2,500/-.

MAAVOI– (West Bengal Health Scheme for Journalists, 2016), so far, has enrolled 895 accredited journalists with the total number of 1787 beneficiaries. So far 131 no. of journalists have been provided medical assistance.

Under Medical Benefit Scheme for the Cine and Television Artistes / Technicians / Workers, State Government pays full premium for extending Group Health Insurance coverage, covering more than 6,000 primary members. The total numbers of beneficiaries are around 43,000. The State Government has enhanced the limit under this scheme from Rs. 1.5 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs during 2018-19 so as to cover critical illnesses also. The scheme also provides Personal Accident coverage of Rs. 1 lakh for the primary members.

The State Government provides one time pension under Literary and Cultural Pension Scheme and monthly pension to aged and eminent Jatra artistes. So far 148 persons have been benefited during this year.

In order to commemorate the bicentennial Birth Anniversary of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, restoration and conservation of Ghatal Vidyasagar High School, Birsingha Bhagabati Vidyalaya and Vidyasagar Smriti Mandir in the Village of Birsingha (Birth place of Vidyasagar) have been completed by I & CA Department.

Construction of the West Bengal Tele Akademi Complex at Baruipur has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 132 Cr.

The 25th edition of Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) was held between 8th and 15th November 2019 and witnessed participation of 352 films including 132 foreign films from 76 countries. The films were screened in 17 venues and KIFF can now boast of being one of the world's largest film festivals.

Red Road Carnival was organized at Red Road on 11th October 2019. 75(Seventy Five) Durga Puja committees from all over Kolkata participated in the carnival.

Bangla Sangeet Mela was held between 5th & 12th December, 2019 simultaneously in 10 venues located in various places of Kolkata and has witnessed participation of about 3000 Artistes, Musicians and Anchors from Bengal. 26 eminent Artists were awarded 'Bishesh Sangeet Mahasamman', 'Sangeet Mahasamman', and 'Sangeet Samman'.

I propose to allocate Rs. 525 Cr. to the Information and Cultural Affairs Department for the next Financial Year.

4.18 Mass Education Extension & Library Services

This year, 2007 children were admitted to Welfare Homes.

In 2019, eleven Sponsored Special Schools have been upgraded from primary level to Class VIII standard.

Special Grant of Rs. 50 Lakh for Festival Garments for the students with special need of 107 institutions has been released.

Grants for school shoes and school bags amounting to Rs. 80.10 Lakh has been released for the students with special need and inmates of Welfare Homes.

The rate of scholarship for the students with disabilities has been enhanced. The family income bar has been raised to Rs. 2 lakh per annum to enable more students to avail the scholarship.

The norm of fixing upper age limit for staying of inmates in the Social Welfare Homes has been modified to stay in the Social Welfare Homes till they pass H.S.Exam or attain 18 years of age whichever is earlier.

Building & other special adhoc grant to Govt. Sponsored / Aided / Non Govt. Non Sponsored Public Libraries and special grant to Govt. Libraries / Institutions to the tune of Rs. 10.12 Cr. has been incurred to benefit 89 libraries .

I propose to allocate Rs. 100 Cr. to the Mass Education Extension and Library Services Department for the next Financial Year.

Physical Infrastructure

4.19 Public Health Engineering & Drinking Water (PHE)

Under "Special Infrastructure Projects" PHE Department is implementing 9 (nine) water supply projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,011.90 Cr., which will cover a total rural population of 49.60 Lakhs.

Water Supply Project for Purulia (Phase-I) is being implemented with external funding of JICA, Japan at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 1,296.25 Cr. covering a population of 6.32 lakh in 5 blocks of Purulia and 1.85 Lakh of Purulia Municipality.

3 Projects have been taken up under ADB funding, at a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 2,268.50 Cr. — PWSS for Bankura district (Phase-II) covering 4 blocks—Mejia, Gangajalghati, Indpur and Taldangra to benefit a population of 9.29 lakh, Surface water based PWSS for Arsenic affected areas of Haroa & Rajarhat and Bhangar II to benefit a total population of 8.06 lakh, Surface water based PWSS for saline affected areas of Nandakumar, Chandipur, Nandigram - I & II to benefit a population of 5.46 lakh.

The development of sewerage system in & around Tarapith Temple in Birbhum district have been taken up.

I propose to allocate Rs. 2,780 Cr. to the Public Health Engineering Department for the next Financial Year.

4.20 Transport

Construction / modernization of about 40 bus stands / depots in West Bengal has been taken up. Some of the notable bus stands are Santragachi, Jadavpur 8B, Malbazar, Bishnupur, Karunamoyee etc.

80 electric buses have been rolled out under FAME-I scheme. Under FAME-II, attempts have been made to roll out further 50 nos. e-buses for New-Town, 50 nos. e-buses for Haldia, 25 nos. e-buses for Asansol – Durgapur and 25 nos. e-buses for Siliguri – Jalpaiguri in OPEX model.

Under the Jaladhara Scheme, construction of 108 out of 168 nos. of well designed, mechanized boats have been completed.

World Bank Project for development of IWT sector from Haldia to Triveni on river Ganges with estimated budget of Rs.1032 Cr. has been initiated.

In 2019-20 up to December, funds have been sanctioned for construction / modernization of more than 55 ferry ghats / jetties. Some of the notable ferry ghats/ jetties are Nazat, Kalinagar, Kachuberia, Dhobighat and Burul etc.

In 2019-20 up to December, 2019 Rs. 40.31 Cr. has been released under Safe Drive Save Life to Police for procurement of road safety equipment. Number of Road accidents, Deaths and Injuries have reduced significantly since introduction of “Safe Drive Save Life” Campaign since July, 2016.

In 2019-20, a target was set for providing financial assistance to more than 10,000 unemployed youth, 9663 applications have been sanctioned.

I propose to allocate Rs. 985 Cr. to the Transport Department for the next Financial Year.

4.21 Road Infrastructure (PWD)

For improvement of road connectivity in the current financial year up to 31st December, 2019, PWD has widened & strengthened 140 km of road to 2 lane with carriageway width of 10m, 270 km of road to 2 lane carriageway width of 7m, 300 km of road to Intermediate lane of 5.50 m carriageway width and strengthened 2200 km of road in different districts.

Important road projects taken up by PWD in different districts are, Suri - Amjora Road in Birbhum district, Raghunathpur – Chandankiary - Chass Road in Purulia district, Simlapal - Khatra Road, Vedua - Salbedia Road, Jhantipahari - Kashipur (Purulia Border) Road via Ararah in Bankura district, Coochbehar - Baneswar - Alipurduar Road in Coochbehar district, Hatigeria - Kultikri - Rohini - Rogra Road, in Jhargram district, Krishnanagar - Hanskhali Road in Nadia district, Dum Dum - Lawhati Road, Basirhat - Swarupnagar Road, Bishnupur -

Beliaghata Road, Sarberia - Dhamakhali Road in North 24 Parganas district, Durgapur Barrage Road in Paschim Bardhaman district, Medinipur – Keshpur Road in Paschim Medinipur district, Mecheda - Tamluk road in Purba Medinipur district, Anandapur – Kharki – Boynan - Tardah Road, Dhola – Nischindipur Road, Lakshmikantapur - Dhola Road in South 24 Parganas district, Ramganj - Udrail - Daspara Road in Uttar Dinajpur district etc. for widening and strengthening during the financial year 2019 – 20.

During the current financial year, PWD has completed construction of Cable stayed ROB at Bardhaman, ROB at Uluberia and construction of 18 other bridges over different rivers and canals. These include bridge over river Jalangi at Radhanagarghat to connect Nadia and Murshidabad district and bridge over River Damodar at Bokpotaghat to connect Howrah and Hooghly district. PWD has also rehabilitated more than 100 bridges and 51 buildings to increase the serviceability period of the existing assets during the financial year 2019 - 20.

As a flagship project PWD has completed 16 Electric Crematorium for Urban areas and 455 Cremation grounds for rural areas under Baitarani Project and constructed 119 Pratikhalayas till date.

Around 440 road projects are ongoing for widening & strengthening of 1,240 km of road to 2 - lane or 2 - lane with paved shoulder or 4 - lane, 510 km of road to intermediate lane and strengthening of another 2,540 km of road. Construction of 61 bridges and 14 ROBs are in progress. In the building sector, 39 major Building projects are ongoing.

These include 5 major special infrastructure projects, viz 6 lane elevated connector between Belghoria Expressway and Kalyani Expressway including widening and strengthening of Kalyani Expressway at a cost of Rs. 2,345.25 Cr., widening and strengthening of existing road corridor connecting Mogra on SH 13 in Hooghly district with Barajaguli on NH 34 in Nadia district including ROB at Bansberia and 6 lane extra dosed cable stayed bridge over river Hooghly beside Iswar Gupta Setu at Kalyani at a cost of Rs. 1,777.77 Cr., construction of bridge over river Bhagirathi connecting Kalna in Purba Bardhaman district and Shantipur in Nadia district at a cost of Rs. 1,098.49 Cr., widening and strengthening of Champadanga – Pursura - Arambag Road at a cost of Rs. 512.92 Cr. and construction of bridge over river Ajoy near Shibpur at 17.84 km of Muchipara - Shibpur Road at a cost of Rs. 163.25 Cr.

I propose to allocate Rs. 4,400 Cr. to the Public Works Department for the next Financial Year.

4.22 Land & Land Reforms & Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation

Automatic mutation of land records post registration has been introduced. The department has also set up a portal *banglarbhumi.gov.in* and an android based app *"Jomir Tathya"* for providing information on land records and accessing different services.

Occupiers of *khasmahal* land measuring 1,618 acres spread over five mouzas of Medinipur-Kharagpur area have been given raiyati status. The residents of Alipurduar and Jaigaon have been given settlement of land on Long term lease basis. Similar exercise was undertaken earlier for residents of Mirik Municipality, Kalimpong.

The State Government has recently decided to regularize and give recognition to all refugee colonies and shall issue Free Hold Title Deed of the land to all eligible residents in different colonies.

For welfare of a large number of thika tenants and bharatias in Kolkata and Howrah, amendment has been made in the relevant Act and Rules.

A new *"Tea Tourism and Allied Business" Policy, 2019*, has been introduced for better utilization of unused tea garden land.

I propose to allocate Rs. 270 Cr. to the Land & Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Department for the next Financial Year.

4.23 Power

Total number of New service connections were given 6, 01,714. Out of which 3, 93, 635 nos. of connections were effected under Sabar Ghare Alo in the 12 Backward Districts. Total BPL connection effected is 5,824.

Total Electrification of Rural Household Coverage is 99.99%. Electrification work in 1 Un-Electrified (UE) villages and 13 Partially Electrified (PE) villages under Sundarban areas in South 24 Parganas District providing service connection to 442 no. of rural households has been completed.

43 new Sub-stations have been commissioned.

Four (4) new green-field EHV Sub-stations commissioned, namely, Rejinagar 220 kV, Gazol 220 kV, Dinhata 132 Kv & Jhalda 132 kV.

The 220/132/33/11 kV GIS at Gazol, District Malda will resolve the low voltage problem in the command area of existing 132 KV substations at Malda, Samsi, Balurghat, Gangarampur in the districts of Malda and

Dakshin Dinajpur & enhance the reliability of power supply in the area. The 132/33 kV sub-station at Jhalda, in Purulia District will ease low voltage problem.

An Amount of Rs. 2,112.90 Cr. has been approved for installation of Flue Gas Desulphurization [FGD] for unit 3 and 4 of Sagardighi TPP, unit 1 to 5 of Bakreswar TPP and unit 5, 6 of Santaldih TPP.

Works for Sagardighi Unit no.5 [Super-critical/660 MW] have been started under capacity addition programme.

7 no. of coal Blocks viz Pachhwara [N], Barjora [N], Barjora, Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak-Bhadulia, Tara [East] & Tara [West], Kasta & Deocha-Pachami have been allotted to WBPDCL. Coal Production has already started from Pachhwara [N], Barjora [N], Barjora. Coal Mining in Tara [East] & Tara [West] will commence in the month of Feb, 2020.

Floating Solar Project at Sagardighi & Santaldih with a cumulative capacity of 20 MW is under various stages of implementation.

I propose to allocate Rs. 1, 855.50 Cr. to the Power Department for the next Financial Year.

4.24 Urban Development and Municipal Affairs

Some of the important schemes undertaken during 2019-20 that have made major impacts are Kalighat skywalk at Kalighat temple area at a cost of Rs. 77.32 Cr., Sewerage Treatment Plant at Budge Budge at a cost of Rs. 190.09 Cr., augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Rajpur–Sonarpur Municipality (Phase-1) at cost of Rs. 227.24 Cr., augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Baruipur Municipality at a cost of Rs. 24.96 Cr., construction of 4/5 storied Logistic Hub at Garden Reach at a cost of Rs.67.29 Cr., construction of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) module V&VI and VII & VIII at Calcutta Leather Complex, Bantala at a cost of Rs. 115.78 Cr. and Tele Academy at Baruipur at a cost of Rs. 132.50 Cr.

Water Supply Scheme at Raghunathpur Municipality at the cost of Rs.71 Cr., Water Supply Project at the cost of Rs. 49 Cr. at Dalkhola Municipality, Water Supply Project at Jiaganj-Azimganj Municipality at the cost of Rs.68 cr., Water Supply Project at Memari Municipality at the cost of Rs. 65 Cr. have been approved.

During the 2019-20 financial year construction of 30,280 residential units for urban poor have been completed and 69800 units are expected to be completed very soon.

Facility of online payment of property tax has been extended to 53 ULBs. In addition to that online building plan approval for industrial and non-industrial buildings, availability of digitized master plans/land use plans of the urban areas, online submission and receipt of certificates of enlistments (Trade License) from the ULBs, online service for water/sewerage connections have already been made operational in the public domain in the e-district platform.

Credit linkage has been made for 17,407 urban SHGs and disbursed Rs. 237.48 Cr.

For disposal of the legacy waste at major dumping grounds at Bidhannagar (Mollar Bheri), Kolkata (Dhapa), South Dum Dum (Promodnagar), Baidyabati and Ashoknagar-Habra, major initiatives have been taken up. For segregation of waste at household level 6.25 lakh bins have been procured and 2.42 lakh bins have been ordered for procurement.

Gazaldoba Development Authority has been created to promote eco-tourism. Cooch Behar and Nabadwip have been declared as Heritage Towns. Assistance of IIT, Kharagpur and IIEST, Shibpur have been taken for detailed planning.

I propose to allocate Rs. 8,430 Cr. to the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department for the next Financial Year.

4.25 Housing

6 (six) RHEs comprising 96 flats have been completed during the year 2019. Construction work of 5 (Five) more RHEs in new District and Sub Divisional Head Quarters like: (1) Alipurduar Court Rice Mill-32 flats (B & C type) (2) Diamond Harbour RHE-16 flats Type -III, (3) Buniadpur 12 flats (4) Kalimpong-8 flats and (5) Karnojora RHE, Dakshin Dinajpur - 12 flats is going on. Approval has been accorded to 4(four) more sites at (1) Bachhuroba, Jhargram -72 Flats (2) Milanpally, Siliguri, Darjeeling- 8 Flats, (3) Nimtouri,Purba Medinipur – 96 Flats and (4) Ranchi Road, Purulia – 32 Flats.

Construction of 4 (four) Night Shelters for night stay of patient parties in tertiary health care centers and hospitals have been completed. Construction of 15 (fifteen) Night Shelters are in progress. Approval has also been accorded to 5 (five) more sites.

The Housing Department has introduced the new “NIJASHREE” scheme to provide housing to Lower Income Group (LIG) and Middle Income Group (MIG) categories. Work has been started in 6 sites.

Ten (10) Working Women Hostels named "Karmanjali" are operational at present. Construction of 04(four) Karmanjali at (1) Sagar, South 24 Pgs. (60 bedded), (2) Jhargram (48 bedded), (3) Haldia (48 bedded) & (4) Medinipur (48 bedded) are going on.

For the benefit of passengers, 69 'PATHASATHI's are operational at present. Construction of 01 (one) such Pathasathi at Canning-II in the district of South 24 Parganas is presently going on.

During 2019-2020, West Bengal Housing Board has sold 81 hitherto unsold flats from inventory in a newly introduced online system. WBHB expects to sell more than 100 flats at affordable prices during 2020-2021 financial year.

I propose to allocate Rs. 163 Cr. to the Housing Department for the next Financial Year.

Empowering the Disadvantaged

4.26 Women and Child Development & Social Welfare

"Kanyashree" Prakalpa, is now in its sixth year of implementation, and has covered more than 60 lakh girls.

“Rupashree” Prakalpa, has till now covered nearly 4.5 lakh beneficiaries.

“MANABIK” scheme, has benefitted 3.36 lakh persons till date.

The Anganwadi Services Scheme has improved the nutrition status of children, with only 7.41% of children below 5 years being underweight at present. Supplementary nutrition is being provided to nearly 60 lakh children aged 6 months to 6 years, and to more than 13 lakh pregnant and lactating women across the state. Hot cooked meals are provided to the children and women, eggs are provided to all beneficiaries six days a week.

Under the Integrated Child Protection Services, in the current year, 3,232 children were restored to their homes, 84 repatriated to their own countries, and 92 found adoptive parents.

The State is, in an advanced stage of negotiation with World Bank for a project to strengthen the social protection to vulnerable population like the aged, disabled and women.

I propose to allocate Rs. 5,486 Cr. to the Women and Child Development& Social Welfare Department.

4.27 Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education

A sum of Rs. 183.09 Cr. has been released under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) during the F.Y. 2019-20.

523 hostels for Minority Students including 78 sanctioned in the current year are being set up. Of this 355 have already been operationalised. A maintenance grant of Rs.10,000/- per annum per student is also being provided.

A sum of Rs. 68.20 Cr. has been released till date during 2019-20 under the Integrated Minority Development Programme (IMDP) scheme to 32 blocks of 14 districts.

Construction work of 315 Karmatirthas (Marketing Hub) have been taken up. Till now, 156 Karmatirthas have been operationalised and another 159 are under advanced stage of completion.

A new scheme “Aikyashree” has been introduced for providing Pre Matric, Post Matric, Merit-cum-Means Scholarships to the Minority Students. A total sum of

Rs. 405 Cr. under Pre Matric, Post Matric, Merit-cum-Means, Talent Support Programme etc. has been released during 2019-20. So far, 2.03 Cr. scholarships to the tune of Rs. 5,657 Cr. have been provided to minority students in last eight and half years. An all time record of 42 lakhs applications for Aikyashree Scholarships has been received in 2019-20. West Bengal stands, at the number one position among all states in India in this area.

600 Smart Class Rooms in 300 Madrasahs including 300 smart classes during this year have been set up with a view to propagate e-Learning in Govt. aided Madrasahs. Also, 115 computer labs in madrasahs are being set-up.

Apart from these schemes, other development schemes were construction works of Aliah University, Minority Bhavans, ITI/ Polytechnics, a third Haj House at New Town, Boundary Walls around Graveyards which have been taken up by this Department.

I propose to allocate Rs. 3,600 Cr. to the Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education department for the next Financial Year.

4.28 Backward Classes Welfare Department

In the current financial year, 5,14,907 (SC-2,83,065 & OBC-2,31,842) Caste Certificates (upto December 2019) have been issued. Another around 2 Lakh Certificates are likely to be issued by the end of this fiscal year. Around 42 (forty two) lakhs manually issued caste certificates have been uploaded in the departmental portal i.e. *castcertificatewb.gov.in*.

In 2019-2020 "Sikshashree" Scholarship has been awarded to around 11 lakh SC students of Class V-VIII with an expenditure of around Rs. 83 Cr. The rate of scholarship for the students of Classes-V to VII has been hiked from Rs. 750/- to Rs. 800/-. Further 8.46 lakh SC students have applied for pre matric (IX-X) and post matric (XI-Ph.D level) scholarships (upto December 2019) having an involvement of Rs. 334.09 Cr.

For Pre-Matric OBC Scholarship, around Rs. 86.70 Cr. will be spent for 5.78 lakh beneficiaries whose applications were received till date.

Two hostels, one for OBC Boys and another for OBC Girls are being constructed at Malda. At present, the Department has 46 Central Hostels for SCs under Babu

Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) and 12 Central Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls. Out of 46 BJRCY, 43 are operational, 2 hostels to be functional soon and 1 hostel is under construction at Jalpaiguri. Out of 12 OBC Central Hostels, 10 OBC Hostels are functioning.

Construction work of Ambedkar Centre for Excellence (ACE) at Bongaon in North 24 Parganas is at an advanced stage. Similarly, construction of two "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential School" in Jalpaiguri & North 24 Parganas districts with an estimated cost of Rs. 23 Cr. is also at an advanced stage.

The total number of OBC Community in the state has reached 177, with the inclusion of Sikdar (Muslim) in the list of OBC in the last fiscal year.

The Department has been implementing "Sabooj Sathi" scheme for distribution of bi-cycles since 2015-16. During the current fiscal around 12 lakh students of class IX in academic year 2019 have already been covered. The scheme is continuing to cover around 1 Cr. students.

I propose to allocate Rs. 805.10 Cr. to the Backward Classes Welfare Department for the next Financial Year.

4.29 Tribal Development Department

During 2018-19, 1,10,055 ST certificates were issued. During 2019-20 96,159 ST certificates have already been issued up to Dec, 2019.

The State Government has received applications for "Sikshashree" Scholarship from 1,98,929 ST students of Class V-VIII. It is anticipated that more than 2.00 lakhs students with an expenditure of around Rs. 16 Cr. will be benefitted from the scheme during 2019-20.

44,141 ST students have applied for Pre-Matric Scholarship of Class IX & X. 88,803 applications have been received so far for Post-Matric Scholarship during 2019-20.

The Hostel Grant has been enhanced from Rs. 750/- to Rs. 1,000/- per month for ST students effective from 2018-19 for 35,144 inmates in different hostels this year. Other fees for the inmates of Ashram Hostels have been increased from Rs. 1,100/- to Rs. 1,500/- per annum for around 8,718 inmates of the Ashram hostel during current financial year.

6 Development and Cultural Boards have been set up under the Tribal Development Department to ensure delivery of basic needs of Hill Tribes of the State for

preservation and promotion of their culture of Darjeeling and Kalimpong. During 2019-20, Rs. 114.55 Cr. have been earmarked for the purpose of various schemes like construction of houses, community halls, youth hostels holding cultural festival, etc.

Under Special Central Assistance, a sum of Rs. 70.58 Cr. is being utilized in 2019-20 for employment and income generation while Rs. 82.41 Cr. and Rs. 4.37 Cr. are being utilized for creation of critical infrastructure and for community development schemes of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of the State.

Under Social Security Scheme Old Age Pension @ Rs. 1,000/- per month is given to the poor ST persons with age of 60 years or above in rural areas and stressed tea gardens covering annually 1,49,327 beneficiaries.

Till date 48,473 individual forest *patta*, 735 Community Forest Rights and 58 Community Forest Resource Rights have been issued.

Under Sabooj Sathi Scheme around 69,000 bi-cycles have been provided to ST students of class IX to XII for which Rs. 22.04 Cr. has been utilized during 2019-20.

I propose to allocate Rs. 935 Cr. to the Tribal Development Department for the next Financial Year.

4.30 Labour Welfare Deparment

Under Samajik Suraksha Yojana (SSY), medical benefits have been enhanced from Rs. 10,000 per year to Rs. 20,000 per year and medical benefits for surgery at Rs. 60,000 per year have been made uniform for all unorganized workers.

As on 31st December 2019, total number of Registrants under this scheme was 1,17,18,001 (10,07,252 in 2019-20) since inception and cumulative disbursement was Rs. 1,630.33 Cr.

Under "Yuvasree" 1 lakh unemployed youth are receiving assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,500/- per month resulting in total disbursement of Rs. 135 Cr. during 2019-20.

The Department introduced real-time grant of registration under WB Shops & Establishments Act in 2019. The validity of license for factories was enhanced up to 15 years.

I propose to allocate Rs. 425 Cr. to the Labour Department for the next financial year.

4.31 Self Help Group & Self Employment

Under "JAAGO" scheme envisioned by Hon'ble Chief Minister, SHGs are being provided an annual revolving fund support of Rs. 5,000. An amount of Rs. 338.70 Cr. has till now been released directly to the accounts of 6.77 lakh SHGs.

In 2019-20, under Swami Vivekananda Swanirbhar Karmasanasthan Prakalpa (SVSKP), support is being extended to 13,325 unemployed youth with 30% subsidy. Since 2011-12 financial year, a total amount of Rs. 1,671.09 Cr. have been released to 2.46 lakh entrepreneurs.

Under West Bengal Swanirbhar Sahayak Prakalpa (WBSSP), in 2019-20, Rs.68 Cr. have been disbursed to the beneficiaries as interest subsidy for 3.14 lakh groups. Total interest subsidy provided to the SHGs by this department since 2011-12 is Rs. 406.90 Cr.

The department provides accident benefit support to the members of SHGs and their families under "Samaj Sathi" scheme, which has been converted from insurance mode to assurance mode.

I propose to allocate Rs. 650 Cr. to the Self Help Group and Self Employment Department for the next Financial Year.

4.32 North Bengal Development

The Department has completed as many as 2,171 projects up to 31st December 2019 in the 08 (Eight) Districts of North Bengal since its inception in 2012-13.

Since its inception in 2012-13 it has completed as many as 363 projects in Coochbehar, 202 projects in Alipurduar, 690 projects in Jalpaiguri, 405 projects in Darjeeling, 205 projects in Uttar Dinajpur, 190 projects in Dakshin Dinajpur, 109 projects in Malda and 7 projects in Kalimpong .

In the district of Coochbehar this Department has completed several projects. Out of those (a) Joist Bridge over river Mora Torsa at Banchukamari, (b) New Boy's Hostel (G+3) in Cooch Behar Government Engineering College, (c) Face Lifting, Renovation, Modernization and electrical work at Sitai Auditorium, (d) New Building for Baneswar Sarathibala Mahavidyalaya (College) at Baneswar, (e) Mathabhanga Polytechnic Institute, (f) Face Lifting, Renovation and Modernization of Maharaja Nripendra Narayan Smriti Sadan Auditorium at Dinhata, (g) R.C.C. Bridge over river Kaljani are the notables.

In the district of Jalpaiguri this Department has taken up a good number of projects with a view to uplift the quality of life of poor people. Out of those (a) Eco-Tourism Resort at Lataguri, (b) Market Complex at Battala Market at Belacoba, (c) Market Complex at Dhupguri principal market yard, (d) Abutment for the installation of Bailey bridge over Juranti River at Metelli, (e) two nos. Police Barrack near Uttarkanya are among the notable completed works.

In the Alipurduar district this Department has completed numerous projects. The following projects are worth mentioning.

(a) Development of Haat Sheds in Different Haats in Alipurduar District under RIDF-XXII, (b) Construction of Community Hall at Lanka para T.G. within Lanka para G.P. within Madarihat Block, Alipurduar, (c) Construction of Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya (d) Construction of Rabindra Mancha (A Multipurpose Auditorium) (e) Construction of RSJ/Composite Bridge on Kultijhora at Kodalbusty in Mendabari G.P. in Kalchini Block.

In the district of Darjeeling this Department has taken up some projects with a view to provide relief to the common people of the Darjeeling District. It has been

working relentlessly in plugging the critical gaps of development with a view to accentuate the aspirations of Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal. Some of the notable projects are (a) Construction of Joist Bridge over River Jorapaniat under Siliguri Municipal Corporation (b) Construction of G+2 Storied Office Cum Laboratory Complex of West Bengal Pollution Control Board, at Matigara, Siliguri.

In the district of Dakshin Dinajpur, some of the notable completed projects are, (a) “Balance work for construction of building for Nattya Academy at Balurghat, Dakshin Dinajpur 2nd Phase including main Building, Service Block, Guard Ghumti, walk way (b) “Renovation and Modernisation of Acoustical work of proposed Black Box at Ground Floor of Nattya Academy at Balurghat, (c) “Construction of Extension of Tapan Nathaneal Murmu memorial College at Tapan Block, (d) “Construction of Proposed Bridge over River Punorbhaba at Balipukurghat route, (e) “Construction of R.C.C Box Culvert at Balipukurghat route.

In the district of Malda this Department has given equal importance, some of the notable completed projects are (a) Building- Ground Floor of Science Block with future

provision of G+6 storied Building at Malda College under English Bazar. (b) Building- Second floor of Gazole Mahavidyalaya, at Gazole, (c) Building- Sujapur Polytechnic Institute at Kaliachak – I, (d) Bridge- Fulahar Bridge at Bhutni Char.

In the district of Uttar Dinajpur among the several projects implemented by this Department, the work related to (a) Construction of Kichaktala Bridge over river Srini at Goalpokhar-I Block, (b) Building- Residential Training Centre of the Kulik Co-operative Milk producer union ltd. at Karnojora, Raiganj are not only completed but also notable.

I propose to allocate Rs. 710 Cr. to the North Bengal Development Department for the next Financial Year.

4.33 Sundarban Development

As part of interventions leading to improvement of communication infrastructure in remote and inaccessible regions of Sundarbans, R.C.C. Bridge over Kalnagini branch canal near Digambary market connecting Ramgopalpur G.P. of Kakdwip Block & Srinarayanpur–Purnachandrapur G.P. of Patharpratima Block in the District of South 24 Parganas has been completed. Work for 16 more bridges is going on.

During 2019-20, 474 km length of roads (182 km Brick Paved, 242 km Cement Concrete and 50 km Bituminous road) have been completed. Initiative will be taken for constructing around 690 km of roads in the target area during 2020-21. While the ongoing bridges will be completed, emphasis will also be given to construction of new jetties.

Fish fingerling (Air breathing, Brackish and IMC) and fish feed have been distributed to 23,000 beneficiaries.

Mangrove, Strip and Jhaw Plantations have been created in 960 Hectares. A total of 1,060 Hectares is proposed to be brought under Afforestation programme in 2020–21.

Financial assistance has been provided to 43 different educational institutions including community centres in Sundarban region.

I accordingly propose to allocate Rs. 520 Cr. to the Sundarban Affairs Department for the next Financial Year.

4.34 Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs

During the year, 75,57,157 people benefitted from different programs and schemes implemented by the Department for which Rs. 160.86 Cr. was released and

the balance budget amount of Rs. 410.14 Cr. is expected to be released before 31st March, 2020.

Special attention is given by the Department in Sectoral Schemes/Projects including Livelihood programmes, Implementation of Jangal Mahal Action Package in 34 Blocks covering 5 JAP districts and Promotion of cultural activities and awareness generation and observance of Jangal Mahal Utsav.

I propose to allocate Rs. 620 Cr. to the Paschimamanchal Unnayan Affairs Department for the next Financial Year.

Governance

4.35 Home & Hill Affairs Department

Law and order scenario in the State remained peaceful throughout the year in spite of grave provocation to disrupt the glorious harmony of the State. Jangalmahal and hill areas continue to be peaceful.

During 2019-20 (up to December 2019) eight new Police District have been created namely Ranaghat and Krishnanagar Police Districts bifurcating the Nadia Police District; Bangaon and Barasat Police District by dividing the Barasat Police District; Raiganj and Islampur Police

District by dividing Uttar Dinajpur Police District and Murshidabad and Jangipur Police District bifurcating the Murshidabad District.

6 new Police Stations under West Bengal Police have been created at Technocity and New Town Eco Park Police Station under Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate, Bhatpara and Rahara under Barrackpore Police Commissionerate, Pujali Police Station under Diamond Harbour Police District and Sagarpara Police Station under Murshidabad District. With these new Police Stations, the total number of Police Stations created in both Kolkata Police and West Bengal Police since 2011, becomes 159 including 48 Women Police Stations.

Moreover, two Specially Trained Armed Battalions (STRA) have been created in Purulia and Jhargram in 2019-20 and one Special Task Force (STF) under West Bengal Police has also been created during this period.

For speedy investigation of crime cases, separate Crime Scene Management Division under Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata has been sanctioned. Narcotics Division has also been opened. Mobile Forensic Units (MFU) in Kolkata, Salt Lake and Howrah are functioning for solving crucial cases. Approval has been

accorded for procurement of a DNA Analyser with essential accessories for DNA laboratory, FSL, Kolkata.

I propose to allocate Rs. 1,299.55 Cr. to the Home & Hill Affairs Department for the next Financial Year.

4.36 Personnel & Administrative Reforms

Updated version of the West Bengal Secretariat Manual, 1967 i.e., West Bengal Secretariat Manual, 2019 has been published.

A two week long composite training programme for the State Civil Service Officers on 'Public Policy and Governance' was organised- (one week in India and one week abroad) for 20 WBCS (Exe.) Officers having seniority of 16 years or more at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore (Foreign Leg) in November-December 2019.

In service training programme for 20 (twenty) WBCS (Exe.) Officers having more than 20 years seniority was held in January 2020 at London School of Economics, UK (Foreign Leg) for better exposure.

Administrative Calendar covering all the 53 Departments of the Govt. of West Bengal for the Calendar year 2020 has been prepared.

The Department has completed construction of the biggest ever integrated Administrative Complex and residential complex in Purba Medinipur at Nimtouri with an overall project cost of Rs. 163 Cr. (approx.).

Vertical extension of Kakdwip Administrative Building, construction of residential Bungalow of SDO, Kakdwip and Staff Quarters at Kashinagar, South 24-Parganas has been completed within the project cost of Rs. 5 Cr. (approx.).

Rs. 11.56 Cr. has been released for construction of Integrated Administrative Complex for the new Jhargram district. Total project cost is about Rs. 51 Cr.

I propose to allocate Rs. 105.59 Cr. to the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department for the next Financial Year.

4.37 Disaster Management and Civil Defence

In the year 2019 the state was affected by two very severe cyclones namely “FANI” and “BULBUL”.

To combat with “Bulbul”, 1.78 lakh people were evacuated from the coastal districts of West Bengal. 471 relief camps / cyclone shelters were used and 323 gruel kitchens were opened. Total 35.57 lakh people were

affected in 7 districts, where 5,17,535 houses were damaged. 16 casualties took place. The estimated loss of property as per preliminary assessment is Rs. 23,811.16 Cr. No assistance has been received from Government of India. In the meantime, the State Government has released Rs. 884 Cr. from its own resources for reconstruction of the affected areas.

6 lakh Disaster Management Kits are being assembled for relief. Till date, 4 lakh Disaster Management Kits have been distributed.

Very Severe Cyclone "FANI" affected 16 districts where 2.42 lakh people were evacuated. 6.32 lakh people were affected. 2,92,102 houses were damaged. The effective evacuation assured there were no casualties.

Rs. 49.32 Cr. has been released this year as ex-gratia grant for accidents in different death incidents.

Rs. 24.73 Cr. has been sanctioned as House Building Grant for flood victims and Rs. 1.64 Cr. has been sanctioned as House Building Grant (Fire) for 1,037 houses.

Tarpaulins were provided to the people affected by disaster. Procurement of 10 lakh tarpaulins has been done and another 5 lakh tarpaulins ordered. Relief Contingency of Rs. 12.38 Cr. has been sanctioned this year.

I propose to allocate Rs. 215 Cr. to the Disaster Management & Civil Defence Department for the next Financial Year.

4.38 Fire & Emergency Services

Online system in respect of issuance and renewal of Fire License, Fire Safety Recommendation and Fire Safety Certificate has been started and functioning properly.

Construction of 7 (Seven) new fire stations has been completed along with two new buildings of old fire stations have been inaugurated and commissioned.

At present construction of 15 new fire stations and 3 new buildings for existing fire stations are going on.

23 numbers of Water Mist CAF Fire Extinguisher, 5 numbers of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus with Thermal Imaging Mask, 2,000 numbers of Fire Extinguishing Ball, 10 numbers of Completely Fabricated Breakdown Van and 2 nos. of Completely Fabricated Mobile Control Room Van (under process) and some other equipments have been added to Fire Fighting equipments.

Presidential Medal has been awarded to 4 nos. of Fire Fighting Officers on the occasion of Independence Day, 2019.

I propose to allocate Rs. 135 Cr. to the Fire & Emergency Services Department in the next Financial Year.

4.39 Correctional Administration

During the current financial year, till December 2019, more than 25 (twenty five) new projects have been taken up.

There are 4 (four) Open Correctional Homes at Lalgola in Murshidabad District, Durgapur in Paschim Burdwan District, Raiganj in Uttar Dinajpur District and Midnapore in Paschim Medinipur District. A new Open Correctional Home is proposed to be constructed at Krishnanagar in Nadia District.

Other major projects of the Department include (i) construction (2nd Phase) and augmentation of new Central Correctional Home at Baruipur, South 24 Pgs., (ii) construction of a new Correctional Home at Baruipur for shifting of inmates of Presidency Correctional Home, (iii) construction of a new District Correctional Home at Nimtouri, Purba Medinipur, (iv) construction of a new Subsidiary Correctional Home at Chanchal, Malda, (v) construction of a new District Correctional Home at Kalimpong.

More than 80% of the installation of CCTVs at 16 (sixteen) different Correctional Homes has been completed.

I propose to allocate Rs. 50 Cr. to the Department of Correctional Administration for the next Financial Year.

Industry : Small, Medium & Large

4.40 Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles

Till December 2019, 30,231 new MSME units filed Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum employing nearly 2,89,100 persons.

In the last two years the quantum of bank credit was unprecedented. In 2018-19, it was to the tune of Rs. 56,458 Cr. (Which is 28% higher than the credit in 2017-18). In 2019-20 credit flow to this sector already reached Rs. 35,089 Cr. during April-September, 2019 quarter, registering a quantum jump of nearly 73% on Y-o-Y basis for the same period in FY 2018-19.

8 (Eight) Common Facility Centres/Common Production Centres have been established to the benefit of village industries artisans and handloom weavers. 8 (eight) more CFCs are under progress.

Construction of 14 “Karmatirtha” has been completed in 2019-20 making the total number of constructed Karmatirtha to 46.

In the Calcutta Leather Complex, construction of 4 new CETPs is under progress and are to be completed by March 2020.

Land has been offered to 187 new tanneries including tanneries of Kanpur and Chennai.

Development of two new industrial estates, *viz*, Dabgram Industrial Estate Phase-II in Jalpaiguri and Medinipur Sadar (Khasjungle) Industrial Estate in Paschim Medinipur is on the verge of completion and is expected to be operational by March, 2020.

I propose to allocate Rs. 880 Cr. to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises & Textiles Department for the next Financial Year.

4.41 Industry, Commerce & Enterprises

A 2-day long Bengal Global Business Summit 2019 was successfully hosted by the State in the month of February, 2019. 35 countries participated in the event. The Summit has attracted Rs. 2,84,288 Cr. worth of business proposals from various sectors.

A Bengal Business Conclave was organized at Digha on December11-12, 2019. It mainly focused on regional cooperation and strengthening ties with Partner Countries/State/Cities of Bengal Global Business Summit.

A site office for Tajpur Port developed by WBIDC was inaugurated.

During 2019-2020 land has been allotted to 4 industrial units by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) involving proposed investment and employment of Rs. 96.69 Cr. and 916 persons respectively. Modular space has also been allotted to 4 industrial units by WBIDC in its module based industrial parks involving proposed investment of Rs. 6.15 Cr. and proposed employment of 549 persons.

About 1.54 lakh sq. ft. of space has been allotted to 31 companies in the Gems & Jewellery Park at Ankurhati with a proposed investment of Rs. 103 Cr. and proposed employment of 2,072 people. Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) by the name of "Ankurhati Gems & Jewellery Manufacturers' Welfare Association" has been formed through the allottees for operation and maintenance of the park.

19.058 acres has been allotted to 8 units of the Rishi Bankim Silpa Udyan with proposed investment of 165 Cr. and proposed employment of 901 people. Out of these eight units, six units have started commercial production. 70 acres was allotted to the West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation (WBEIDC)

for EMC (Electronics Manufacturing Cluster). The project is expected to generate employment for 5,000 people with investments to the tune of Rs. 250 Cr.

Development of Food Park Phase-III at Sankrail, Howrah after developing 'Sudharas' in Phase-I and Kandua in Phase-II; development of 7.6 lakh sq.ft of space over an area of 9.85 acres of land at Budge Budge as Garment Park and completion of 90% of boundary wall of the Goaltore Industrial Park are considerable achievements of WBIDC.

Instakart Logistics project over 107.35 acres with an investment of Rs.991 Cr. and proposed employment of 18,310 is coming up at Haringhata Industrial Park.

Pre mining work at Gourandih ABC Coal mine in Paschim Bardhaman district has been completed and the commercial production is likely to start during the Financial Year 2020-2021.

A Joint Venture Agreement was signed between Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation Limited and GAIL (India) Ltd. on 24.07.2018 regarding City Gas Distribution (CGD) network for Kolkata and 5 adjoining districts namely North & South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly and Nadia. The company was formed as "BENGAL GAS COMPANY LIMITED" on 04.01.2019. Govt. of West Bengal sanctioned Rs. 25 Cr. as initial Equity Share Capital.

The State is in an advanced stage of negotiation with World Bank for a project to strengthen the logistics sector of the State.

I propose to allocate Rs. 1,158.40 Cr. to the Industry, Commerce & Enterprises Department for the next Financial Year.

Services

4.42 Tourism

22 (twenty two) new major tourism projects were taken up in 2019-20. Some major tourism projects taken up in the recent past were Tourist amenities and beautification of Jagannath Temple at Digha, Riverside beautification of Ganga at Diamond Harbour in South 24 Parganas, Mahesh Temple Complex etc.

West Bengal Home Stay Tourism Policy, 2017 has been revised in order to make it more effective. Financial grant to the tune of Rs.1.5 lakh is being given to the registered home stay owners under West Bengal Home Stay Policy.

Aahoran, the first ever state owned hospitality management centre has already started its first academic session.

All major infrastructure works are almost complete in Bhorer Alo and Jharkhali Eco Tourism Project. Among

the three private partners selected for development of eco resorts in Bhorer Alo, Dyuti Hotels has already completed their work and the resort was inaugurated on 22.12.2019. In Jharkhali Eco Tourism hub, Tourism Department has already granted N.O.C. to Techno India Group for starting commercial operation of their eco tourism resort.

In 2019-20 the Tourism Department has organised Special events like Durga Puja as global festival, Red Road Carnival, Kolkata Christmas Festival and district level Christmas Festival at Chandannagar, Bandel, Nadia, Baruipur, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Kalimpong and Bishnupur Music Festival.

Tourism Department hosted the 35th IATO annual Convention in Kolkata, West Bengal from 12.09.2019 to 14.09.2019.

In collaboration with French Government, restoration and development of erstwhile French properties like 'Registry Building' and other viable structures on the Strand Road in Hooghly District has been planned.

I propose to allocate Rs. 400 Cr. to the Tourism Department for the next Financial Year.

4.43 Information Technology & Electronics

In Bengal Silicon Valley, land has been allocated to leading organizations like *Reliance Corporate IT Park*

Ltd.(40 Acres), TCS (20 Acres), Firstsource Solutions Ltd. (4 Acres), Indo Japan Horological (P) Ltd. (0.25 Acres). It is expected to bring forth Rs. 3,000 Cr. investment in 5 years generating around 20,000 IT/ITeS jobs.

There are 17 nos. of Govt. IT Parks. 4 (Four) more IT Parks are in different stages of construction in Sector-V(BN-9, BN-4), Rajarhat (Ph-II) and Kalyani (Ph-II) with more or less 40% works completed. Five more IT Parks at Sector-V (BN-6), Durgapur (Ph-III), Belur, Darjeeling and Kalimpong are proposed in the next financial year 2020-21.

One IT unit has already been allotted land in the Electronics Hardware Park at Sonarpur in 2018.

2 (Two) Electronics Manufacturing Clusters are being constructed at Naihati and Falta.

The total export from the IT Industry of the State is Rs. 22,897 Cr. in 2018-19 (Source: Falta SEZ and Software Technology Parks of India) as compared to Rs. 8,335 Cr. of 2010-11 showing a growth of about 175% in 8 (eight) years.

Revamped Tier-III West Bengal State Data Centre (WBSDC) is made fully operational in February 2019.

As on 31st December in 2019-20 this project comprised of 145 citizen-centric e-District services

covering 23 Districts. In January 2019, number of e-District services were 120, registering 21% increase till December, 2019.

Commencing in January 2018, e-Office has been successfully implemented in 51 Departments and 98 Directorates/Parastatals till December 2019. All 22 Districts are brought under e-Office in August 2019.

I propose to allocate Rs. 260 Cr. to the Information Technology and Electronics Department for the next Financial Year.

4.44 Consumer Affairs

At present Five (5) Benches of West Bengal State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission are functioning.

In all the Consumer Fora in West Bengal, including the State Commission, the total number of cases filed in the financial year 2019-20 up to 30th November, 2019 is 8,095 and the number of cases disposed is 6,544. Total cases pending is 16,976 since inception.

Secondary Standard Laboratory, Siliguri and Secondary Standard Laboratory, Chinsura alongwith Central Laboratory, Kankurgachi are fully functional and verifying working standards of 144 Working Standard Laboratories.

Out of total no. of twenty two (22) no. of Forum specific Consumer Assistance Bureaus (CABs) fifteen have started functioning from 01.09.2018.

26 (twenty six) Departments have issued notification to bring large number of services under the purview of the West Bengal Right To Public Services Act, 2013, to render services within stipulated time limit.

I propose to allocate Rs. 42 Cr. to the Consumer Affairs Department for the next Financial Year.

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Conclusion

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, our Ma-Mati-Manush Government believes that without employment generation, economic development is meaningless. Keeping this in mind, and under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, our government has brought about upsurge in development.

In spite of the dismal state of the Indian economy, the economic development of Bengal is undettered.

Let me inform this esteemed house, that in this financial year we have generated 9 lakh 11 thousand employment opportunities in the State.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Speaker, I propose a budget of Rs. 2,55,677 Cr. for the year 2020-21 on behalf of the State Govt.

Sir, I would like to conclude my speech with the words of the person who has inspired Bengal to achieve the first position in various fields, march forward with all-round development and under whose guidance I am able to present this budget.

From her recently published book ‘Kabitabitan’, I would like to recite a few lines.

Mamata Banerjee in her poem “Sonar Bangla” says

সভ্যতার এই পীঠস্থান আমরা জ্বালাব দীপ,

নূতন করে বাংলায় জ্বলুক সভ্যতার প্রদীপ

... ...

এই মাটিতেই গড়ব মোরা উন্নয়নের ঘাঁটি,

আমাদের এই বাংলা হোক সোনার চেয়েও খাঁটি।

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 2020-2021

WEST BENGAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 2020–2021

(*Rupees in Crores*)

	Actuals, 2018–2019	Budget, 2019–2020	Revised, 2019–2020	Budget, 2020–2021
Receipts				
1. Opening Balance	(–)20.58	(–)5.00	(–)5.45	(–)2.00
2. Revenue Receipts	145975.25	164327.95	163259.00	179398.00
3. Capital Receipts	691.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Receipts from Debt Heads—				
(i) Public Debt	70196.95	78383.53	81560.00	79465.00
(ii) Loans	804.42	350.01	490.00	507.00
5. Receipts from Contingency Fund and Public Account	665029.08	900834.09	716359.16	755567.73
Total	**882676.62**	**1143890.58**	**961662.71**	**1014935.73**
Expenditure				
6. Revenue Expenditure	156373.91	164327.95	169430.00	179398.00
7. Capital Expenditure	23717.32	26666.61	26870.00	31047.00
8. Expenditure on Debt Heads—				
(i) Public Debt	45786.02	46032.00	50236.00	44289.00
(ii) Loans	865.49	937.77	1565.00	943.00
9. Expenditure on Contingency Fund and Public Account	655939.33	905935.25	713563.71	759266.73
10. Closing Balance	(–)5.45	(–)9.00	(–)2.00	(–)8.00
Total	**882676.62**	**1143890.58**	**961662.71**	**1014935.73**

(*Rupees in Crores*)

	Actuals, 2018–2019	Budget, 2019–2020	Revised, 2019–2020	Budget, 2020–2021
Net Results— Surplus (+) / Deficit (–)				
(a) On Revenue Account	(–)10398.66	0.00	(–)6171.00	0.00
(b) Outside Revenue Account	10413.79	(–)4.00	6174.45	(–)6.00
(c) Net, excluding Opening Balance	15.13	(–)4.00	3.45	(–)6.00
(d) Net, including Opening Balance	(–)5.45	(–)9.00	(–)2.00	(–)8.00
(e) Expenditure for New Programmes/Additional Outlays				
(i) On Revenue Account	. .	. .	. .	(–)5165.00
(ii) Outside Revenue Account	. .	. .	. .	. .
(f) Resource out of entitlement under Fifteenth Finance Commission recommendation	. .	. .	. .	(+)4665.00
(g) Additional Resource Mobilisation under Tax Revenue	. .	. .	. .	(+)500.00
(h) Net Revenue Deficit	(–)10398.66	0.00	(–)6171.00	0.00
(i) Net Surplus/Deficit	(–)5.45	(–)9.00	(–)2.00	(–)8.00