1. Observance of birth anniversary of Netaji Subhaschandra at Darjeeling
2. Chief Minister paying homage to Netaji
3. Chief Minister inaugurating the project for construction of rural metalled road measuring about 16,000 km at Kankrajhore
4. At Jhargram Stadium on the occasion of Jangalmahal Cup
5. Chief Minister distributing prizes at Jangalmahal Sports Tournament
1. Hon’ble President of India delivering speech on the occasion celebrating Completion of 75 years of the State Assembly

2. Hon’ble Chief Minister among the audience on the occasion of Netaji’s birth anniversary celebration at Darjeeling

3. Chief Minister alongwith eminent personalities of cultural world

4. Chief Minister at the felicitation of Sachin Tendulkar at Eden Gardens
1. Meeting at Chief Minister’s office at Uttarkanya
2. First Cabinet meeting at Uttarkanya
3. Chief Minister paying homage on the occasion of 150th birth-anniversary celebration of Swami Vivekananda organised at Red Road
4. With the President Maharaj, The Ramakrishna Mission, Math & Mission, at Belur Math
5. Chief Minister inaugurating Ambulance to be operational on rural areas under Jeevan Sathi Prakalpa
6. Chief Minister at Forest Bunglow
1. With the Ministers and the Secretaries at Town Hall in Administrative Review Meeting

2. Chief Minister inaugurating Kolkata Book Fair

3. At Nabanna complex, on the occasion of release of Administrative Calendar

4. In the Independence Day Celebration, at Red Road

5. Chief Minister felicitating Hon'ble Governor at the Nabanna complex
1. In inauguration ceremony of Uttarkanya at Siliguri

2. Chief Minister inaugurating Gramin Path Jogajog Prakalpa in Paschim Medinipur

3. Chief Minister with the bereaved family of Suchitra Sen, the legendary film actress

4. Chief Minister at her own office in Nabanna
1. Auspicious inauguration of various projects of the government
2. At the ceremony for release of Administrative Calender
3. Rakshabandhan ceremony at Writers’ Buildings
4. Conferring Vishes Sangeet Mahasamman 2013 to Manna Dey, the legendary singer & composer
1. Chief Minister inaugurating Christmas Day celebration at Park Street
2. Chief Minister at the inauguration programme of 19th Kolkata International Film Festival
3. At the felicitation ceremony of Sunil Gavaskar at Eden Gardens
4. Chief Minister at the Sangeet Mela, organized by the Government of West Bengal
5. Chief Minister with the leading industrialists of India at the Industry Meet in Mumbai
1. Chief Minister with Tea Garden workers on her way to Darjeeling
2. At the felicitation of folk artistes
3. At the observance of Mother Language Day, at Deshapriya Park
4. In Netaji Indoor Stadium on the occasion of release of school level text books
5. At the observance of birth anniversary of Mother Teresa at Writers’ Buildings
6. At Nandan in connection with inauguration of 3rd International Children’s Film Festival
Economic Development and Transparent Administration

- In 2013-14 financial year, GSDP growth rate in West Bengal was 7.7%, whereas at the national level the GDP was 4.9%.
- In 2013-14 financial year, production growth rate in agriculture and allied sector in our state was 5.28%, whereas nationally it was 4.6%.
- In 2013-14 financial year, industrial growth rate in our state was 9.58%, whereas nationally it was 0.7%.
- In 2013-14 financial year, growth rate in service sector in our state was 7.8%, whereas nationally it was 6.9%.

Comparative growth rate at a glance : India and West Bengal

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2013-14

![Graph showing GDP Growth, Growth in Agriculture & Allied, Growth in Industry, Growth in Service Sector for India and West Bengal in 2013-14]
We have made a record in tax collection nationally. Our aim is to augment the allocation of resources for the development of state through increase in revenues. The target of our tax collection for 2012-13 financial year was ₹ 32,800 crore — which was a record 31.56% more from the previous financial year.

For current financial year (2013-14) too our target of tax collection is ₹ 40,000 crore.

For the first time ever in 2014, this Dept. has prepared and published Administrative Calendar mentioning the time-limit of delivery of services of each department.

The Right to Service Act has been enacted to ensure that people receive the services in time.

Uttarkanya, the branch secretariat, has been established at North Bengal, ending the long wait and sense of deprivation of the people there. On 11th February, with the participation of members of the ministry, cabinet meeting was also organised here.

We have started e-procurement, e-registration and e-payment for the speedy transparent and skilful disposal of govt. works.

During the last two and half years, Hon’ble CM has conducted meetings thrice in every districk — 54 administrative meetings in total, to ensure transparent administration and development of work culture. This example is unique not only in our state but to the whole of India.
Industry & Commerce

- **Role of Core Committee in the Growth of Industries**
  Core Committee has been re-constituted comprising representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and the Hon’ble Chief Minister as its Chairperson. The main objective of this Committee is to implement industrial projects and immediately solve problems relating to industry.

- **Single-Window Shilpa-Sathi**
  Task Force comprising various departments which concern industrial growth has been constituted in Shilpa-sathi under Industrial Development Corporation. This Task Force will assist in connection with according approval required for quick setting up of industries.

- **Best ever Industrial policy & interesting incentives**
  - New Industrial Investment policy proposal performance-based & incentive-driven.
  - Since May, 2011, ₹ 528.22 crore has already been paid as incentive.

- **Investment proposal & implementation**
  - Department of Commerce & Industry has got investment proposals from different companies including Steel Authority of India Ltd, Matrix Fertilizers & Chemicals, Great Eastern Energy, Ultratech Cement, Reliance Cement, Emmami Cement, ACC, BAPEL, ESSAR to the line of over ₹ 1,40,000 crore, out of it works are in progress on the investment proposal of ₹ 78,000 crore.
- **Transparency in distribution of lands for industries**
  - 39 lands (1,829.68 acres) have been distributed by Industrial Development Corporation.
  - 15 modules (1,78,853 sq.ft.) have been distributed by Industrial Development Corporation.
  - Proposed investment is ₹ 17,744.8 crore & proposed employment 47,650.
  - In the year 2012-13, ₹ 10.49 crore subsistence allowance has been dispensed to landless families of Singur.

- **14 Y Clearance**
  - According to 14Y clause of WBLR Act, clearance has already been provided to 14 projects, and 13 more projects will get recommendation soon, as a result the proposed investment will be ₹ 67000 crore. State govt. has launched an attractive incentive scheme, through which more industrial promotion assistance will be provided in a specified time frame.

**Remarkable strides made by big industries in the state**

- Upcoming big projects are: BAPL, Matrix Fertilizers and Chemical Ltd., South Asia Rubber and Polymers Ltd., Bengal Shipyard, Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd., Ultratech Cement Ltd., ACC Ltd., Patton International.

- **Present and upcoming industrial parks**
  - Plasto Steel Park, Barjora; Panagarh Industrials Park, Panagarh; Vidyasagar Industrials Park, Khargpur; Food Park, Sankrail; Garment Park, Beleghata; Shilpangan – light engineering park, Salt Lake.
  - New Industrial Park Proposed by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation will be situated at Goaltor, Haldia, Budgebudge and Ankurhati.
  - Booking for site/plot is going on for Food park, Phase III at Sankrail, Howrah and Gems and Jewellery Park at Ankurhati.
  - A rubber park is being established on a 95 acre site at Domjur, Howrah. The proposed investment for the park is ₹ 1500 crore and proposed employment is 10000.
  - Foundry Park is being established on a 924 acre site at Ranihati, Howrah. The proposed investment for the park is ₹ 2500 crore and proposed employment is 30000.
  - In order to implement project of Chemical Park at Howrah, the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation has proposed for special purpose vehicle.
  - The Growth Centre for the West Bengal Industrial infrastructure Development Corporation is operational in Coochbehar, Raninagar, Dabgram, Malda- I & II, Bishnupur, Kalyani I, II & III, Kharagpur, Uluberia, Haldia and Falta I & II.
  - West Bengal Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation has proposed for new industrial park at Guptamoni, Haringhata (Nadia), Falta and Coochbehar.

- **West Bengal Mineral Development & Marketing Corporation**
  - WBMTDC has been able to enhance production of Black Stone Mining Project at Trans-Damodar Coal Mine Project in Barjora, Bankura at Panchami and Hathgacha-Jethia in Birbhum and at Palsara in Purulia.

- **Creating infrastructure for enhancing international business**
  - Providing more than ₹ 50 crore in various projects such as Land Customs Station, Tissue culture project at Phulbari and Hili in Dakshin Dinajpur.
  - Land Customs Station has been working at Phulbari at India-Bangladesh border since 2012-13.

- **Enhancement of effort**
  - Development programmes have been organized through participating in various programmes like Bengal Leads, India International Trade fair, Pragati Utsav, Mati Utsav etc.
Medium, Micro, Small Scale Enterprises and Textiles

- New policy for the development of medium, small & minor scale & textiles industries – Policy for minor, small & medium scale enterprise & textiles, 2013-18 has been announced.
- Enhancement of bank-credit for medium, small & minor scale enterprises — our state stands in first position in terms of providing credit to minor & small scale enterprises. During April-September, 2012; in 6 months, different nationalised banks provided a total credit of Rs. 4,331 cr. in these sectors; which is highest ever in the country. Again, in the first month of this financial year, we are in the first position with the total credit allotment of Rs. 8,900 crore. Compared to last year, our rate of growth is 105%. In different other states, viz., — Gujrat, Tamilnadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andra Pradesh, Jharkhand & Chhatisgarh, this rate is much lower, with the average of 50%.
- Setting-up New Industries — During last two-and-half-years, 29,735 new enterprises have been set-up. Total investment stands at Rs. 2,595 cr. Expected employment-generation is for 2,02,245 people.
- Providing incentives for micro & small scale enterprises — In this period, incentives of Rs. 191 cr. has been provided.
- Training to facilitate employment — special training programme has been initiated with regard to employment of 1,06,000 youths across the state.
- Common Facility Centre (C.F.C.) — 16 C.F.Cs have been set-up. New 17 clusters have also been made.
- Creation of markets for marketing of products made by traditional artisans involved in rural handicrafts and also for augmentation of their living standards — UNESCO assisted Rural Craft hub have been taken up for holistic development of 10 different types of artisans involved in traditional handicrafts, viz.—‘Kantha’ (A type of embroidery), ‘Dokra’ (a non-ferrous metal casting), ‘Kather-Putul’ (Dolls made of wood), ‘Mukhosh’ (Masks), Terracotta (a reddish clay used to make handicrafts), Shitalpati (a kind of mat), ‘Patochitro’ (scroll painting), ‘Madurkathi’ (a mat made of cane), ‘Matir-Putul’ (Dolls made of clay), ‘Kather-Mukhosh’ (masks made of wood)
‘Urban-hut’ — ‘Viswa Bangla-hut’ has been opened in Durgapur & Rajarhat. A ‘Hut’ in Santiniketan will start functioning soon. The process for opening ‘Huts’ are underway in Purulia, Bishnupur, Alipurduar, Siliguri & Jhargram.

Development of life-style of traditional artisans & weavers in underdeveloped districts — A programme has been initiated under NFM (National Fibre Mission) to invest Rs. 257cr. for 17,000 artisans & weavers in 11 underdeveloped districts.

Creation of new opportunities in handloom — 220 lakh mandays have been generated and Rs. 194 cr. has been invested for minimum 5 lakh weavers in handloom. The work has been started with 39 handloom clusters & 92 handloom groups with the involvement of 2 lakh handloom weavers.

Photo-identity cards to artisans & weavers — to facilitate the job of 5,31,475 weavers & 5,28,540 artisans, photo-identity cards have been provided. 3,81,714 weavers have been registered under health insurance scheme.

Promotion of handloom, handicrafts, products, G.I.sweatmeat, Folk art & music & branding — To meet this objective, state govt. has initiated ‘Biswa Bangla Band. First ever ‘Biswa Bangla Brand’ marketing outlet has been opened at Kolkata Airport.

Bringing market-facilities at the doorstep of artisans — An opportunity has been created to help 17,410 manufacturers of handicrafts & artisans to participate in different state-level, national & international exhibitions and fairs. Products worth Rs. 86 cr. have been sold and supply orders amounting to Rs. 257 cr. have been obtained.

Development & Promotion of Khadi & Rural industries — 1,17,000 village industries and 161 khadi units have participated in the task of development & promotion of Khadi and rural industries. 7,10,000 & 38,000 people have gained employment in village industries & khadi units respectively. During this period, cluster development programme has been initiated for 15 khadi & village industries. 2400 people have taken part in this programme.

Provision of modern & developed technology to artisans & weavers to help them survive the competition in national & international markets — (Technology facilitation centre) T.F.C has been started with the co-operation of C.S.I.R (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) in Kolkata for minor, small & medium scale enterprises. Design facilitation centre (D.F.C) has been created in Kolkata for the handloom weavers.

Industrial hub — 3 industrial hubs have started operation in lands measuring 331 acres at Ambari-Phalakata, Rejinar and Durgapur. Development works of 6 industrial-hubs in 130 acres of land, with the total outlay of Rs. 90 cr., have started at Barjora, Shaktigar, Khasjangal, Dabgram, Mahesh & Bolpur. Besides, construction of 5 industrial hubs with the total cost of Rs. 528 cr, spreading over lands measuring 454 acres, has been started under joint-venture.

Soon-to-be implemented projects : Construction works of Mega Textile Park at Belur on 75 acres, Silk Park on 15 acres at Malda Eco-tourism Park at Banarhat, Jalpaiguri on 100 acres and World Micro Market on 100 acres at Santinikatan have started.

Promotion of sericulture — 5796 acres of land has been involved for the promotion of sericulture and employment has been made available to 35,226 people.
Higher Education
New universities in different districts

During the tenure of our Government the decision to establish 6 new universities (5 govt. and 1 private) has been taken. Among these, the session has already started from July 2013 at Panchanan Barma University in Coochbehar and at Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Asansol.

The second campus of North Bengal University has been established at Jalpaiguri. The postgraduate study in 4 subjects has commenced there from July 2013.

The session will start from July 2014 in the first Women University of Eastern Zone at Diamond Harbour and in Bankura Universities. Another new University will be established at Raigunj in Uttar Dinajpur district where session will start from July 2015.

First Private University of the State

During February 2013, this government has framed the policy and guidelines to establish private universities in the State. From July 2013 the session has been started at the first private university set up under the aegis of the Techno India Group in Salt Lake. Proposals for setting up four more such private universities are under Govt. consideration of these, Adamas University Bill and Seacom Skills University Bill have already been passed at the Assembly.

The second campus of Presidency University

The foundation stone of the second campus of Presidency University has been laid during the tenure of this Government. The Government has arranged a land of 10 acre and an amount of ₹10 crore for the purpose.

Establishing St. Xaviers University

The foundation stone of the proposed St. Xaviers University has been laid at Rajarhat. Land for this has been allotted by the Govt.

Establishing the Regional Centre of Netaji Subhas Open University

The land has been allotted for setting up of the regional centres of Netaji Subhas open Universities at Jalpaiguri and Durgapur.

New Government Colleges in different districts

After the independence only 38 Government Colleges has been established in the State during last 66 years.

On the other hand the process for establishing 31 new Government Colleges and 14 new private colleges in 13 districts has started during the tenure of the present Government.

Among these the session has started from July 2013 in 3 new Govt. colleges at Singur, Rajarhat and Gaighata.

The first Hindi Government College of the State

The first Hindi Government College is going to be established at Banarhat (Jalpaiguri). The session will start from 2014.
4 new Government college at Jangalmahal
   Session will start from 2014 at 4 new Government colleges at Jangalmahal.

New Government aided colleges in different districts
   During present academic year 9 new Government aided colleges have been established
   and session has also been started.

Community college Scheme (CCS) started
   Employment-oriented training has been started in 6 colleges in the districts of West
   Midnapore, East Midnapore, Bardhaman, Jalpaiguri and Kolkata.

A huge scope of employment in Education Sector
   The process of recruitment of 726 Assistant Professors in government colleges and over
   2000 Assistant Professors in government aided colleges has started during the tenure of this
   government. The process of recruitment of 200 Principals in government aided colleges also
   started.

Special preservation of OBC students
   During the tenure of this government the historic decision of 17% reservation for OBC
   students in government aided colleges has been taken which will start from 2014-15 academic
   year. This decision has been taken without curtailing the seats of general students. The
   government will construct additional infrastructure for 6 years in higher education centres for
   this purpose. It can be mentioned that 94.5% people of minority community will come under
   reservation for OBC.

Swami Vivekananda merit scholarship
   This government has provided financial assistance to 46,672 Higher Secondary passed
   distressed but meritorious students under “Swami Vivekananda Merit Scholarship”. The
   amount of government expenditure under this head was Rs. 32.70 crore during 2012-13
   financial year while it will be Rs. 35.64 crore during 2013-14 financial year.

Online admission and counselling
   This government has introduced the system of on-line admission to different technical
   courses. 1,60,000 candidates of Joint Entrance Examination 2014 may avail the opportunity of
   e-governance. This will eventually increase the transparency in the system of admission.

Formation of Education Commission
   This government has formed Education Commission to usher the new direction in higher
   education. Primary education, Madrasa education, Higher education, Technical education,
   Non conventional vocational education-- all will be under the purview of this commission. The
   report of the commission will be submitted during the end of this year.
Giving honour of “Centre of Excellence” to the Presidency University

University Grant Commission (UGC) has given the honour ‘Institution of National Eminence’ to the Presidency University during December, 2012. Six new ‘chairs’ have been formed for eminent professors. This apart ‘chairs’ named after Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Kazi Najrul Islam and Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose have been formed in this university. Besides, government has sanctioned vacancy for 331 nos. of teachers and 122 nos. of non-teaching staff in this connection. Eminent professors from North America, England, Europe, Japan and other countries are coming to this university for teaching.

Introducing Buddhist Education

This Government has approved of the introduction of Buddhist education in Calcutta University in 2013-14 academic year. A chair has been instituted in the name of Vivekananda in the Social-Science Stream.

Regular Salary for Part–Time Teachers and contractual whole–time Teachers

A regular monthly salary for part–time teachers and contractual whole–time teachers has been introduced during the regime of this Government only. Besides effecting a 5% hike in salary every three years term, this Government has also taken the decision of enhancing the salary by one-time extra–payment of 10% for the part-time teachers, who have completed 10 years of service on 01/10/2013 or later.
School Education


- **Construction of new set-up primary and higher-primary schools**
  A total of 221 new set-up primary and 1,660 new set-up higher primary schools have been constructed. Therefore, a total of 1,881 new set-up schools have been established.

- **Upgradation of schools**
  1,363 madhyamik schools have been upgraded to higher secondary schools and 263 junior high schools have been upgraded to madhyamik level. So, a total of 1,626 schools have been upgraded.

- **Free distribution of text-books to students**
  Text books have been revised from class I to class VII and a total of 7.5 crore well-illustrated good-quality text books have been published. These books have been distributed free to students of all schools.

- **Construction of additional class-rooms**
  In different schools, a total of 40,113 additional class-room have been constructed.

- **Mid-day meal projects at schools**
  Under mid-day meal projects, afternoon meals have been made available to 99% primary schools and 98% higher-primary schools.

- **Appointment of Teachers**
  Recommendations have already been sent to appoint almost 50,000 teachers for primary and secondary teachers.

- **Teachers’ training**
  74,650 untrained primary teachers have been trained on D.L.Ed and another 27,894 teachers have been given B.Ed training on O.D.L mode.

- **Construction of model school**
  A total of 34 English-medium model schools are being built; among these 4 model schools have already started to hold classes.

- **Construction of Lavatories**
  General lavatories have been constructed in 98% schools across the state and separate lavatories for girls have been constructed in 82% schools.

- **Computer training in schools**
  Under I.C.T project, computers and allied devices have been supplied for computer training of students to 2,600 madhayamik and higher secondary schools.

- **Arrangement for providing education in underdeveloped districts**
  Construction of 105 hostels for girls, 40 new residential school buildings and 11 P.T.T.I are being undertaken in 11 underdeveloped districts of the state.

- **Construction of 50-seated hostels for girls in Jangalmahal**
  A total of 34 hostels for girls have been built—17 in West Medinipur, 9 in Bankura and 8 in Purulia.

- **Distribution of cycles to girls students in Jangalmahal**
  76,085 cycles have been provided free of cost to girl-students reading in class IX to XII for their easy-conveyance in Jangalmahal areas.

- **Disbursement of Library-grant and laboratory-grant.**
  Library-grant of `50,000 each have been provided to 1,107 schools which have been upgraded to higher-secondary levels and 3,717 schools have been provided with `2 lakh each as laboratory grant.

- **Appointment of para-teachers in Santhali language in Jangalmahal areas**
  1,094 para-teachers have been appointed in Santhali language in the districts of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia.
Technical Education and Training
- **West Bengal Skill Development Mission**
  Under the leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister, West Bengal Skill Development Mission has been formed with a view to developing total and job-oriented skill.

- **Enactment of the West Bengal State Council of Technical and Vocational Education and Skill Development Act, 2013**
  To ensure the development of total skill the West Bengal State Council of Technical and Vocational Education and Skill Development Act 2013 has been passed.

- **All India Skill Contest**
  The state obtained first place for the first time in All India Skill Contest 2013.

- **West Bengal Handloom Circuit Development Scheme 2014**
  This scheme of ₹ 30 crore has been started with a view to develop the skill of 97000 handloom weavers and labourers of ancillary industries within the coming three years.

- **Establishment of new polytechnics**
  One polytechnic college for each subdivision will be established. Meanwhile 24 new polytechnic colleges have been established and 7000 seats have been increased therein. Also 39 new government Polytechnic colleges are being established.

- **Establishment of new ITIs**
  One new ITI will be founded in each block of the state. 38 new ITIs have already been established and 3700 seats have been increased. Apart from this, 88 new government ITIs are being established.

- **Construction of hostel for girl-students**
  Construction work of Girl students’ hostel is going on in 25 nos. of Polytechnic Colleges at the expenditure of ₹ 35 Crore.

- **For the purpose of employment generation MOU has been signed on 18 February, 2014 at ‘Mati Utsav’**
  - In order to impart training to 6800 persons for making garments, MOU has been signed with Raymonds and Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industries (BCCI). And the work will begin soon.
  - In order to provide services and imparting training to 5,000 people on production sector MOU has been signed with ILFS and FICCI. And the work will begin soon.
  - With a view to impart training to 5,000 people in gems and jewellery industries MOU has been signed with Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industries of India (ASSOCHAM). And the work will begin soon.
  - MOU has been signed with Security sector skill Development Council (SSSDC) to impart training to 20,000 people on security and fire-fighting and First-Aid as an additional arrangement. And the work will begin soon.
  - MOU has been signed with Ahmedabad Textile Industries Research Association (ATIRA) to impart training on embroidery to 2,000 people. And the work will begin soon.

- **Training under Skill Development initiative (MES)**
  An additional number of 1,05,000 people have been trained since 2011.

- **Skill Development in Particular Areas**
  Training of 13,500 people has been initiated in Backward Areas including border area blocks.

- **Vocational Education in Schools**
  Vocational Education has been introduced in 93 schools for the students of class IX under the National Vocational Education Quality framework.

- **Training on Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacturing Courses**
  Training of job oriented CAD/CAM course has been started in 62 vocational training centres.

- **Introduction to Community College Project**
  2 short term job oriented courses for the local people have been started in each of the seven Govt. Polytechnic Colleges.

- **Giving monthly honorarium to the teachers & trainees attached to vocational education and training**
  Giving of regular monthly honorarium to the teachers and trainees attached to vocational education & training through banks directly has been started since April, 2013.
Health

- New Multi-speciality Hospitals at districts
  During the tenure of our Government, 34 multi-speciality hospitals are being opened in the districts:
  - Chhatna, Onda, Barjora and Bishnupur is Bankura district
  - Huthmura and Raghunathpur in Puruliya district
  - Bolpur, Suri and Rampurhat in Birbhum district
  - Salboni, Debra, Ghatal, Jhargram, Nayagram II and Gopiballavpur in Paschim Medinipur district
  - Nandigram, Egra and Panskura in Purba Medinipur district
  - Kakdwip, Metiabruz, Baruipur, Diamond Harbour and MR Bangur Hospital in South 24 Parganas district
  - Sagardighi, Jangipur and Domkal in Murshidabad district
  - Chanchal in Malda district
  - Gangarampur and Balurghat in Dakshin Dinajpur district
  - Islampur and Raigunj in Uttar Dinajpur district
  - Falakata, Jalpaiguri and Mal (Dooars) in Jalpaiguri district

  Of these, work for 13 hospitals has already been started, and work orders for 21 others have been issued.

- Supply of free medicines and unveiling of healthcare facilities
  During the ongoing tenure of this Government, free medicines are being supplied in all privacy and rural healthcare centres. Budget-provision on this head is also being doubled.
Cutting across economic background, treatment, pathological examinations, medicines, diet and arranging for easy transportation to hospitals have been made available free of cost to all pregnant mothers & children upto one year of age in the state.

- **Fair price medicine shops—A model for the entire country**
  Across the state, 63 fair price medicine shops have been opened in PPP model. Through these shops, discount on medicine from 48% to 72% is available. Till February 2014, as many as 52 Lakh people have been benefited through this. Medicines amounting to ₹ 213 crore have been sold in this time period, discounting ₹ 130 crore to the purchases. Besides, 47 fair price diagnostic centres are also being opened in PPP model.

- **Number of beds at Government Hospitals**
  During the tenure of this Government, more than 10,000 beds have been increased in Government hospitals.

- **Augmentation of seats for MBBS and Dental**
  During the tenure of our Government, the numbers of seats have been enhanced for MBBS and Dental from 1,305 to 2,750, clocking an increase of 1,445.

- **Expansion of Sick New Born Care Unit (SNSU) and setting up of New Sick Newborne Stabilization Unit (SNSU)**
  Number of SNSU has been enhanced to 37 from 6, and 198 new SNSU has been set up during the tenure of new Government.

- **Critical Care Unit will be available in districts now**
  37 critical care units are being started during the tenure of our Government, of which 7 have already been opened.

- **Setting up of new Health District**
  7 new Health Districts have been established at Nandigram, Diamond Harbour, Basirhat, Jhargram, Asansol, Bishnupur & Rampurhat.

- **Establishment of new Medical College**
  3 Govt. Medical Colleges have been established at Kamarhati, Malda & Murshidabad. One medical college will be established at Durgapur under private initiative and three more medical colleges at Bhangar, Dhubulia and Coochbehar under joint venture.

- **Emphasis in appointing doctors**
  10,000 new doctors have been appointed during the tenure of this Government Health Recruitment Board has been set up for the fast filling up of the vacancies.

- **Sisusathi Prokalpo—Free of Cost cardiac treatment facility for children**
  Free of cost surgery for children affected by congenital heart disease has been introduced in 3 nos. private hospitals including SSKM under the Sisusathi Prokalpo.

- **Special emphasis on pediatric treatment**
  31 nos. nutrition rehabilitation centres have been set up under Government-run health care system for the first time ever for children, affected by mal-nutrition. Human milk bank namely ‘Madhur Sneha’ has been opened in SSKM hospital for the first time ever in eastern India.

- **Remarkable progress in respect of a few health indexes**
  There has been 20% decrease in mortality rate of mothers during child-birth and rise of institutional delivery has become 79%.

- **First chord Blood Bank**
  A chord Blood Bank has been established in Kolkata, the first of its kind in the eastern region. A special type of cell, called Stem Cell, will be collected from Chord Blood and be preserved after delivery at the School of Tropical Medicine, set up at the cost of ₹ 2 crore. Later, this Stem Cell will come handy in treating different complicated diseases such as diabetes, kidney and liver dysfunction, paralysis and cancer.

- **Introduction of Rashtriya Swasthyabima Yojana in more hospitals**
  Rashtriya Swasthyabima Yojana has been introduced in 178 nos. new private hospitals and 70 nos. Government hospitals. State government has enhanced transport cost from ₹ 100 to ₹ 300.

- **Health-care services are being extended to remote areas**
  36 nos. mobile health-care units have been introduced for extending health care facilities in the remote corners of Jangalmahal, Sunderban and tea-gardens.
Agriculture & Agricultural Marketing

- **Unprecedented success in the production of cereals**: The production of cereals has increased from 148 lakh in 2010-11 tons to reach 173 lakh tons in 2013-14. This increase in production despite the thrust on augmenting the production of less-productive fine rice is specially noteworthy.

- **‘Krishi Karman’ award given by Govt of India**: Award given by Govt. of India for unprecedented success in the production of pulses in 2011-12 & cereals in 2012-13.

- **To ensure remunerative prices to farmers**: Planning of agri-market in each block. Starting of construction of 93 such markets. The construction of 25 such markets will be complete by March 31, 2014. Another, 102 agri-markets are under work-in-progress phase. The Tapasi Malik Krishak Bazar has already been inaugurated in Singur. The Krishak Bazar at Baharampur, Dhaniakhali and Suri have also been opened.

- Consequent upon these measures the price for coarse paddy (swarna masuri) which was ₹ 850-900 (per quintal) during 2011 has now increased to ₹ 1450-1500 (per quintal).

- **Reducing dependance on chemical fertilisers**: Across the state, 34,492 nos. of vermi-compost production centres has been set-up to augment the production of such compost as organic fertiliser.

- **To ensure adequate profits to farmers in the production of rice**: Initiatives to increase the export of coarse rice. Increase in the production of fine rice. Gobindobhog (khas), purification of seeds of tulai panji, distribution & increase in the area of production.

- **Field Exhibitions to increase agricultural output & productive capacity**: Training in modern technology with high quality seeds, fertilisers and other agricultural implements in agricultural exhibitionary fields of 4,66,038 hectares.

- **Economic development of farmers in the blocks of ‘Jangalmahal’**: Inspiration to start the farming of multipurpose crops in 4260 hectares of exhibitionary fields of hybrid-corn, peanut & pulses through training in modern farming in Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipur districts.
- **Dissemination of meteorological data in advance to the farmers:** The works of setting up of 145 nos. of automatic agro-meteriological centres across the state have been started. The construction works of 47 nos. of automatic meteriological centres have already been completed.

- **Unthinkable development of agro-mechanisation:** Providing tractor power tillers, power reapers, pump sets to 67,186 nos. of farmers at govt. subsidised price and direct transfer of govt. subsidy to the farmers’ account of purchasing small agricultural implements for the first time.

- **Arrangement of loans for the farmers at low rate of interest:** More than 24 lakh farmers have been awarded with the benefit of Kisan Credit Card.

- **Recognition of farmers’ contribution:** ‘Krisak Ratna’ award in each block and ‘Krisak Samman’ award at district level are being given.

- **Pisciculture in govt. agro-farms:** Increase in supply of fishes in the local markets has been ensured and pisciculture in 324 nos. of waterbodies of govt. agro farms of the state has been started for the sake of scientific piscicultural training.

- **Long term preservation of crops:** One time financial grants are being given to the small and marginal farmers under ‘Aamar Phasal and Aamar Gola’ scheme.

- **Aamar phasal Aamar Gari:** Financial grants are being given for purchasing polycrate and van-cycle or pull-cart for carrying the produced crops to the market.

- **Agricultural education:** With the objective of promotion of agri-education development in agricultural sector, new campuses of State Agricultural University have been opened in Burdwan and Bankura districts. Admission of students and classes will start from 2014-15. Besides, an agricultural college will be opened very soon at Tapan, Dakshin Dinajpur.

- **State Seed Laboratory:** These laboratories have been opened at Krishnanagar and Bankura.

- **‘Matir katha’, a project:** To promote modern scientific education on agriculture, ‘Matir katha’, a unique initiative, has been stated by Dept. of Agriculture, Govt of West Bengal. This project aims at disseminating information on agriculture, new government programmes, VDOs relating to agri-extension, educational documentary films etc. to the doorsteps of farmers with the help of modern technology and objective of agri-extension and rural development.

- **Crop insurance:** 15 horticultural crops have been included in the purview of crop-insurance.

- **Onion-farming:** For the first time ever in Bengal, initiative has been taken for kharif onion-farming.
Fisheries and Animal Resources Development

- **Special Assistance to the people living below poverty line**
  1.7 crores of poultry-chicks, 22,300 nos. of goats and 400 nos of pig have been distributed among the 3.6 lakh families living below the poverty line.

- **Health services for livestock and chicks**
  3.77 crores of chicks and ducks and livestock have been brought under the Animal Health Services and vaccination of 4.97 crores of livestock and chicks & ducks have been complete. 30,017 nos. of animal health camp have been organized.

- **Sales of chicken and eggs at fair price**
  Through 45nos. of marketing centres in Kolkata, 2.15 lakh of chicken and more than 13 lakh of egg have been sold.

- **Increase in production, preservation of milk and milk-product**
  696 nos of crayocan at the cost of ₹ 525 lakh, more than 35,000 milk- container made of steel and 180 nos of automatic milk-collection machine have been distributed through Co-operation Societies.
  - 18 nos of milk chilling machines having the capacity of 19,500 ltr involving expenditure for a sum of ₹ 75.25 lakh have been purchased.
  - 3.05 lakh metric liters of milk was collected and a sum of ₹ 488 crores has been earned through animal farm having the capacity of producing 2.6 lakh litres of milk.
  - Work for reconstruction of State Dairy in Burdwan has begun.

- **Self Employment Scheme**
  Mother Dairy has engaged 2560 nos. of unemployed youths in self-employment schemes.

- **Livestock Insurance**
  Insurance coverage at the cost of ₹ 100.91 crores has been provided for 3.15 lakh of livestock and 2.5 lakh of heifer of hybreed variety. Nutritious fodder, medicine and vaccination were provided for them.
Financial upgradation of the corporation
During 2014, Live-stock Development Corporation has increased the sell of meat and meat products 280% (₹1.54 crore).
Net profit of Mother Dairy during 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial year was ₹ 18.23 crore.
Dairy and Poultry Development Corporation has earned a profit of ₹ 2.49 crore during 2014 from a loss of ₹ 3.10 crore upto April 2011.

Fish for all, and fishesies in every waterbodies
To conserve the native species of fishes and spawning of those species in inland water-bodies, fisheries are exercised in 212 waterbodies.

Developed spawns are the keys to increase in outturn
To develop the quality of fingerlings, steps have been taken to ensure the quality through all spawn producing organisations. 77 lakh fingerlings had been released in large water-bodies under Social Fishery Scheme.

Assistance to Fishermen, Co-operative societies, Self help groups and Producer’s groups
Assistance had been given to 975 fishermen by providing 215 vehicles for carrying fish, 10,000 insulated boxes, 3150 cycles and 100 co-operative societies by providing different net, container etc.

Conservation of Hilsa and Research Laboratory
Hilsa conservation and research laboratory had been established at Diamond Harbour to increase the number of Hilsa.

Loan to Fishermen in easy terms
Scientific fisheries in 3369 hectare waterbodies and loan in easy terms have been arranged under FFDA scheme.

Amendment in law to save waterbodies
To save the water-bodies, the concerned law has been amended and that law is being applied in rural panchayat area.

Development in standard of living of the fishermen and infrastructure development
To develop inland and marine sector infrastructure, 3 fishing harbours, 6 fish markets, 2 ice making machines with 100 ton capacity and fish landing centre had been constructed.

Gitanjali/ Amar Bari Prakalpa
12,743 houses, 180 roads have been constructed and tubewells had been sunk.
The socio-economic condition of 1066 scheduled tribe fishermen are being developed under tribal subplan scheme.

Old-age pension of the Fishermen
7500 aged and disabled fishermen are getting ₹ 1000 per months as old-age pension.

Bio-metric indentity card to sea-bound fishermen
2.59 lakh sea-bound fishermen are being benefitted under this scheme.

Culture of ornamental fish for development of socio-economic condition of the women
Throughout the state and specially in Howrah, South 24 Parganas and Uttar Dinajpur, this work is going on.

Training to Fishermen and un-employed youth
Training for developed fish farming technology are being provided to 26,450 fishermen, people engaged in fish farming and unemployed youth.
**Distribution of Pattas** — During the last two and half years the State Government has created an unparalleled precedence by distributing Pattas to 1 lakh 92 thousand landless families. In this regard it is worthy of mention that while 5670 nos. and 37,723 nos. of Pattas were distributed during 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively, during the tenure of the present government the all hitherto record nos. of 1,06,264 landless families were distributed pattas during the financial year 2012-13.

**Revenue Collection** — While the revenue collection of Land and Land Reforms department was only ₹ 380 crore during the year 2011-12, it has been increased to ₹ 480 crore during the year of 2012-13. During the year of 2013-14, upto the mouth of January, land revenue collection amounts to ₹ 312.27 crore. At the end of the current financial year, it will exceed ₹ 500 crore.

**e-governance initiative** — People can easily have access to maps of landed property and particulars relating to title through the website of the Land and Land Reforms dept.

At the same time common people now can directly collect land records (parcha) within a few hours in over-the-counter service under the e-governance initiative from each of the BLLR offices at the block level, which could not be thought of during past.

**Providing land for setting up industries** — Decision has been taken for relaxation of ceiling of land for setting up 15 nos. of industries subject to condition of purchasing land on the basis of application of the entrepreneurs for setting up industries through transparent procedures as per section 14Y of West Bengal Land Reforms Act.

Besides, in order to assist earmarking of suitable land for setting up of industries, the Land Use Map has been prepared where single-crop land, multi-crop land and densely populated areas have duly been earmarked.
Panchayats and Rural Development
- **Strong measures for empowerment of women**
  Ratio for reservation of seats for women in each tier of Panchayat has been enhanced from one-third to half after amendment of West Bengal Panchayat Act.

- **More empowerment of people belonging to other Backward Classes**
  So far the reservations were only for the representatives of women, members of Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Our government has facilitated the participation of OBCs in the Panchayets through reservations.

- **Villagers build their own villages**
  A new milestone has been laid upon in 100-days work project.
  Man-days which have been created during the last two-and-a-half years are greater than the sum total of man-days created through preceding years. During the financial year 2012-13 man-days of 20 crore 18 lakh have been created. During 2012-13, we have stood first in terms of spending 107% of the allotted fund job has been provided to 58 lakh of families. Total expenditure was ₹ 4,688 crore. West Bengal has created unparalleled precedence by making man-days out of 109% of Labour budget.

- **The district of Bankura has obtained special status**
  Award from the Union Ministry of Rural Development by co-ordinating other projects with 100-days work and creating model for enhancement of scope for earning livelihood in poor families of villages.

- **Path itself is the Pathfinder**
  A unique and unparalleled initiative has been taken up for creating 16,000 k.m. length of road which can be used in all seasons in each of the gram panchayats on 7 January, 2014. This special drive will create about 3 crore 50 lakh of man-days across the state.

- **Gram Sadak Yojana**
  While upto 2010-11 an average of 1,069 k.m. of road has been constructed under the Gram Sadak Yojana, the road-length constructed during the tenure of this government becomes 1,978 km on average. Upto January 2013-14 work for construction of 255 nos. of roads under the project of Gram Sadak Yojana covering 1,016 km moving the expenditure of ₹ 558 crore has been complete.

- **Extension of Nirmal Bangla following proper sanitation**
  By the year 2017 “Sanitary Lavatories” are being constructed in all the houses with the objective of building up Nirmal Bangla. Work for lavatories, solid and liquid waste management in schools and Anganwadi centres is going on.

- **My Home, My Right**
  The work for construction of houses for the rural poor families with the assistance of IAY Scheme is going on at a rapid pace. During the period of last two-and-a-half years more than 4.5 lakh of dwelling houses have been constructed. Assistance for building houses under Adhikar Prokalpo was provided to 25 thousand families in 11 districts.

- **Anandadhara Bahichhe Bhubane**
  More than 50 thousands Self-help Groups were constituted in two years under the Anandadhara Scheme. During the last two-and-a-half year total amount of credit received by the Self-help Groups amounts to ₹ 1,232 crore.

- **New ray of hope to the destitutes, old, widow and differently-abled people**
  Allowance under the National Social Assistance Scheme is now much more easily available. 10.68 lakh of rural families are getting old-age pension. 7.39 lakh of rural women are getting widow pension. 38 thousand differently abled peope are also getting allowance. The amount of allowance for the widows and differently abled peope has been increased to ₹ 600 per month. Age limit for old-age pension has been reduced from 65 to 60.
Providing record number of scholarships
In the last two and a half years various types of scholarships worth ₹ 993.20 crore have been conferred to 57 lakh minority students. From 2006-07 to 2010-11, only 8.69 lakh students were given scholarships at the cost of ₹ 193 crore whereas only in 2012-13, 17 lakh 72 thousand students were conferred with scholarships worth ₹ 298 crore. Till date, in the financial year, 2013-14, scholarships of ₹ 417 crore have been provided to 22.77 lakh students.

More Credit for self-employment
During the tenure of this government credit amounting to ₹ 462 crore has been provided to 2.50 lakh minority youths for self-employment. In 2010-11, credit of ₹ 30 crore was given to 5637 people, whereas in 2012-13, credit amounting to ₹ 208 crore has been given to 1.21 lakh people. In 2013-14 financial year, till date 69,000 youths have been provided with the credit of ₹ 112 crore.

More facility of reservation in government jobs and higher studies
94.50% of total Muslim population of the state has been provided with the facility of reservation in jobs and higher studies.
Due to the continuous efforts of Government of West Bengal and as an outcome of a long-standing demand, Government of India has enlisted 37 new communities as OBCs, out of these 35 are minority communities. This will enhance the scope of education and jobs among the Muslims.

Providing cycles to facilitate education
Cycles have been provided to 1.82 lakh minority girl-students.

Recognizing Urdu Language
Urdu has been recognized as official language in areas where Urdu speaking population is 10% or more. Branches of Urdu Academy is going to be opened at Asansol and Islampur.

New initiative in education sector
- Construction work for a new Medical College at the intersection of North and South 24 Parganas and 7 Polytechnic Colleges and 24 ITIs in minority dominated areas across the state is underway.
An additional number of a few thousand teachers for 614 Madrasahs will be appointed. Besides, construction work for 12 English-medium Madrasahs have been started. Two new buildings of Alia University, at Rajarhat and Gorachand Road, Kolkata, at the cost of ₹298 crore are being built.

238 new hostels are being built for Minority Students.

Courses on B.Ed and Islamic theology and Higher Secondary section of Anglo-Persian School have been recently inaugurated in the new building of Alia University’s new campus. These have opened a new door of Higher studies for minority students.

Teachers’ training

3,750 untrained teachers of Madrasahs are being given training in B.Ed and D.L.Ed.

Library Grant, Laboratory grant and Providing Computers

A total of 614 Madrasahs across the state have been given ₹3.57 crore as laboratory grant, ₹2.61 crore as library grant and computers worth ₹3.68 crore to 87 Madrasahs.

Multiple steps for the security of cemeteries

₹66 crore has been provided to reform 1,400 burial grounds.

Construction of Haj-house

Construction of third Haj-house is going on for Haj Pilgrims.

More Housing Projects

1,48,000 minority families have been given finance to construct new houses under housing projects called ‘Geetanjali’ and Natun Bari.

Marketing hubs to facilitate self-employment

Construction of marketing hubs in 212 blocks have been started with the target of constructing altogether 500 such hubs across the state. Among this, 109 marketing hubs are being made by Department of Minority Affairs to market products made by minority Self-Help Groups.

More opportunities of employment through training

2.66 lakh people have been given training.

Minority building in Districts

Constructions have been started for 18 minority buildings in 18 districts. Out of this, 15 have been completed.

Infrastructure Development Under M.S.D.P Project

Under this project, 11,196 new Anganwadi Centres, 944 Sub-health Centres, 10,164 additional class-rooms to schools and 12,421 tubewells have been made.

Incentives to Imams and Muazzims

By a decision taken by the present government 43,852 Imams and Muazzims, through Wakf Boards, are being given monthly allowance to encourage them to participate in Public Welfare Programmes.
Scholarship Facility – In the last two-and-a-half years, the facility of scholarships has been extended to almost ₹ 84 lakh students belonging to Schedules Castes and Tribes and OBCs.

Bestowal of Caste Certificates – ₹ 9.44 lakh Caste Certificates were given out in 2013 calendar year, whereas only ₹ 8.11 lakh certificates were given in 2009 and 2010 taking together, during the regime of the previous government.

Department of Tribal Development – The present government has formed the Department of Tribal Development separately in order to uplift the overall standard of living of people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The first meeting of the newly constituted Tribes Advisory Council, formed with representatives of various tribal people, has already taken place.
Tribal Development in the Terai region – Hindi as a language will be included in the Graduate and Post-Graduate Curriculum of the North Bengal University keeping the demands of the tribal students in mind. Banarhat College (Hindi medium) will start functioning from August, 2014. Hindi medium schools will be opened in Banarhat, Matiali and Kalchini. The government is supplying rice to the workers of the closed Tea Gardens at the rate of ₹ 2/- per kg.

Tribal Development in the hills—

- Lepcha Development Board— The State Government has taken positive steps for the development of various ethnic people on the hills. The Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board has been formed in 2012 for the socio-economic and cultural development of the Lepcha community besides implementation of GTA Agreement. The Lepcha Development Board has been registered as a separate society on August 5, 2013.

  ₹ 1 crore has already been sanctioned to the Board for the growth of education and culture under the plan-head. 1000 nos. of women have been identified as beneficiaries for houses to be built under Rangee scheme. ₹ 50 crore have been granted for this project, out of which are ₹ 20 crore have already been conferred to the Development Board under the plan-head.

- Formation of Tamang Development Board— The State Government has very recently constituted Tamang Development Board for the sake of overall growth of Tamang and other communities and to preserve Tamang culture and tradition. This Board will also look into matters related to the development of other communities as well.

Inclusion of 11 groups in the list of Scheduled Tribes— The Union Government has been requested to induct 11 groups including the 10 ethnic groups of Darjeeling such as Bhujel, Gurung, Mangar, Newar, Yogi, Khas, Rai, Sunuar, Thammi and Iksa (Dewan) and Dhimal in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

Special Reservation for OBC students: A historic decision towards 17% reservation of OBC students in the Government-aided higher education centres has been made during the tenure of the present Government. It will be introduced in the 2014-15 academic year. The step has been taken without reducing the number of seats earmarked for general students.

Government of India has recently enlisted 37 new groups as OBCs in West Bengal, as a result of relentless endeavour and a long-standing demand of the Government of West Bengal. 35 out of the 37 new entries are that of minority communities. As a consequence, scopes for education and employment of backward classes will be more widened.

The present Government of West Bengal has, besides effecting development of the on-going projects, taken up many more new projects for the welfare of Backward Classes and Tribals such as—

- giving bi-cles to girl students reading in classes IX to XII in order to encourage them with their studies,
- scope for on-line application for Caste-Certificates and different Scholarships for students,
- scope for construction of houses under Geetanjali project,
- arrangements for availability of individual/collective land deeds under the Forest Rights Act, loans and Grants in terms and conditions under the concerned financial enterprise (Aranya Shakti Prokalpo).

- Many people pluck Kendu leaves from jungles and sell them. With their cause in consideration, the price of Kendu leaves has been enhanced from ₹ 48 per chatta to ₹ 75/-.
- Special training in subjects including Spoken English, Computer education etc. under the monitoring of internationally famous institutions for employment in private sectors.

Education Loans in easy terms and conditions for professional and technical higher education.
Irrigation and Waterways

Irrigation: water is the strength of the farmer

- Irrigation-water is being supplied to 1,34,000 acres of land through canals in the western districts, which remained victims of negligence for the last few decades.
- Projects have been taken up to bring 58,000 acres of land in the current financial year and 1,24,000 acres of more plots of land in the coming financial year.
- In all, 8,95,000 acres of land are being fed with irrigation-water across the state through big and medium sized irrigation-projects in the current Ravi/Boro seasons. This is the highest quantum in the last 7 years.
- In a never-before attempt, almost 1,10,000 acres of land are being fed with irrigation water in Ravi/Boro seasons under the Teesta Barrage Project in North Bengal.
- 14 check dams are being built up in the remote areas of drought-prone Purulia so that rain-harvested water can be utilized. In the coming financial year, 23 more check-dams are proposed for implementation.

More canals to be reclaimed

Work for reclaiming rivers, ducts measuring 330 km., specially in South Bengal districts, has been taken up in the financial years, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

The projects that are remarkable in the above mentioned list include:

- Keleghai, Kapaleswari, Chandia, Hijli Tidal Canal in Paschim and Purba Medinipur, Damodar short cut channel, Nayabaaz and Bigachhi canal in Howrah, Upper and lower Bagzola canal, Tollygunj Panchannagram canal system, Ichhamati river, Beleghata canal etc. in North and South 24 Pgs. and Kolkata.
Besides all these, a bunch of projects for reclaiming canals like Denan-Dehati, Shankarara, Silted Damodar, Kestopur Bhangarkata, Noai, Monikhali and a number of other canals have been approved.

The much-awaited Ghatal Master Plan is waiting for the approval of the union government. The state government is determined for its speedy implementation.

The finished and partly-finished projects have readily yielded better results. Despite very heavy rainfall last year, water receded at a rapid pace from the lower catchments areas of Keleghai-Kapaleswari rivers, which historically are prone to floods, and other areas and thus attaining hearty blessings from the local people.

Protection of river banks and dams and the security of common people

A huge work-load in relation to prevention of river-bank and coastal erosion and to protection of dams is going on across the state.

In the last two-and-half years, projects for erosion-preventing, dam-strengthening and reconstructive steps including the dam damaged by Aila in the Sundarbans have been implemented in an area measuring 518 km. and the work of the same is on in 100 km stretch.

The most remarkable of finished and nearly finished projects are protection of historic Tamluk town from the erosion of the Rupnarayan river and the beautification as well as antierosion measures of Digha-Sankarpur coasts.

More advanced technology like geo-synthetic filter and bag and concrete blocks are being applied for arresting erosion.

Initiative is being taken to implement Kandi Master Plan by phases in Murshidabad.

Building of roads and bridges, provision for communication

In the last two and half years, the work of 30 concrete bridges has been completed and the bridges have been opened for people.

Projects for building 95 new bridges over various major and minor rivers and canals in remote rural areas in keeping with the increasing demand have been taken up. This is without a precedence in the history of irrigation and waterways.

In the meantime, work for 43 bridges is on with a thrust in different districts of South Bengal. The Lalgarh bridge over the Kangsavati river is a remarkable example. 52 more bridges have been approved recently. Work for them will begin shortly.

Apart from these, work for replacing the old dilapidated bridges with new concrete ones will be taken up in the coming financial year on priority basis.

Bitumenous road measuring 73 km. has been constructed within three and a half months along the banks of the rivers Mahananda and Fulahar at Malda.

Application of technology for the purpose of enhancing overall efficiency, transparency and accountability

The use of e-tendering system has been extended to the spheres of already existing major work involving an expenditure of Rs. 5 lakh.

Initiative is being taken up to introduce e-governance in the district offices in phases.

A 24×7 toll-free helpline has been operational in the district headquarters control room for South Bengal at Bidhannagar and for North Bengal at Jalpaiguri in order to exchange flood-related news during the rainy season and to directly communicate with people.
Vision 2020 — unprecedently ‘Vision 2020’ document has been made in rural areas at short term and long term basis — for supply of drinking water against projects of approximately ₹ 1295 crore and ₹ 21,125 crore respectively.

₹ 5,640 crore has been sanctioned for 383 nos. of rural pipelined water supply project through this ‘vision’. Resultly, 1.10 crore villagers, specially the people of draught prone areas of Bankura, Purulia and the people of saltish and arsenic-prone areas of North and South 24 Parganas, will be benefited.

Number of benefited people due to undertaken projects
During the regime of new government, 416 nos. of rural pipelined water supply project and 54,935 nos. of tube well at the expense of ₹ 1,777 crore, have been made operational. Resultly, 37.07 lakh people will be benefited.

Arsenic free drinking water
130.58 lakh villagers (till 31.12.2013) are being supplied with arsenic free water through different ways which is almost 78.40% of the total population of the blocks of arsenic prone areas. In respect of the total implementation of present master plan, this rate is 96%.

Fluoride-free drinking water
Proper measures are being taken to supply fluoride-free water respectively at 43 nos. of fluoride-prone blocks in Birbhum, Bankura, Dakshin Dinajpur, Uttar Dinajpur, Purulia, Malda and South 24 Parganas at the expense of approximately ₹ 1,580 crore.

Supply of Drinking Water
● **Utilisation of solar energy in water projects**
This is the first time in West Bengal when the utilisation of solar energy in water supply project has been implemented.
In this way, 704 nos. of water supply projects depending on solar energy in the drought prone Bankura, Paschim Medinipur and Purulia have been sanctioned at the expense of ₹ 51.67 crore. Total three pilot projects, one in each district, have been implemented.

● **Undertaken projects in Jangalmahal area**
50 nos. of pipelined water supply project at the expense of almost ₹ 141.70 crore have been sanctioned for the benefit of 3.77 lakh of people (on the basis of census, 2011) in Jangalmahal area. 47 nos. of project have already been implemented.

● **Water Supply in New Town-Kolkata and adjacent municipal and rural areas**
Structure of reservoir and project for supply of 100 MGD impure water at New Town - Kolkata; Naba Diganto, Bidhannagar, South Dum Dum Municipality, Haroa, Rajarhat and Bhangar and adjacent areas at the expense of about ₹ 348.37 crore have been sanctioned at the initiative of the departments of Public Health Engineering and Urban Development.

● **Habra - Gaighata Arsenic-free water project**
A surface water project named ‘Habra-Gaighata’ has been undertaken at the project cost of about ₹ 578.94 crore for the extensive areas of arsenic prone North 24 Parganas. As a result, 18.04 lakh people will be benefited.

● **Bankura district water project (First phase)**
The work of river and surface water based pipelined water supply project at the expense of about ₹ 1,011.12 crore for Bankura (first phase) through Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) is going on. As a result, 30.15 lakh people will be benefited. Progress of this work is almost 50%.

● **Purulia district water project (with the financial assistance of Japan)**
A drinking water supply project across 9 nos. of block in Purulia at the project cost of ₹ 1,173.10 crore with the financial assistance of JICA (Japan) has been undertaken. As a result, 29.10 lakh people will be benefited.

● **‘Kulpi and adjacent area’ mega water project**
A mega surface water based pipelined water supply project named ‘Kulpi and adjacent area’ at the expense of ₹ 1,332.41 crore at the saltish areas of South 24 Parganas, has been undertaken. 32.89 lakh people of 9 blocks will be benefited from this project.

● **Automatic drinking water pouch machine to combat drought and flood**
14 nos. of mobile water purification unit including automatic drinking water pouch machine have been made operational for the sake of distressed people during flood and drought all across the state.

● **‘Prandhara’ — bottled pure drinking water**
8 nos. of bottling plant have been set up in various parts of the state. That bottled water named as ‘Prandhara’, is being supplied to the people through a unique way.

● **Training given by the department of Public Health Engeneering**
More than ten thousand newly elected Panchayat members, health workers, anganwadi members and other related persons across eight districts have been trained.
Kanyasree

In order to encourage all the girl-children to go to schools and discourage early marriage, hon’ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the Kanyashree Prakalpo on 1 October, 2013 where money was directly credited to the bank account of the beneficiaries. This Prakalpo consists of two components: annual stipend @ ₹ 500 for the girls, aged between 13 and 18, studying in schools and providing one-time grant @ ₹ 25,000 to the unmarried girls aged between 18 and 19 who are studying / undergoing training. About 11 lakh girls have been enlisted so far and among this, applications of 8 lakh girls have been sanctioned.

Schemes for social security of the teenage girls

- Girl-student of schools and colleges are being trained in the art of self-defence with the assistance from police through ‘Sukanya’ prakalpo.
- 24 January, 2013 was observed first-time ever in this state as the National Girl Child Day, giving emphasis on girl children and importance of their rearing. Since then this day is being observed in a befitting manner every year.

Welfare Home For old men/women/children/oppressed women

- In order to supervise the welfare homes of the state, a state-level enquiry and supervisory committee has been constituted. More upgradation of the homes are being done according to the recommendations of this committee.
- The infrastructure of each home is being upgraded. A sum of, ₹ 15 crore has been allotted for this purpose. Upgradation of infrastructure of 20 nos. of Home has already been made.
- The system of closed circuit T.V. has been introduced for internal surveillance of government Homes.
- Regular health check-up in Welfare Homes is being conducted with the assistance from Health & Family Welfare department.

Women Empowerment

- Rajya Mission Sangstha has been constituted at the chairpersonship of Hon’ble Chief Minister and Rajya Mahila Sampad Kendra has been set up under its control. Rajya Mahila Sampad Kendra has organised various workshops, seminars etc. with an eye to implementation of the policy of empowerment of women.
State Women’s Empowerment Policy has been formulated first-time ever in West Bengal.

With a view to enhancement of efficiency for the purpose of economic empowerment of women under the Swabalamban Prakalpo, technical training has been provided for them. During the year 2012-13, total 3115 nos. of women were provided 23 nos. of profession-oriented technical training for 6 months duration.

Inmates of Homes run by government and private organization are being appointed by phases in the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme in Anganwadi Centre.

International Women’s Day is being observed on March 8 every year, glorifying the success of women of Bengal.

Steps in Prevention of women and child trafficking

- A useable order for west bengal has been made on rescue of women and children infiltrated and trafficked from Bangladesh, giving them safe-passage or rehabilitation & repatriation.
- Considering Uttar Dinajpur as the pilot district, several programmes have been taken up to prevent trafficking & providing them safe-custody.

Welfare measures for disabled

- Sum of ₹1000 has now been increased to ₹10,000 under Financial Rehabilitation programme for disabled and 710 disabled persons have been benefitted.

Social security net for vagrants

- Shelter homes have started functioning for homeless people in Kolkata, Howrah & Asansol. With this objectives 38 night-shelters have been constructed by this dept.
- Daily wages for inmates of vagrant homes has been increased from ₹4.10 to ₹40.

Integrated Child Development Scheme

- Annual work-plan for 3 years has been framed for construction of house buildings of Anganwadi centres.
- 13,389 nos. of new well-decorated and well-equipped with all necessary components Anganwadi centres have been constructed.
- Arrangements for preparing different kinds of nutritious food for children & women have been made in Anganwadi centres. Not only ordinary Khichuri, but also egg, winter vegetables, soyabean, rice & dal are being cooked.
- Steps have been taken for filling up the vacancies in 23 LWE–affected blocks of three districts. Supervising committees have been formed from state level to gram panchayat level for supervising Anganwadi centres.
- Further 160 nos. of additional ICDS centres have been started. Pre-nursey education for children was introduced in two places in the state on experimental basis and now this will be started in all the Anganwadi centres in future.
- Regular health check-ups are being done at the Anganwadi centres with the co-operation of dept. of Health & Family Welfare.
- The work of providing sari has been introduced to ensure identical dress/uniform for all the Anganwadi workers and assistants of the state.
- Training up to the level of Chief ‘Sebika’ has been completed according to the direction of MIS.
- Training up to the level of Anganwadi workers according to the reconstruciton plan of ICDS has been started all accross the state.

Child protection

- For investigation of missing and oppressed children, the Track Child 1.6 portal has been made for public.
- State Commission for protection of child rights.
- 335 posts on agreement have been created to implement child rights programme, which will be fulfilled soon. Meanwhile, 186 posts have been fulfilled.
- State Child Protection Society (SCPS), State Adoption Resources Agency (SARA) and District Child Protection Society (DCPS) have been formed.
- Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board are working in 19 districts.
- The maintenance of the inmates of cottage home has been increased to ₹ 1250 from ₹ 1100.
- The child home at Kadai in Berhampore, which had been lying closed since long, has been renamed as Kazi Nazrul Child Home and was inaugurated on February 14, 2014.
- Statewide seminars and work plans have started in order to address the regularly diminishing child-sex ratio.
Food and Supplies
Three crores 20 lacs people who are socially and financially backward, are being provided with rice at the rate of \( \text{₹} \ 2 \) per kg. Some noteworthy areas/people getting the benefit of this initiative are

- Jangal Mahal area (Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia)
- Aila affected Sundarban area
- Closed tea garden
- People from some endangered tribes such as Birhar, Lodha, Shabar.
- Unwilling peasants of Singur
- Vagabond of Kolkata
- 7 tribal dominated blocks in Birbhum
- People from Toto community area getting rice and wheat at free of cost

The quantity of rice procurement has exceeded 20.5 lacs MT during the Kharif season of 2012-13 which is the highest ever in last few couple of decades.

Zero balance accounts have been opened in favour of the farmers who sell paddy of the Government and Government appointed agents. They are being paid for the selling price of paddy through account payee cheques.

During last two and a half years, warehouse capacity has been enhanced to 1,03,000 MT from 40,000 MT for preservation of food grains. The work of constructing further warehouses having the total capacity of 3 lakh MT is going on to the full.

Modern laboratory has been set up in ‘Khadya Bhawan’. This will ensure the distribution of rice, flour, wheat, edible oil and other food items of good quality through Public Distribution System.

New ‘Khadya Bhawan’s have been constructed at eight places (Ghatal, Krishnanagar, Kalna, Coochbehar, Barrackpore, Jalpaiguri, Mekhligunge, Bangaon).

Construction work of ‘Khadya Bhawan’ at further 14 places (at Dinhata, Mathabanga, Tehatta, Diamond Harbour, Barasat, Bankura, Howrah, Arambagh, Raghunathgunge, Bishnupur, Uluberia, Jhargram, Medinipur and Kashipur) is going on. Proposal for construction of ‘Khadya Bhaban’/Inspection Buildings at further 14 places (at Domkal, Egra, Tufangunge, Kurseong, Asansol, Contai, Bardwan, Lake Gardens, Mukutmanipur, Shantiniketan, Meteli, Digha, Bidhannagar and at the headquarter of Food and Supply Dept.) has been undertaken.

In order to make the offices of the Food and Supplies Department in 115 blocks, more popular, the work of modernization is going on. Similarly, the work of modernization will be started shortly in the rest of offices of Food and Supplies Department in 226 blocks.

The work of computerization in PDS is going on at the expense of \( \text{₹} \ 112 \) crore. In this view, digitization and making database of ration cards is under process. Till now, 4.35 crores Digitized Ration Cards have been prepared. Remaining cards will be prepared by March 2014.

More than 1 crore forged and bogus ration cards have been revoked since May 2011.

Non-PDS items have been made available in ration shops at fair prices for the benefit of common people. Retail Marketing Centre is going to be made operational in Kolkata.

To prevent smuggling of subsidised foodgrains, transport system through vehicles having special colour, has been introduced.

Important information related to distribution of foodgrains in public distribution system is being disseminated regularly to the people’s representatives and local inhabitants through SMS.

Government is providing a subsidy amounting to \( \text{₹} \ 1,000 \) crore in PDS for the interest of poor people.
The construction works of 94,180 houses at ‘Gitanjali’ and ‘Aamar Thikana’ under E.W.S project in rural areas for the financially weak people, are going on.

This apart, 720 flats have been constructed at New Town and Rajarhat under ‘Gitanjali’ prakalpo which will be distributed to the homeless people of those areas.

Motels for convenience of the common man

A plan has been undertaken to construct Motels or Passenger Facilitation Centres for convenience of the passenger at every 50 k.m. distance beside the state highways and other important roads. Those Motels have been named as ‘Pothosathi’.


Construction of ‘Night Shelter’ at the Medical Colleges and District Hospitals

80 bedded ‘Night shelter’ is being constructed at the Nilratan Sirkar Medical College and Hospital for convenience of the relatives of the patients. Construction work is at the final stage.

‘Night Shelter’ of same kind is also being constructed at Diamond Harbour District Hospital.
Rental Hostels for the working women

- Construction work of a 40 bedded hostel (Ananya) at Durgapur has been completed.
- A 44 bedded hostel (Sayamsiddha) at Salt Lake has been renovated.
- Construction of a hostel at Ibrahimpur in Jadavpur is going to be started.

Housing for Government Employees

- 50 thousand houses will be constructed for the Group ‘C’ & Group ‘D’ government employees under ‘Akankha’ prakalpo. Among these, the PWD will construct 30 thousand houses and the Housing Department will construct 20 thousand houses. Primarily, ₹ 100 crore has been allotted for this purpose. In this project, employees will get land at very low prices. They will also be provided with loans against easy conditions and with the facility of repayment in instalments.
- Construction works of housing comprising 48 flats at Bishnupur and 24 flats at Diamond Harbour are over.
- Construction works of housings comprising 60 flats at Khatra, 24 flats at Bachhurdoba in Jhargram and 48 flats at Ghatal, are on the way of completion.
- Construction work of new Rental Housing Estate (G+10) at Salt Lake for the government officials of high rank, has been started.

Housing for police personnel - ‘Pratyasha’

- Provision for housing for the police personnel has been arranged through ‘Pratyasha’ Prakalpo. In this project, almost 10 thousand housings will be constructed within next three years. This project includes the facility of repayment of loans through EMI.

L.I.G./M.I.G Housing

- 48 flats for the people from L.I.G. at New Town - Rajashat and 48 flats for the people from M.I.G., are being constructed and the entire construction works are on the way of completion.

Auditorium

- A new auditorium has been constructed at Kusthia.

Few Noteworthy decisions

- Entire ‘Quota’ system has been abolished regarding flat distribution in the department and in all the boards undertaken by the department.
- A special scheme has been made for arranging accommodation for the ‘Bangabibhusan’ awards who do not have any residence in Kolkata.
- All the information of Housing Department (www wbhousing gov in) and Housing Board (www wbhousingboard in) is being regularly published for the people through website.
- Seniority based & computarised distribution of flats has been started in R.H.I, P.R.H.E and Housing Board. An initiative has been taken to introduce online system installing software to make the entire system more transparent.
- Housing Board has given sanctions for distribution of flats to 608 persons from L.I.G under new ‘STARLIT’ prakalpo and 560 persons from M.I.G. under new ‘MOONBEAM’ prakalpo.
Labour and Employment

- **New Employment Bank to provide new opportunities**
  The number of verified and registered employment-seekers so far after the Employment Bank Portal was introduced in July, 2012 is approximately 15 lakh.
  The total number of verified and registered employers upto 31.01.2014 is 279.

- **New Dimension Yuvashree Project**
  We have introduced the ‘Yuvashree Project’ in order to provide the unemployed youth with monthly incentives. The project with the message - do away with despair, build up life— is being implemented from October, 2013. The decision of granting ₹ 1,500 as allowance to the first 1 lakh eligible
unemployed youth has been taken. At present, 87,000 young job-seekers are availing themselves of this allowance.

- **Employment**
  In 2013-14, new employment provisions have surpassed the target to reach 13 lakh 22 thousand. We have planned to make more than 16 lakh employment opportunities in 2014-15 financial year.

- **Enhancement of age-limit for recruitment to government jobs**
  The age-limit for recruitment to government jobs has been enhanced to 40 years in case of general candidates, 45 years for SC/ST candidates and 43 years for Differently Able and OBC candidates.

- **Reduction in the number of mandays on account of strikes**
  Work culture is back in the state after the new government has assumed power. The number of lost mandays due to strikes was nearly 3 crore 6 lakh in the span of 2007 to 2011 whereas it has been reduced to 60 thousand in 2011-12. In 2012-13 it has further reduced to 5,200 and till January, 2014 the number is equivalent to 0.

- **More speed to Social Security Projects**
  The number of registered workers in Social Security Projects was 26 lakh within the span of years 2001-2011 with an average of 2.6 lakh per year. The number of registered workers under this project within May, 2011 to January 2014 is 31 lakh with an average of 12.4 lakh per year.
  An amount of ₹ 9 crore was distributed among 45 thousand workers within the years 2001 to April, 2011.
  The amount of ₹ 176 crore has been distributed among 6 lakh 32 thousand workers within the time span May, 2011 to January, 2014.

- **‘Samajik Mukti Card’ – all facilities at hand**
  Any member has an easy access to the account of State Assisted Scheme of Provident Fund for Unorganised Workers (SASPFUW) through the smart card. So far, 7.5 lakh workers in the unorganised sector have been given the smart card.

- **‘Shramik Mela’ (Workers’ Fair) – more acquaintances with services**
  This is for the first time that Shramik Mela is being organised to reach out to more workers in the unorganised sector. Such fairs as these are being organised in seven places in 2014.

- **‘Shramik Barta’ – all news ready at hand**
  Labour department has been publishing a quarterly Bengali journal named ‘Shramik Barta’ since August, 2013.

- **ESI – manifold increase in facilities**
  The ESI Hospital of Manicktala has been modernised through introduction of the Modular Operation Theatre and Post-graduate courses in Pathology and Anaesthesia in this hospital. This is the first ESI Hospital in the country, declared to be the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science and Research.
  For the first time in India, the Pain Management Institute has been operational at the ESI Hospital at Sealdah.
  ESI facilities have been introduced at the regions remaining out of its service-area.
  Service-dispensaries have been operational in Medinipur town, Baharampur, Malda, Rampurhat and Jamuria during the tenure of the present government.
**Peace prevails in Darjeeling hills and Jangalmahal**

The Union Government and the National Security Council are suggesting today that the advancement of Jangalmahal in Bengal should be followed as a model for other states to follow. Hon’ble Chief Minister visited Jangalmahal for more than 30 times to generate faith in people’s mind of that region and to accelerate development. The hills are also asmile. Literally speaking, **what Bengal has done today, India will do tomorrow**
5 commissionarates have been formed in Asansol, Durgapur, Howrah, Bidhannagar, Barrackpore and Siliguri.

In order to extend the facility of speedy trials to people and to bring the cases of oppression to women to justice, new 88 fast-track courts, 45 courts for women, 19 Human Rights courts and 3 CBI courts have either been set up or notified.

10 additional police stations for women have been set up. As a result, the number of such special police stations have risen to 20.

During the tenure of the present government, 26 police stations have already been formed in both Kolkata and West Bengal Police areas.

Very recently, five new police stations have been formed in Kolkata Police area, which now consists of 70 police stations in total. These are Sarsuna, Panchasayar, Netajinagar, Anandapur and Dakshin Behala Police Stations.

In the West Bengal Police Area, Purbasthali Police Station has recently been bifurcated, giving formation to Nadanghat Police Station in Burdwan and the Shibpur Police Station in Howrah being divided into two more jurisdictions, namely– Chatterjeehat P.S. and Botanical Gardens P.S.

In order to increase the strength of police personnel in the state police force significantly, almost 400 Sub-Inspectors, 40,000 Constables, (Including Junior Constables / Women Constables / Home Guards / NVFs) and 1,30,000 Civic Police Volunteers to assist the regular police force have been recruited. A large number of women constables have also been recruited.
Information & Culture

- **Felicitation and Award giving**
  For the first-time ever in this state ‘Bangabibhusan’, ‘Bangabhusan’, ‘Maha-nayak Samman’, ‘Sangeet Mahasamman’, ‘Sangeet-Samman’, ‘Shilpi Mahasamman’, ‘Shilpi Samman’ etc. and 350 distinguished personalities were felicitated and awarded with Girish Purashkar, Thakur Panchanan Barma Purashakar, Uday Shankar Puraskar by the Natya Academy, Jatra Academy, Charukala Parshad, Bangla Academy in order to honour distinguished personalities in various fields of activities.

- **Film Festival**
  At the initiative of this government, Kolkata International Film Festival has been extended to a greater reach. For the first-time ever, Children Film Festival has been organised at the state level.

- **Constitution of Tele Akademi**
  For the first time ever in this state, Tele Akademi has been constituted with a view to developing Television Industry and 90 eminent personalities have been awarded Tele Samman award. In order to protect cinema industry, the Audio-Video Piracy Act has been come into force for the first time ever in this state. Construction of Tele Akademi building has been started.

- **Formation of Academies**
  In order to preserve and extend the languages and culture of various ethnic groups, Rajbanshi Bhasa Akademi and Birsa Munda Akademi have been formed. The Hindi Academy has been reconstructed. Paschimbanga Kazi Nazrul Islam Akademi has also been formed.

- **Dissemination of ideas of Tagore**
  Works of Tagore in 7 volumes have been published from this department. Necessary work for publication of remaining 10 volumes is going on.
Festivals and Ceremonies
Observance of sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, sesquicentennial birth anniversary celebration of Dwijendralal Roy. Observance of birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam. Vivek-Chetana Utsav, observance of Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Darjeeling for the first time ever, Jatra utsav in a large scale, Bangla Sangeet Mala, Mati Utsav, Rajya Sishu Kishore Utsav, Various Festivals & ceremonies including ‘Barsho Baran’ ceremony have been observed.

Publicity
Publicity against early marriage & dowry system and publicity of ‘Kanyashree’ etc. is going on through the programmes of folk artists.

Revitalisation of folk art
In order to revitalisation of the folk arts of Bengal, identity cards were issued to the folk artists’ arrangements of their livelihood were made and financial assistance to the destitute folk artist was given. Till date more then thousand folk artists have been benefited.

Renovation and Construction
Work for a thorough renovation of heritage sites including Minerva Theatre, Mahajati Sadan, University Institute Hall, Rathindra Mancha, Rabindra-Okakura Bhaban, State Music Academy etc. is going on. Besides these, work for renovation of 32 Rabindra Bhabans, has been taken up. Reconstruction of Nazral Mancha has been done.

Comprehensive Film-City
For the first-time in the state, steps have been taken to construct two comprehensive Film-Cities with one at Dabgram in Jalpaigudi and the other at Baruipur in South 24 Pgs.

Digitization of manuscripts and other creations
Digitization of manuscripts and letters of eminent authors of Bengal has been complete. Work for digitization of music, cinema, paintings etc. is on.

Health Insurance
Arrangements have been made for bringing 10,000 artistes and technicians associated with cinema and television and the members of their families under the Health Insurance cover.

Recognition to various languages as official language
By an amendment in the concerned law, Urdu, Hindi, Oriya, Santhali and Punjabi languages have been enlisted as official languages.

Archaeological Excavations
Artefacts dating back to the Gupta-era have been discovered from the excavation site at Mughalmari at Paschim Medinipur and excavations are being carried out at Bahiri at Purba Medinipur.

Pension to Cultural personalities
Arrangements have been taken to give monthly pension to cultural personalities. So far, more than 150 personalities have availed of this pension.

Technicians’ Studio anew
Six floors in commemoration of Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak, Tapan Sinha, Uttam Kumar, Suchitra sen and Rituparno Ghosh have been constructed in the studio besides carrying out its modernization.

Tributes
Tributes have been paid to great personalities through 200 functions within this span of time in the state government headquarters.

Participation in Republic Day Parade
The tableau presented by West Bengal has earned the first prize after 14 years in the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.

Cultural Hub
Work for building up a comprehensive cultural hub taking Rabindra Sadan–Nandan– Bangla Academy precincts into one has been started.
Tourism

Kolkata, the city of joy and the place of multidimensional culture; Darjeeling, the astounding beauty of the Himalayas; adventurous call of Dooars; Heritage architecture of Nadia, Murshidabad and Malda; rustic rural beauty of Purulia, Bankura and Medinipur; pristine serenity of sea-beaches at Bakkhali and Digha; varied art of Santiniketan, bio-diversity of the Sunderban; beauty of waves of the Bay of Bengal have attained an extraordinary status for West Bengal amongst the tourist worldwide.

The present state government, at the passionate inspiration of the Chief Minister, has given unprecedented emphasis towards development in the field of tourism. Budget allocation has been increased manifold during the period of present government. During the period of 2009-10, the budget allocation was ₹ 32 crore which has become ₹ 180 crore during 2014-15.

The department of Tourism has given foremost priority to the spheres of tourism potentials which has still been unexplored and has taken various action in this regard.

Development of Tourism in Gajoldoba, Jharkhali and Sabujdwip in Public Private Partnership Model.

- The state government has adopted the Public Private Partnership Model, followed worldwide. It includes Tourism Park, Lodge (both economic and luxurious), Amusement Park, Adventure sports, Helicopter and Sea-Transport services and numerous revenue earning projects.
  - The multipurpose tourism project comprising 208 acres of land at Gajoldoba near Siliguri under the Public Private Partnership Model is already ready for implementation. This Eco-tourism Park comprises various kind of infrastructural development including tourist spot, hotel, botanical garden, Amphitheatre, Ayurvedic Health Club etc.

- Tourism is being developed in Jharkhali and Sabujdwip under PPP-Model. Besides, initiative has been taken for implementation of Tourism Park under the Public Private Partnership at Saili, Kunjanager and Jaldapara in North Bengal too. This apart, a Tourist Lodge is being constructed at Jhargram Rajbari in PPP model involving ₹ 10 crore. A good number of projects have been taken up in Darjeeling, Terai-Dooars, Digha, Sunderban, Sagar and Jangalmahal.
The work of Dooars Mega Circuit Project, involving about ₹46 crore, is going on.
The work of the Eastern Dooars Tourism circuit, involving about ₹7 crore, is complete and the work of the Western Dooars Tourism Circuit is going on involving ₹8 crore.
The work for making of tent at Moorti and Jaldapara involving ₹6 crore is complete.
The work for Eco-Tourism project at Buxaduar is at the last phase.
The West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation has renovated Tashi Ding Tourist Lodge of Kurseong Sub-Division and the lodge has become operational. The construction of Tourist Lodge at Lamahata is complete and the lodge has become operational.
A policy decision has been adopted for Tea Tourism. There are many tea gardens having vacant space inside their boundaries. And, there are small houses and bungalows within their areas, which are lying vacant. Permission will be accorded soon for use of the said vacant spaces or bungalows by the tourists. If this permission is obtained, the tourism industry in Darjeeling and Dooars will be developed and tourists, in large number, will be able to visit here.

Digha-Mandarmoui-Tajpur
3 nos. of project of Circuit Tourism have been taken up in the district of Purba Medinipur : (a) involving Digha-Shankarpur - Udaypur, (b) Tajpur - Mandarmoni-Junput and (c) Mahisadal Rajbari.
36 nos. of cottages have been constructed for tourists at Udaypur. The expenditure exceeds ₹1 crore.

Sunderban and the Sagar Island
The work for one Circuit Tourism involving ₹5 Crore at Bakkhali, Frezerganj and Sagar Island is at the final stage.
One Eco-Tourism Complex is being constructed at Sajnekhali. The plan has been adopted to set up one Eco-Tourism Park at Bakkhali.
Rest House and Pay & Use Toilets have been constructed for pilgrims of Gangasagar involving ₹1 crore 21 lakh.
Tourist Lodge comprising 100 beds and 20 nos. of Cottages have been constructed at Gangasagar, involving expenditure of a sum of ₹12 crore.
4 nos. of Jetties have been constructed for the convenience of the tourists at Gadkhali, Gadiyara, Pakhiralay and Noorpur.
The work of the project of one Circuit Tourism, involving expenditure of ₹ 5.33 crore in the district of Paschim Medinipur, has begun. A Tourism Circuit is being set up involving Jhargram and adjacent areas with Belpahari and Hatibari through this project. The project includes development of Jhargram Bus Stand, Chilkigarh, Kankrajhore, Ketkijhora, Gurasini Hill, Ghagra Water falls, Ratneshwar Temple etc.

The work of Murutbaha Eco-Park for tourists at the Susuniya Hill in Bankura district involving expenditure of ₹ 77 lakh is going on. An additional amount of 1.20 crore has been sanctioned to complete this project. Besides, projects of one Circuit Tourism and one Tourist Destination involving Bankura-Susuniya. Saltora-Beharinath have been taken up. ₹ 1.20 crore has been allotted for Biharinath project. WBTDC Limited has recently taken up the preparation of DPR of a big project at Sonajhuri in Mukutmonipur. The work for construction of cottage including its beautification for the convenience of the tourists at eastern side of Talberia Dam is going on. It will involve an expenditure of ₹ 25 lakh. The Department of Tourism is examining the feasibility of construction of a ropeway at the Kangsabati Dam near Mukutmonipur. If approved, it will become the first-ever ropeway in Bankura district.

The work for building up a tourism circuit involving all expenditure of ₹ 4.85 crore based on the Ayodhya Hills, Khayraberia and Murardi Dam is going on. The project involving expenditure of ₹ 2.25 crore for the development of rural tourism in the areas like Pakbidra, Telkupi Ghat and the Jaychandi Hills, has been taken up.

Renovation of Tourist Lodges and Construction of new tourist lodge.
The present state government has taken initiative for construction of a good number of Tourist Lodges after a considerable period of 30 years under the Plan Head. An initiative has been taken for construction of new tourist lodge under the Department of Tourism at Gangasagar and Patharpratima in the district of South 24 Parganas, at Gangarampur in the district of Dakshin Dinajpur, at Moorti and Batabari in Dooars and at Jaldapara in the district of Jalpaiguri. At the same time, state government has taken steps for renovation of tourist lodge and its extension, so that, there should have enhanced tourist amenities and nos. of tourists to stay there. Similar works have already been taken up in Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jaldapara, Siliguri, Howrah, Gadiyara, Barrackpur,
Diamond Harbour, Sajnekhali and Gangasagar. This work will be started in all the tourist lodges by phases.

- **Cultural Tourism**
  Cultural Tourism is, now-a-days, considered to be an integral part of general tourism and the department of Tourism is trying to uphold enriched cultural pluralism of this state. Besides, Bauls, Chhou performers, Flouteplayers etc., the Pata artists, Creators of handicraft designs, Experts in Kantha stitching, the Dokra fine-artists have been included in all the street exhibitions at home and abroad as part of this cultural tourism. The presence of these artists in the large-scale tourism-centric programme in London and Berlin has made the pavillion of West Bengal an important centre of attraction. In order to make available for the tourists, these kinds of cultural assets through lodging, centres of skill development, exhibitions and sales counters, dept. of Tourism at the same time, is upholding rural tourism.

- **Home Tourism**
  Department of Tourism has given special emphasis on Home Tourism in various tourist centres specially in Darjeeling and Dooars.

- **Heritage Tourism**
  Keeping in view enormous cultural and historical heritage, state government has taken up a plan for development of heritage sites of Malda and Murshidabad and the temples of Bishnupur from the viewpoint of tourism development. A project on tourism has been taken on Motijheel in Murshidabad involving ₹ 14 crore.

- **Beautification of Cities**
  A lot of projects have been undertaken for beautification of Kolkata, a city of heritage. One of these projects is the beautification of the river Ganga involving ₹ 20 crore.

  Besides, a project is being implemented by the dept. of Tourism in view of maintenance, renovation and cultural artefacts of colonial heritage on the both sides of the river Hooghly with the assistance of the concerned embassies.

- **Tourism at remote destination**
  Special emphasis has been laid on spread of tourism in places which has not yet captured the imagination of the tourists. It includes construction of tourist lodge at Gangarampur in the district of Dakshin Dinajpur, and construction of guest houses at Ramganga & Patharpratima in the district of South 24 Parganas. This apart, a district-wise narrative list of tourism destinations has been prepared.

- **Publicity**
  Keeping in view the marketing of the ‘RUPASI BANGLA’ (Beautiful Bengal), the Department of Tourism has been participating relentlessly in the Travel & Tourism Fairs organised at home and abroad. Few of these are International Trade Fair, IITM, IATO Annual Convention, WTM London, ITB Berlin etc.
Public Works

- **Special achievements**
  - Upgradation of about 4,000 kilometres of road to double lane or intermediate lane.
  - Construction of 16 nos. of big bridge and 5 nos. of flyovers on railway tracks has been completed.
  - Historical steps like shifting of state’s secretariat to Nabanna at Howrah for renovation of Writers’ Buildings has been taken and the work of this shifting has been done within 2 months. The renovation work of the Writers’ Buildings keeping the historical heritage of the edifice, will commence soon.
  - The work for construction of bridge over the river Subarnarekha at Bhasaraghat in the district of Paschim Medinipur involving ₹170 crore is going on at rapid pace.
  - The construction work of flyover at VIP Road being 1.9 kilometre by length in between Kestopur and Joramandir for easy movement of Airport-bound traffic is going on.
  - In order to provide passengers’ amenity the work is going on for 70 nos. of roadside passengers’ Amenity Centre, Pathasathi and 82 nos of pay & use toilets across the state. Besides, work for 18 nos. of pay & use toilets will begin soon.
  - A seven-storied Rheumatology Dept and a two-storied night shelter (for patient parties) have been constructed at SSKM hospital.
  - In order to enhance administrative transparency, e-procurement and e-tendering have been introduced.
  - The West Bengal Highway Development Corporation Ltd. has been constituted for the development of all the highways across the state.
  - WBHDCL has taken up the project of turning the 44 km stretch of Delhi Road (Dankuni- Mogra-Ishwar Gupta setu) into four lanes.
  - WBHDCL will also construct 3000 km road in PPP model.
  - Proposal for development of AH-2 (from Nepal to Bangladesh Corridoour) and AH-48 (from Bhutan to Bangladesh Corridoour) under the SASEC (South-Asia Sub-regional Economic cooperation) with the assistance from ADB has been adopted.

- **Special project for the development of Jangalmahal**
  - The construction works of 12 new school buildings & hostels, one PTTI, 74 hostels for girls (with 50 seats each), 4 new colleges, 3 new stadia, 1 sports academy, 1 polytechnic, 2 ITIs & 1 SDC have been taken up.
  - Amongst these the construction of 48 new girls hostels (with 50 seats each) & 1 stadium have been completed.
  - Widening & strengthening of 210 kms of road has been completed.
The construction of projects has been taken up to build 160 nos. of roads and 11 bridges under BRGF. Out of total 2281 kms of roads, 1163 kms of roads and building of 2 bridges have been ended.

422 nos. of projects out of 621 under state plan have been completed. Widening and development of 3503 kms. of roads have also been done. 41 nos. of bridges out of proposed, have been completed. Besides, 87 projects for making 10 new bridges will start soon.

Construction of flyovers over railway-tracks of Dankuni, Barrackpore, Durgapur, Baruipur & Kharagpur IIT has been done.

Construction works of 46 more bridges are under progress.

WBHDCL has already started work on 4-lanes of Dankuni-Chandannagar portion of SH-13. Construction of Chandannagar-Mogra portion will start soon. The works for widening of connecting road between STKK link road and SH-6 and building of 6-lane flyover at Mogra have also been taken up.

**Development of National Highway:**
- 58.29 Km road length of NH-117 (Kona Expressway to Bakkhal) has been widened and strengthened.
- 93 km of road length of NH-60 (Kharagpur to Moregram) has been widened and strengthened.
- 24.54 km of road length of NH-2B (Burdwan to Bolpur) has been widened and strengthened.
- 36 km of road length of NH-31 (Dalkhola to Baxirhat) has been strengthened.
- 31.50 km of road length of NH-31 C is being strengthened.
- 25.94 km of road length of NH-31 (Falakata to Pundibari) is being widened and strengthened.
- Different portion of NH-60 with a total 112.20 km of road length (Kharagpur to Bhadutala, Chandrakona to Keyabani and Dubrajpur-Mallarpur-Nalhati-Moregram) are being strengthened, also projects to construct 6 bridges and 2 flyovers of the same road have been taken.
- 10m of 84 km of road length of Bankura-Purulia connecting road are being widened and developed.
- To connect Katihar district of Bihar with Malda district of West Bengal, a large bridge is being constructed over Fulahar river at Nakatia.
- With a view to create easy connectivity between Bakkhal island and mainland, a project to construct an improved bridge over Hatania-Doania River at namkhana has been taken.
- 68 km of road length of NH-31D (Phulbari to Dhupguri) is being developed.
- Reconstruction of the road damaged by landslide at Tindharia in the district of Darjeeling is going on.
- 7.20 km road length of NH-34 (Barasat Airport gate to Dakbunghlow More) are being widened and strengthened.

**Schemes for development of health infrastructure:**
- Linear Accelerator Facility building has been constructed under Radiotherapy department at NRS Medical College & Hospital.
- Two storeyed building of Uluberia sub-divisional hospital where Labour Room has been constructed on the ground floor and Neo Natal Unit has been constructed on the first floor.
- Construction works of Trauma Centre and Orthopaedic centre are going on at SSKM & R.G. Kar Hospital.
- Construction work of six storeyed building of Mental Hospital in Lumbini Park is going on.
- Construction works of new Academic Building at IPGME&R and SSKM Hospital are going on.

**Schemes for development of education:**
- Construction works of Govt. Engineering College and Leather Technology Building at Salt Lake have been completed.
- Construction work of Annex Building at Baker Govt. Hostel has been completed.
- Construction work of Minorities Building & Meeting Hall for minorities & madrasah education in Hooghly district has been completed.
- Work of Aliah University in Kolkata is going on.
- Construction work of govt. sponsored Women University in Diamond Harbour is going on.
- Construction work of Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Burdwan is going on.
- Construction work of govt. sponsored university in Bankura is going on.

**Schemes for Administrative Benefit**
- Construction work of Administrative Building for Dept. of Development & Planning and Panchayat & Rural Development in Kolkata has been completed.
- Construction work of Court Building in Barasat has been completed.
- Construction work of Office Building for Consumer Affairs dept. in Kolkata has been completed.
Transport

Administrative re-expansion and reform of transport Department

- For the benefits of common people and also with the view for de-centralisation and speedy disposal of works, two new offices of Public Vehicles Dept. (PVD) have been opened at Salt lake & Kasba. With the same objective, a new motor vehicle office has been opened in each of the 18 sub-divisions across Bengal.
- New branch offices of State Transport Authority, with the aim to speed up the works in 6 districts of North Bengal, have been opened.

The tasks mentioned below can be done in these offices; there will be no need to visit the state level offices:

- National permit (Goods carriage)
- Temporary permit (Goods carriage)
- State contract carriage permit - up to 3 districts.
- All Bengal carriage permit (only for transportation of tourists)

- An integrated and centralized council has been set up for the management of CSTC, CTC & WBSTC.
- Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) has been initiated for the employees of State Transport Corporations and in the first phase 850 employees of 4 State Transport Corporations have been included in the scheme.
- Neutral & open-tender system has been started with the view to increase financial revenues and for the holistic usage of unused lands of State Transport Corporations.

Bus-Tram services

- More than thousand permits of Buses and Mini-buses have been issued and these have been done with the introduction of an easy and hassle-free system of issuing permits.
- More than a hundred Bus-services have been started under State Transport Corporations in new routes.
- Corporate AC Bus-services have been started in many long-distance routes.
- With the financial assistance of JNNURM, 632 new Bus-services in Kolkata Metropolitan areas, 80 in Asansol-Durgapur areas and 140 in Siliguri-Jalpaiguri areas have been started.
- AC tram-services have been started in traditional routes.
Taxi Services

- Taxi permits for 4000 ‘No refusal’ AC and non-AC new taxis are being issued in Kolkata Metropolitan areas. Among these, 2000 permits are being issued from Kolkata RTA & rest of the 2000 from RTAs of South 24 Paragana, North 24 Paragana, Howrah & Hooghly.
- Pre-paid taxi service has been started from Railway stations of Kolkata, Howrah, Sealdah & Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport.

Air Services

- Regular Helicopter-services have been started between Kolkata and Gangasagar, Bolpur and Santinikatan and from Durgapur, Malda and Balurghat. Facility for pleasure trips on air are also on offer. For this, Pawan Hans Ltd, an India Govt. undertaking, has been appointed on contract basis to make the services available.
- State Govt. has been providing assistance in many ways to Airports authority of India for the restoration of the regular Air-services between Kolkata & Cooch Behar again; it is also constructing a new culvert on Mora-Torsa to facilitate landing of heavy aero-planes.
- Govt. has allowed tax-concessions to help more aero-planes taking flights from Bagdogra, Cooch Behar & Durgapur, State Govt. will not impose taxes if they avail of turbine fuels from these three airports.

Inland Waterways services

New launch services have been started on routes mentioned below–
- Shree Ramakrishna-Ma Sarada-Vivekananda heritage route
- Pleasure trips or river Hooghly
- Cargo movement through waterways between South 24 Paraganas & East Medinipur
- New ferry service on PPP model on river Ganga– for this additional 06 launches have been brought

Transport infrastructure

- Flyover between Nagerbazer and DumDum is now open.
- A ramp has been constructed to descend on AJC Bose Road.
- Necessary fund has been allotted to construct 14 jetties and for renovation & development of these jetties
- Fund has been sanctioned for construction of 29 Bus-stands and terminuses and also for renovation and development of these.
- Necessary fund has been sanctioned for the construction of Bus-stands in districts.

Revenue

- Generation of revenues from transport sector is on the rise for succeeding years now. Revenue generation for the financial year 2011-12 was ₹ 986.04 cr.; Which is 7.5% higher than the previous year. It has gone up even further to ₹ 1192.11 cr. in the year 2012-13; which is 21% higher than the last year. For the current financial year, We have earned revenue amounting to ₹ 993.68 cr. till the month of December; Which is 17.5% higher than the amount earned till the same period of the previous year.

Employment

- Several thousand people have gained employment, both directly and indirectly.
Power and Non-Conventional Energy

- **Arrangement for 24 hour power supply**
  - West Bengal is one of the few states in our country where arrangements have been made for 24 hour power supply.

- **Initiative taken to supply power to every household**
  - Target has been fixed to supply power to every household within the end of 2015-16 under Sabar Ghare Alo' scheme. For the purpose the work of electrification in 11 districts with a target to complete it within January 2015, is going on. It may be expected that the works from other districts and urban areas will be completed within March 2016. It may be mentioned here that upto January 2014 arrangements have been made under different rural electrification schemes to supply power to a record number of 31 lacs B.P.L. families.

- **Construction of new thermal power centres**
  - Initiative has been taken to construct thermal power centres with a capacity of 1500 megawatt at Santaldih, Durgapur and Sagardighi.
  - Among these the new unit with 250 megawatt at Santaldih has started production from September 2011. The unit under construction at Durgapur and Sagardighi will start production before March 2015.

- **Katwa Thermal Power Project** - With the concurrence of State Government, N.T.P.C., a central organization, is going to start at Bardhaman the Katwa Thermal power project (1320 megawatt). This project will invite investment of ₹ 10,000 crore.

- Coal mining at Daocha Panchi, Birbhum - with the joint venture alongwith 05 other states, the State govt. is going to mine coal in this place with the aim of mining coal of 2,100 MT. This project will see investment to the amount of almost ₹ 15,000 crore. With this project neighbouring areas will see the prospect of holistic development directly & indirectly, 1 lakh people will get employment.

- **Raghunathpur Thermal Power project**
  - Thermal power plant, under D.V.C., with the capacity of 2,520 megawatt is being constructed at Raghunathpur, Purulia.
- **Unique power banking system**
  - The power produced in excess of is being saved under Power Banking scheme.

- **The number of consumers of the WB State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. has crossed the milestone of crore.**
  - The number of consumers of the WB State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. had crossed the milestone of one crore and during January 2014 it became 1 crore 35 lakh.

- **Remarkable development in power transmission infrastructure**
  - During last two and half a year 343 MVA Transformer capacity and construction of 887 km transmission line have been made in case of H.T. Line. During the same time, in case of L.T. line enhancement of 2654 MVA transformer capacity and construction of new 251674 km L.T. line have been made.

- **Supply of power through grid at the remote islands of the Sundarbans**
  - The system to supply power through grid at Gosaba and Sagardwip in Sundarban has started functioning.

- **Formulation of policy for non-conventional energy**
  - During June 2012 a government policy for non-conventional energy has been framed for the first time.

- **Development in Hydel power projects**
  - The 35 year old Jaldhaka Hydal power centre has been renovated and modernised, also a new unit with a capacity of 9 Megawatt started functioning.
  - An arrangement has been made for production of 30 megawatt power in excess during the dry season through the Lodhama Interconnection Scheme.
  - It has been possible to increase production of power remarkably under ‘Tista Canal Fall Hydel Power Scheme’ with the supply of extra water from Tista.

- **Barrage**
  - Arrangement has been made to use the power produced from Purulia Pumped Storage project during the period of maximum demand for power.

- **Construction of state of the art sub-station for electricity transmission**
  - Being first such initiatives in govt. sector, two gas-insulated sub-stations have been installed in Salt Lake with the capacity of 132 kv and other one in Bagnan also with the capacity of 132kv.
  - Besides, transmission sub-station have been installed in Dalkhola with the capacity of 220 kv, Kalna with 132 kv, Khatra with 132 kv, Kakdwip with 132kv, Kurseong with 132 kv, 132 kv in Sankrial food park, Howrah and 400 kv in Kharagpur.

- **Significant development in services to consumers to electricity**
  - Many a steps have been taken to develop the services catered to the consumers, viz, state of the art monitoring system to inspect the operational health of machineries in 33/11 kv sub-stations, arrangement of over 1100 mobile vans to maintain the LT and HT lines, interactive voice response system to register the grievances, system of spot billing and payment of bills through letters in many service centres.

- **Compilation of state of the art Data base**
  - For the first time ever in India, a state of the art centralised Data-base and Data retrieval centres in case of accidents have been started in West Bengal state electricity distribution company Ltd.

- **Easy electricity connections to shallow tube-wells**
  - An unique initiative has been taken up in 2012-13 for speedy disposal of application for electricity connections to shallow tube-wells.
  - A system has been put in place to provide electricity connections for 125 days with the payment of ₹1400/ horse-power. In previous Boro season, almost 30,000 such connections were given.

- **Lowering of power Tariff**
  - Power tariff has been lowered without bearing any extra subsidy and only by virtue of taking steps for enhancing efficiency. This has benefited the common pepole to great extent.

- **Award for excellence in electricity transmission**
  - State Power Transmission Company has got the ‘Power Line’ 2012 award as the best power transmission company of India. Power Finance Corporation, IKRA and CARE combinedly in a rating for 2013 have announced State Power Transmission Company as the second best transmission company in India.
Sports

- **More emphasis on infrastructure development 26 stadia across the state / renovation of swimming pools/reconstruction**
  To develop sports and construction of sports infrastructure of the state, ₹67 cr. has been invested to build up 26 stadia, swimming pools, sports academies and hostels in the places mentioned below—

- **Where the works have been completed**

- **Where the works will be ended soon**

- **Installation of new floodlights**
  With the expenditure of ₹13 Cr. new flood lights have been installed at Yuba Bharati Stadium, Saltlake and Kanchanjanga Stadium, Siliguri.

- **Setting up of ‘Bengal Residential Football Academy’**
  ‘Bengal Residential Football Academy’ has been set-up to nurture talented young footballers.

- **Introduction of new website**
  A new website has been launched for Department of Sports. It is www.wbsports.in.
• **Exhibition Match of International Standard**
  An exhibition match has taken place between Argentina and Venezuela at Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan. For this purpose, the stadium has been renovated to the extent of international standard.

• **New Sports Competitions across the state along with North Bengal and Jangalmahal**
  - Games of three kinds — Volleyball, Taicondo and Athletics under 4th National Rural Competition included in Panchayat Yuba Krira O Khel Abhijan happened at Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan from 4 January to 7 January, 2012 were successfully took place.
  - A sum of ₹ 57 lakh 6 thousand was utilised for organising Tribal Football Tournament in six districts of North Bengal, Gorkha Gold Cup Football Tournament in Darjeeling, Football Tournament in Jangalmahal and Football Tournament Organised by Kolkata Police in Kolkata in 2011-12.
  - Total ₹ 1 crore 5 lacs have been spent for 4th Netaji Subhas Rajya Krira, Adibasi Football Tournament in six districts of North Bengal, Gorkha Gold Cup Tournament and long distance swimming competition in Murshidabad organised by Bengal Olympic Association in 2012-13.
  - In commemoration of Gostho Pal on his birth centenary, a football tournament named after him was organised in 2012-13 and in commemoration of Maharaja Nipendra Narayan of Coochbehar on his birth sesquicentenary, a Friendship Football Tournament was organised in the same year.
  - Jangalmahal Eleven (men) Vs East Bengal Club and Jangalmahal Eleven (Women) Vs Kolkata Women Football Eleven exhibition matches were organised at renovated Jhargram Stadium. One more exhibition match was organised in between Jangalmahal Vs Kolkata Football Team at Lalgarh of Paschim Medinipur in 2012-13.

• **Posthumous Honour**
  Eminent weight lifter and body builder Manotosh Roy and late Sachin Nag who was the first gold medal winner Indian swimmer in the Asian Games held in 1951, were honoured posthumously.

• **Awards— ‘Khel Samman’, ‘Banglar Gourab Samman’, ‘Kriraguru Samman’**
  These awards have been given to 60 sports personalities. Sourav Ganguly and Leander Paes have been given ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’.

• **Felicitation to outstanding sports personalities**
  Felicitations for 2011-12 given to 170 sports personalities, Santosh Trophy winning Bengal Team and outstanding Boxing personalities.
  For the first time ever State Govt. felicitated the outstanding sports personalities. Noted awardees are as under—
  - Sachin Tendulkar, first Cricketer ever to have achieved the distinction of making ‘100 centuries’ in International Cricket.
  - Viswanathan Anand; the World Chess Champion.
  - Noted chess-player Surya Sekhar Ganguly
  - Two members of under-19 Worldcup Cricket Winning Indian team; Namely - Rabikant Singh and Sandipan Das.
  - 576 medal – winning sports personalities at ‘National Sports Meet’.
Youth Welfare

- **Development and promotion of sports among students and youth**
  Department of Youth Services has been allotting funds to clubs, schools and other organizations for sports equipment. ₹ 2 lakh has been given as financial assistance to each of 341 block, 118 municipalities and 3 notified areas; ₹ 5 lakh each to 5 corporations — Siliguri, Asansol, Durgapur, Chandannagar and Howrah and ₹ 2 lakh each to 15 Boroughs under Kolkata Corporation.
  First time ever in this year, financial assistance has been provided for the development of sports in schools / colleges / universities across the state. Under this programme, 9,631 Madhyamik and Higher Secondary schools have been given financial assistance of ₹ 50,000 each, 499 colleges with ₹ 10,000 each and 11 universities with ₹ 25,000 each.

- **Renovations of old youth hostels and construction of new ones**
  17 new youth hostels across the state are being renovated and upgraded. These hostels are — Tenzing Norgay Youth Hostel, Dabgram Youth Hostel, Kanchanjanga Youth Hostel, Susunia Youth Hostel, Mukutmanipur Youth Hostel, Ramkinkar Youth Hostel, Digha Youth Hostel, Bolpur Youth Hostel, Purulia Youth Hostel, Bakreshwar Youth Hostel, Churulia Youth Hostel, Masanjor Youth Hostel, Gangasagar Youth Hostel, Howrah Youth Hostel, Madaraihat Youth Hostel, Malda Youth Hostel and Lalbagh Youth Hostel.
  Besides, new youth hostels in 16 different places are being built at the cost of ₹ 76 crore. These are, namely — Mayapur, Chennai, Nabdwip, Bishnupur, Asansol, Durgapur, Malda, Meteli, Lalbagh, Digha, Jaychandi Hills, Coochbehar, Ayodhya hills, Purulia, Rangamati and Bolpur.
  ₹ 16 cr is being spent for renovation and modernization of State Youth Centre at Moulali and Vivekananda Yuvabharati Krirangan to transform them into world-class youth centre and youth hostel.

- **Computer Training**
  In all parts of the state, students and youths are being trained in computers to make them eligible in the competitive examinations for jobs. With this in view, 900 computer training centres have been started in joint-venture with different private entities.

- **Opening of Multi-gym**
  One-time financial assistance of maximum of upto ₹ 2 lakh has been given to different organizations, schools, colleges, clubs, establishments and autonomous bodies to help them build multi-gyms and purchase of necessary equipment. ₹ 23 cr has been sanctioned to build more than 1100 multi-gyms across the state.
- **Developments of Sports-Grounds**
  One-time financial assistance of ₹ 2 lakh for development of sports-grounds has been given to different organizations, schools and clubs over ₹ 4 crore has been sanctioned to develop 200 such grounds across the state.

- **Setting up of Community Development Centres.**
  In each of the 18 marginalised villages in Jhargram sub-division of West Medinipur district, these centres will be set-up with the cost of ₹ 18 lakh each.
  Local communities will make use of these centres of multi-purpose assistance as Anganwari Centres, Mid-day Meal Centres and as centres for organizing cultural programmes.

- **Chatra-Yuva Utsav**
  Chatra-Yuva Utsav is being organized with much fanfare with the involvements of youths and students to keep alive the traditional lineage of cultural activities of Bengal. Almost one lakh spectators watched the opening ceremony of this ‘utsav’ held at Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan.

- **Special emphasis for ‘Jangalmahal’**
  Different steps have been taken for the development of cultural and sports activities in the area of ‘Jangalmahal’, namely —
  (1) Mini-indoor games/ construction of recreation complex
  (2) Construction of gymnasium and distribution of sports equipment.
  (3) Setting-up of vocational training centres.
  (4) Centre for motor - driving training.
  (5) Distribution of solar - lamps.
  (6) Development of playgrounds.
  (7) Financial assistances to clubs, organizations and establishments engaged in socio-economic development.
  (8) Organising ‘Chatra-Yuva Utsav’ in Jangalmahal

- **Continuous encouragement to youth and students involved in Mountaineering and other Adventure Sports in West Bengal**
  ‘West Bengal Moutaineering and Adventure Sports Foundation’ (WBMASF) have taken up encourgement programmes throughout the year for students and youths of state to provide them support in Moutaineering and other adventure sports. These include financial assistance to different individual and organizations indulging in moutaneering and other adventure sports, coastal trekking, map reading camp, orientation camp and cycle expedition. Besides these, ‘Radhanath Sikdar-Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award’ has been constituted under this programme.
  Till 2011, since independence, only 4 (four) Bengali climbers could conquer Mount Everest; whereas, during two and a half years under the tenure of present govt. successful expeditions to Mount Everest by 6 (six) Bengali climbers is certainly a noteworthy event. Department of Youth Services has not only given financial assistance of ₹ 6 lakhs to each climbers, but also facilitated them. To continue with this encouragement, financial assistance of ₹ 5 (five) lakhs has been given to 9 more climbers in 2014 on the eve of their expedition by the Dept. of Youth Services.
Number of beneficiaries under this project over the last two and half years is almost 78 thousand. Total outlay of project ₹1,715 crore. Govt. grant ₹396 crore and employment generated in this project is for 2,93,827 people.

Training
 ₹8.12 crore has been spent to train producers of self-employment projects with the objective to develop the standard of their items. Through 91 special training camps, 2660 local unemployed youth have been given training in different fields with the objective to make the people of Jangalmahal self-sufficient through increase in their earnings.

Paschimbanga Swanirbhar Sahayak Prokalpo
A scheme named “Paschimbanga Swanirbhar Sahayak Prokalpo” under Paschimbanga Swarojgar Nigam Limited is being run. It is an interest-subsidy scheme for reducing loans of the self-help groups. The purpose of this scheme is to reduce burden of much interest on taken loan from bank. In the mean time State Government has spent a sum of total ₹24 crore 24 lakh for giving interest subsidy. As a result, nearly total 1 lakh 47 thousand nos. of groups have been benefited.

Exhibition and Fair
Department of Self-Help Group and Self Employment organised ‘Sabala Mela’ at district and state level in last two years for selling finished goods and for making contact in between proper buyers and producers of self-help group and self employment schemes through exhibitions and fairs. Total sale amount was ₹1.60 crore in 'Sabala Mela' this time the highest figure in the recent years. Not only self help groups were able to sell goods amounting ₹40 lakh in the International Trade Fair held in New Delhi, but also became able to make good contact with few business organization and businessmen.

Training and Marketing Centre
The work for construction of Training and Marketing Centre for the development of rural infrastructure at Nilgunj, Minakhan, Dhamakhali of 24 Pgs (N), Durgapur, Khandagshoosh and Madhabdihi of Burdwan has been completed. Beside, work for construction of Training and Marketing Centres at New Town, Rajarhat of Kolkata, Ruipukur of Nadia, Phuljhor of Burdwan and the office of the District Collector of Paschim Medinipur is going on. The work for construction of a sales counter at the Durgapur City Centre and a granary at Khandagshoosh for the self-help groups has been complete.

Muktidhara
On March 7, 2013 at Purulia, a new project named, Muktidhara has been introduced at the initiative of the Dept. of the self-help group and self employment in order to ensure permanent high income, poverty eradication and economic development of the self-help groups. The projects are being materialized with the cooperation of NABARD. The experimental training camps have been completed for the time being at Balarampur and Purulia-I Blocks of Purulia district. Similar work has begun at present in Paschim Medinipur district also.
Municipal Affairs

- **Release of vision document of municipalities**
  As per instruction of the state government, 124 nos. of municipalities have already released the vision document of their own municipal areas.

- **Constitution of a new municipality**
  A new municipality has been constituted at Haringhata in the district of Nadia. As a result the no. of municipalities in the state have become 128.

- **Drinking water for all the city-dwellers**
  - Water supply project has been undertaken in 20 cities.
  - In order to supply drinking water to the inhabitants of drought-prone areas of the state, sanction of projects has been accorded involving ₹ 210 crore in 5 cities (i.e. Purulia, Raghunathpur, Bishnupur, Sonamukhi and Kharagpur).
  - During the last two and a half years work of water supply project in 12 nos. of small and medium towns has been complete. About 7 lakh of city-dwellers will be benifited out of this project.
  - By March, 2014 water supply projects in 5 nos. of municipal areas will be complete. Another 3 lakh of city-dwellers will be benifited from this project.

- **Construction of dwelling house for slum-dwellers and urban poor people**
  - Till date, sanction of fund has been accorded for a total sum of ₹ 926 crore in 94 projects for 80 nos. of municipalities outside the jurisdiction of Kolkata metropaliton areas.
  - Construction of 10,168 nos. of houses are going on. During the last two and a half years construction of 15,137 nos. of houses has been complete.
  - Besides, sanction has been accorded for construction of another 287 nos. of new houses.

- **Urban Beautification**
  - The work of installation of decorative lamp-posts under the supervision of State Urban Development Agency and Municipal Engineering Directorate in 52 nos. of municipalities till date including Navadiganta Industrial Township has been complete.

- **Belgharia Expressway**
  - The work of installation of decorative lamp posts throughout the entire stretch of Belgharia Expressway. Road length of more than 20 kilometres in between Ulladanga and Barasat at National Highway no. 34 at the both sides of the road and in between R.G.Kar Hospital and Gate No.1 of Airport on Jessore Road at the both sides, has been complete.
  - The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has completed the work of river-bank development in between Prinsep Ghat and Babughat, Armenian Ghat and Millenium Park at the eastern side of the river Hooghly.
  - The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has completed the work of renovation of 14 nos. of ‘ghats’ by the river Hooghly and has done the beautification work of 16 nos. of main thoroughfare. Besides, KMC also undertook the works of preservation and development of Ramakrishna crematorium and Bhukailash Rajbari, extension and beautification of Nimtala crematorium.
  - KMC also erected a large gate on the Kalighat Road.
Swarnajayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana
- It is one of the undertaken schemes for eradicating poverty in cities for the citizens lying below poverty level. With the objective of making unemployed and low-income group people self sufficient, three-tier local people committee and community development organisations have been put in place.
- 1,02,292 nos. of enlisted B.P.L. unemployed youth have been trained in this scheme in last two and a half years. Among this, self help groups have participated in various fairs in assistance with municipalities and State Government.

Right to Public Services Act, 2013
- As per the Right to Public Services Act 2013, 105 nos. of municipalities have already published requisite notice for providing different services to the citizens and have notified that in open place for conveying the information to the citizens.

Civic amenities through e-governance
- Significant progress has been made possible in providing civic amenities through integrated e-governance system. Birth and Death Certificates, Trade License are issued in 73 nos. of municipal bodies including Kolkata Municipal Corporation through this system. In some municipalities, this system has been introduced for making building plans and collecting Municipal Taxes.

Waste management
- Kolkata Municipal Corporation has established Compactor Stations in different areas of the city for waste management.

Civic Amenities
- A notification has been published in Kolkata Gazette fixing definite targets in the fields of water supply, waste management, drainage and sewrage.

Social Assistance Schemes
- 3,01,918 nos. of BPL enlisted beneficiaries are getting old age pension.
- 20,682 nos. of BPL enlisted beneficiaries have been given ₹ 21.59 crore for accidental and normal death.
- 1,01,262 nos. of BPL enlisted beneficiary widow of age 40-59 are getting widow pension.
- 9,514 nos. of BPL enlisted beneficiary of age 18-59 are getting Allowance of Disabled Persons.

Construction of scientific slaughter house of municipalities
- Kolkata Municipal Corporation has constructed modern and scientific slaughter house at the added Tangra area in word no 58.
- This apart, same projects have been undertaken at two further places in Kolkata and Contai & Nabadweep.

Diminishing expenditure for electricity and maintenance of electric lamps
- Two pilot projects have been undertaken on a main road at Rashbehari connect on in Kolkata and Nabaganta Industrial Township to diminish expenditure for electricity and maintenance of electric lamps in municipal areas.

Enhancement of abilities of the municipalities
- 15 nos. of municipalities, one from almost each district, have been sanctioned special project of ₹ 68 crore for enhancement of abilities.

Preparation of City Development Plan
- Direction and training have been provided for making City development Plan for next five years for all the municipalities.
Urban Development

- **Water supply**
  Works of various water supply projects have been completed at the expenditure of ₹751 crore. These are:
  - The works of water supply system at the municipal areas of Baruipur at the expense of ₹14 crore and Garulia at the expense of ₹47 crore have already been completed.
  - The works of drinking water supply projects at Dum Dum, South Dum Dum & North Dum Dum Municipal areas have been completed at the expense of ₹312 crore.
  - Water supply project at Bhatpara municipal area at the expense of ₹249 crore.
  - The work of newly constructed water supply system at Geokhali-Chaitanyapur-Basudevpur in Haldia has been completed. The expenditure incurred for this purpose is ₹65 crore.
  - Construction of reservoir for pure water and pump house at Haldia municipal area for the use of industry and at Basudevpur for the use of common people at the expense of ₹64 crore.
  - The work of 100 MGD drinking water project for the New Town-Nabadiganta-Bidhannagar-South Dum Dum area at the expense of ₹426 crore.

- **Vehicle and Transport**
  - The construction work of Patipukur underpass has been completed at the expense of ₹19 crore.
  - Subway–Boimela Sarani has been constructed between book fair and Science City at the expense of ₹2 crore.
  - Bediapara underpass has been constructed near Dum Dum Junction at the expense of ₹14 crore.
  - The construction work of Jingirabazar-Batanagar flyover has been started at the expense of ₹248 crore.
  - The construction work of Garden Reach-Mount Road flyover has been started. The project cost is ₹331 crore.
  - A plan for construction of an inter-state bus terminus of 10 acre land at New Town has been undertaken.
Undermentioned steps have been undertaken in this mission:

- Water draining out system at Bansberia. The project cost - ₹ 28 crore.
- Water draining out system at Bidhannagar. The project cost - ₹ 19 crore.
- Water draining out system at Budge Budge. The project cost - ₹ 35 crore.
- Water draining out system at Kolkata Airport. The project cost - ₹ 61 crore.

Prevention of the contamination of the Ganga

- The project work of development of integrated sewage system at Kalyani, Bhatpara and Gayeshpur has been started and the beautification works at various river ghats have been completed. These are Baidyabati, Kolkata, Naihati, Howrah, Bali, Panighati, 4 nos. of ghats at Titagarh, 11 nos. of ghats at North Barrackpore, 12 nos. of ghats at Uttarpara-Kotrang, 8 nos. of ghats at Konnagar, 4 nos. of ghats at Rishra and 7 nos. of ghats at Chandannagar.

Construction of housing

- 42,110 nos. of housing have been constructed for the slum-dwellers.
- Construction work of polytechnic college at Baruipur has been completed. The project cost – ₹ 10 crore.
- Construction work of polytechnic college at Diamond Harbour has been completed. The project cost – ₹ 11 crore. The Gitanjali Stadium has been constructed. The project cost – ₹ 25 crore.
- Beautification work of Baisnabghata-Patuli waterbody (Benubanochaya) has been done. The project cost – ₹ 5 crore.
- Pineapple development centre has been constructed at Siliguri.
- Tourist college at Gangasagar has been constructed and the Saikatabas at Digha has been renovated.
- 110 nos. of plots in Kalyani have been distributed through lottery.
- 297 nos. of flats in New Town have been distributed to the financially backward people through lottery.

Urban Planning

- Mandarmoni and Tajpur have been amalgamated to the Digha - Shankarpur Planning Area. Raghunathpur Planning Area has been declared. The Gangasagar–Bakkhali Development Authority has been set up.

New Town – Rajarhat

Various steps have been undertaken to develop this area:

- Construction work of ‘Rabindra Tirtho’, a cultural & research centre, has been completed. Performance of regular programmes, study on Rabindranath, workshops, seminars & exhibitions have been started here.
- ‘Prakrati tirtho’ has been constructed on 480 acre of land arounding a waterbody of 100 acre. More than 5 lakh people have already visited the Eco-park. 5 nos. of children’s park have been constructed. Construction work of a senior citizen’s park is going on.
- The construction work of ‘Najrul Tirtha’ is also going on.
- Lands have been handed over to the National Security Guard, the Aliah University, the Haj Tower, the Presidency University, the St. Xaviers’ University & The Ramkrishna Mission for implementation of various projects.

Financial Hub

- The work of setting up a Financial Hub has been operational. United Bank of India, National Insurance, West Bengal Financial Corporation, UCO Bank, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation, Union Bank, Bank of India and Bank of Baroda have taken land in this Financial Hub.
Information Technology and Electronics

Attractive Policy

- Present state government has announced new information Technology policy and attractive incentive scheme in 2012. Special thrust has been imposed on the fields of hardware, gaming and animation. This state has been able to be in the front row in the field of Information Technology during last two and half years. In 2012 “Data Quest e-readiness” award has been provided to our state.

Information-Technology centres in districts

- The reach of information-technology crossing the extent of sector- V, Salt Lake, is being extended to the cities of districts. State government has decided to construct. 13 nos. of IT Park at various places across the state. Among these, construction works in 8 places are going on. As the first phase has been totally filled at Durgapur and Siliguri, the second phase is being constructed. A modern plug and play-based IT Hub and Incubation Centre is being constructed at Taratala near the heart of Kolkata.

Expansion of Hardware and Electronics Industry

- A Hardware Park on 10 acre of land at Sonarpur will shortly be prepared for distribution. One more Hardware Park at Kalyani and two green field Electronics Manufacture clusters at Naihati and Falta, are being constructed.

National Centres For Education

- One of the best centres for education in information technology, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) is being constructed at Kalyani. It is expected that the regular study in this institute will be made possible from this year.
Microsoft Centre of Excellence
- Microsoft Centre of Excellence will be functional within next two-three months at Webel, Salt Lake.

Huge Employment
- 1,30,000 IT professionals are involved in more than 500 IT companies across the state which was merely 90,000 in 2010-11. At present indirect employment in this field 6,50,000. All the leading software companies such as WIPRO, Mintor Graphics, Ericsson, Capgemini, Tech Mahindra, Accenture, TCS, Cognizant, ITC Infotech etc are extending their reach of work and functioning.

Increase of 31% of export in two years
- Total amount of export from IT industry was ₹11,200 crore in 2012-13 which was merely ₹8,500 crore in 2010-11.

Unique Initiative of e-governance
- Various schemes are being implemented through technical assistance and guidance for applying e - governance in the various departments of the government. Such few schemes are Integrated Finance Management System (IFMS), State Statistical Strengthening Programme (SSSP), Employment Bank and labour Helpline, State Spatial Data Infrastructure (SSDI), National Land Records Modernisation Programme (NLRMP) etc.
- Besides, SMS-based grievance reporting system has been introduced in Howrah Police Commissionerate area for taxi refusal, eve teasing and other inconveniences. A scheme for booking taxi through mobile is being implemented.

e - district
- e - district scheme is being implemented to convey various government services (such as caste certificates, labour welfare scheme, Trade Licence, Certificate of Death, Residential & Income Certificate etc. to the people through the kiosks in rural areas.

e - office
- Paperless office — e-office system has been made operational in view of converting the offices of District Magistrates of both the 24 Parganas, Staff Selection Commission and Department of Information Technology to paperless offices.

Document Management System
- To preserve all official data, the system of digitization has been introduced in the office of the District Magistrate of Darjeeling. The works of implementing the very system in more 12 of districts are going on.

West Bengal State Wide Area Network (WBSWAN)
- It is being rejuvenated to implement e-governance initiative and to ensure horizontal & vertical communication in between the various departments of the govt. and more than 500 blocks.

State Data Centre
- State Data Centre has been made operational to protect the entire official digital database, which has been certified by quality determining ISO.

State Portal & State Service Delivery Gateway (SP - SSDG)
- State Portal & State Service Delivery Gateway are being made operational to provide various official services to the people online through a more easy, convenient and integrated way.

Diminishing Digital Divide
- This year, computers along with special learning kits are being provided to SC dominated 102 schools. Computers of special kind along with modern ‘Brail Monitor’ are also being provided for the blind students.
Forestry — During the tenure of present government 2 crore saplings per year have been planted and sowing had been done in 10,000 hectare area. 78.6 lakh man-days have been made through this work.

**Bon Suraksha** — 4386 nos. of Bon Suraksha Committee are working with the view to conserve forest and ₹ 91 crore had been distributed as dividend.

**Collection of Revenues** — Collection of Revenues from selling of wood was only ₹ 75.33 crore during 2010-11. During 2012-13, it was increased to ₹ 104.24 crore.

**Conservation of Bio-diversity** — With the co-operation of Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA), a project of ₹ 406 crore has been taken to conserve the forest and wildlife.

Eco-tourism — With the help of West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited, 17 eco-tourism projects at North Bengal and 3 at South Bengal are being started. Cottages had been constructed. The Lamahata Eco-tourism project had already been started.

The West Bengal Wasteland Development Corporation Ltd has been made functional. Under the aegis of WBWDCL, tree plantation has been made over 1260 acres of land.

Census of Wildlife — Census of different wild animals had been performed. For example, Rhinoceros, Gaur (Garumara), Red Panda (Singalila) and Crocodile (Sundarban).

Compensation — ₹ 4 crore and 50 lakh have been distributed as compensation for death and crop-damage by attack of wild animals.

Coastal Zone Management Project at Purba Medinipur has been started with the assistance of World Bank.

West Bengal Zoo Authority has become operational and 10 small zoos have been brought under its purview. Master plan is being prepared for all small zoos in the state.

Special steps have been taken to conserve few endangered species.

Pluck and sell of Kendu leaves is the profession of many persons. With a view to help them, the price of Kendu leaves are being made ₹ 75 per chata from ₹ 48 per chata.
Emphasis on increase of area under horticulture
- During the tenure of our government 15,611 hectare more area under fruit cultivation, 1,609 hectare more area under vegetable cultivation and 3,631 hectare more area under flower cultivation have been increased.

Modernisation of horticulture
- Grants had been given for well guarded cultivation under horticulture, at 2.83 lakh square metre ‘Poly House’ and at 2.86 lakh square metre ‘Shed Net House’.
- Initiative has been taken for preparation of ‘Tissue culture’ and ‘Newseller saplings’.

‘Weather based crop insurance’ to horticulture products depending upon 50% govt. grants
- Assistance for premium has been given to 8627 nos. of farmers during Kharif season and 4273 nos. of farmers during Ravi season.
- 15 products have been brought under this insurance. These are: okra, chilli, cabbage, brinjal, onion, tomato, pumpkin etc., mango, banana, papaya, betel leaf, lichi and guava, marigold and tuberose.
- Indebted and non-indebted farmers will get the facility.

Step toward self dependance in onion
- For the first time in the state, initiative has been taken towards Kharif onion cultivation.
- During Kharif season ‘Agrifound Dark Red’ species of onion has been produced at 303 hectare of land in eight districts. During Ravi season, an increase of 500 hectares of land has been encouraged by distribution of ‘Agrifound light red’ species of onion in all districts.

Uses of machines in horticulture
- Grants have been given to more than 2857 nos. of consumers on projects like power tiller, tractor, pump set etc.
● Empowering the farmers
  ▪ 7 ‘Krisak Upadak Sangstha’ have been formed in the districts of Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly and Purba Medinipur with 8,500 farmers.
  ▪ Nearly one lakh units of vermicompost production centre has been established.
  ▪ A ‘Tissue Culture Laboratory’ has been set up at Ayespur.
  ▪ Infrastructure of five markets in different districts are being developed.
  ▪ Initiative has been taken to develop the infrastructure of Krishnanagar, Barjora, Taldangra and Mohitnagar horticulture farms and to establish ‘Technology extension centres’ in five districts.

● Ensuring co-ordination with other rural development projects
  ▪ The work for horticulture in different districts are going on in co-ordination with MGNREGA scheme.
  ▪ Bankura district has received National Award in this scheme along with 8 other districts.

● Extension of technology and awareness building
  ▪ In order to extend technology, organizing Agrihorti Food Fest, training camp for 384 numbers of farmers, publication of booklets and leaflets have been arranged.

● Sale of vegetables at fair price
  ▪ With the financial assistance from the state government, onions, potatoes and vegetables have been sold at fair price for the benefit of common people.

● Immense development of Food Processing Industry
  ▪ 38 more numbers of Food processing Industries with the project cost of Rs. 312 crore have been set up within the tenure of the present government.

● A modern slaughter house has been set up at the cost of Rs. 28.45 crore
  ▪ Production capacity of rice-mills (Rice Milling) has been enhanced by 3.95 lakh Metric tonnes per year.

● Production Capacity of Grain Mills
  ▪ Production capacity of Grain Mills (Grain Milling) has been enhanced by 2.40 lakh M.T. per year.

● Opening up employment opportunities
  ▪ An additional number of 7.84 lakh employment days is being created per year.

● Very attractive incentive projects
  ▪ Facility for offering the highest quantum of financial grants
    (a) Setting up/Modernization of Food Processing Industry- ₹ 75 lakh.
    (b) Cold Chain - ₹ 8 crore
    (c) Enterpreneurs Development Programme - ₹ 3 lakh.
    (d) Food Processing Training cum Production Centre - ₹ 20 lakh.
    (e) Seminar/Field Survey - ₹ 4 lakh
  ▪ Grant of an additional amount of up to ₹ 5 lakh for the construction of Rice Mills in 165 block areas that go without any Rice Mill.
  ▪ 78 numbers of survey-data and updated project reports have been posted for the benefit of enterpreneurs on the website www.wbfpih.gov.in.

● Offering incentives to enterpreneurs
  ▪ 384 numbers of enterpreneurs have been trained through 28 Entrepreneurship Developmopent programmes; 456 more of the enterpreneurs are being trained.
  ▪ 112 members of enterpreneurs have been trained through 7 Food Processing Training cum Production Centres, 238 more enterpreneurs are being trained. The training camps are situated in Purulia (1), Purba Medinipur (3), North 24 gs. (2) and Howrah (1) districts.
  ▪ An arrangement is being made for the study of 180 pupils in 3 Degree/Diploma Colleges.
Water Resources Investigation and Development

- Reserve water preserve water
  - With the co-operation of Panchayat and Rural Development Department 101886 no. of water preservation projects under Reserve Water Preserve Water scheme have been created during last two and half years while the target was 50000 within five years.

- Extension of minor irrigation system
  - During last two and half years 65000 hectare irrigated land have been developed through implementation of different minor irrigation schemes like deep/shallow tubewell, digging of ponds, Jorbandh, lifting of river water etc. Apart from this, 12480 hectare irrigated land have been ensured with irrigation through field canal and water management projects.

- WBADMIP Project with the financial assistance of World Bank
  - An additional irrigation potential of 1,39,000 will be created through the implementation of the West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project (WBADMIP) involving Rs 1,380 crore being financed by the World Bank.
  - Meanwhile, 17 schemes have been completed and 1,224 hectare minor irrigation potentials have been created. Another 133 projects are being implemented speedily.
• **Preservation of rain water and water investigation**
  - With a view to limited water resources, the department has taken initiative to preserve rain water as an alternative. Meanwhile, 29 nos. of rain water preservation and artificial refilling of underground water schemes have been completed and work for 23 more projects is going on in different districts.
  - Also Central Chemical and Hydrological Laboratory situated at Sech Bhavan, Salt Lake, has been modernised and developed to test the quality and chemical analysis of water.

• **Revolution in irrigation in the areas of Jangalmahal**
  - Long-neglected areas of Jangalmahal have started witnessing a new revolution in irrigation. Till now, 196 nos. minor irrigation projects have been completed, bringing 6,187 hectare land under their folds.
  - The process of distributing 1,439 nos. water-saving sprinkler-kits amongst the farmers has been started with the aim to start a new scientific minor irrigation project.

• **Multipurpose development and reform of minor irrigation management**
  - This department manages 7,999 nos. project for irrigation across the state. The projects involve 6,39,000 hectare. In this tenure 4,000 minor irrigation projects have been completed and handed over to water users’ committee of farmers.
  - West Bengal Ground Water Resources Act, 2005 has been amended to allow installation of pump-driven tube-wells of 5 horse-power or less without the permits.
  - In this tenure, procedures and rules for management of minor irrigation projects, 2011 have been put in place.
  - An effort has been started to provide irrigation facility through dual usage of surface and underground waters to paddy farming during Rabi and summer seasons.
  - In different districts, solar-driven pumping systems have been installed using minor irrigation projects.
  - Besides, 5th minor irrigation census is going to be started soon.

• **Spreading awareness and empowering farmers**
  - Awareness programmes have been taken up on water conservation through Newspapers, Hoardings, cycle rallies, documentaries and fairs in Kolkata and different districts.
  - Till now, 390 nos. Agriculture and Horticulture exhibitions, 118 nos. training camps have been organized and 548 nos. water users’ committee of farmers have been constituted.
North Bengal Development

- The present Government is duty bound for over-all development of North-Bengal. To monitor the developmental work of North-Bengal the previous North Bengal Development Board is being transformed into a full fledged Department, with a view to the development of people of hill and plane. The North Bengal Development Department is being functional since July 8, 2011 and working continuously to serve the people of North Bengal.

- The Present North Bengal Development Department has completed 263 projects among 361 projects left undone by the previous North Bengal Development Board. During last two and half years 196 projects had been completed among 342 new projects. At present work is going on for more 146 projects.

- Construction work of the Branch Secretariat ‘Uttarkanya’ at a cost of ₹ 60 crore has been completed by North Bengal Development Board by less than a year. The total area of ‘Uttarkanya’ is 60000 sq. ft. Apart from the administrative building, an auditorium with 400 seats and a Guest House have also been constructed. Different departments are all ready for working in this Secretariat since February 2014. On February 11, the state cabinet meeting was held for the first time at Uttarkanya.

- 22% of the total population of West Bengal live in North Bengal. This Secretariat will fulfil the daily needs of the people of North Bengal. Now works will be completed faster. People do not have to go to Kolkata for works. The government services will reach to people more rapidly. This is not only unthinkable but also unprecedented — this is unique in our country.

- For the development of whole Dooars area, the ‘Dooars Task Force’ has been formed under North Bengal Development Department.
With the aim to develop communication facilities in 19 blocks of Sundarban areas of North & South 24 Parganas, over 600 km of double-soling, concretisation & brick laying of roads has been done along with the construction of almost 162 km of metallic road.

A Concrete Jetty has been made at Lot no. 8 for the benefit of pilgrims to Gangasagar Mela & also for the people of Sunderban including Sagar and Kakdwip.

90 Jetties have been constructed to facilitate water transportation in different important places of Sundarban.

To connect different islands of Sundarban to mainland areas, building of 4 bridges are on the verge of completion & plans for building 6 more bridges have also been taken up.

With the objective of development of irrigation for agricultural lands and sanitation, almost 39 km of canals has been desilted.

1369 deep tube-wells have been installed to get rid of problems of inadequate drinking water in the area.

The programme that was taken up for development & extension of sporting activities in the areas of Sundarban with the twin initiatives of Raidighi & Canning Sports Complexes; The construction of Raidighi Complex has been completed and construction of Canning Complex in under progress.

In order to increase the intensity of crop production of this region for the sake of developing the economic condition of farmers and to increase the yearly income of poor peasants in the last two and half years, sunflower seeds, mung seeds, elephant gourd seeds, vermicompost fertilizers, chemical fertilizer and vegetable seeds have been distributed to 1,63,000 nos. of small and marginal farmers. These besides, 35,000 of them have been provided with sprayers and paddy thrashing machines.

More than 8,000 new ponds were dug under the projects of water preservation and land development in the last two and half years for the sake of bringing more plots of land under the irrigation cover.
- **More emphasis on pisciculture:**
  - Nearly 10,000 fishermen were provided with fish-fodder and lime in the last two and half years with a view to encouraging fishermen of the Sundarban region.
  - Approximately 4050 nos. of beneficiaries were trained on pisciculture in order to effect more developed methods of Pisciculture.

- **Sundarban growing greener:**
  - In order to maintain environmental balance of sensitive bio-sphere of Sundarban, aforestation in marshy land was made in 1600 hectares of land during the preceding two and half years and aforestation of tamerisk (Jhau) tree has been made in about 875 hectares of land.

- **More new tourist spots:**
  - An initiative has been taken towards over-all development of the Sagar islands and setting up of eco-tourism, keeping the Kapil Temple at the base by the Government of West Bengal and with the financial assistance of World Bank involving about ₹ 48 crore.

- **The facility of conventional electricity has been extended across the river:**
  - Conventional electricity has been supplied to 23 mouzas.
  - The facility of conventional electricity has been supplied to 23 electricity-less mouzas. Through WBSEDCL extension work of electricity is going on at 45 mouzas in the riparian Gosaba & Patharpratima blocks in Sundarban.

- **Development of infrastructure of school:**
  - In view of extension of education to the riparian islands of Sundarban, infrastructure such as libraries, additional classrooms, students hostels, lavatories etc. has been constructed in 16 nos. of schools. Construction work of one girls hostel is going on and a plan of constructing 6 nos. of girls hostel has been undertaken.
Paschimanchal Unnayan
To accelerate the pace of development of 74 under-developed blocks of Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur and Birbhum, Paschimanchal Unnanyan Department has taken a few effective steps. Among this, there are few important projects like Irrigation, Agriculture, Health, Supply of drinking water, Preservation of land and water, Provision for education and employment etc.

- **Construction of hostel for school students and development of school infrastructure**  
  Till now 33 nos. of hostels have been constructed and infrastructure of 88 schools have been developed. Lac cultivation in the district of Purulia has been extended. 5000 families have been benefited.

- **Development of Rural Health Services.**  
  Construction of NRCs, construction and renovation of Hospital and Medical camp. Construction of 6 NRCs in Purulia, 5 in Paschim Medinipur and 4 in Bankura. Raipur rural hospital, Jhargram district hospital and Purulia’s Deben Mahato hospital have been developed (alongwith SNUC). Mobile Medical Camp also had been arranged at Jangalmahal area. A Referal eye hospital has been constructed at the Para block of Purulia. A Nursing Training College are being constructed at Lalgarh, Paschim Medinipur.

- **Development of Irrigation system**  
  Renovation of Irrigation Canal, Irrigation ducts, Deep Tubewell and RLI renovation. Canals have been renovated at Kanksa in Bardhaman district, Onda, Simlapal, Raipur and Khatra block in Bankura district, 9 RLIs in Paschim Medinipur district and 7 in Bankura district have been renovated. 2 deep tubewells have been constructed in Bankura district and 29 in Paschim Medinipur district.

- **Development in communication system**  
  More than 400 Concrete, Bituminous and Paved Roads and Bridges including small and big roads alongwith culvart and small bridges have been constructed. Among these there are connecting roads of different projects in Jangalmahal as announced by the Honble chief Minister.

- **Conservation of land and water**  
  Creation of Jorbandh, digging and renovation of ponds, leveling of barren band. More than 216 projects have been completed in this sector.

- **Cultivation of Onion and Turmeric in a non-conventional method**  
  The farmers of Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia have been encouraged for cultivation of onion and turmeric in a non-conventional method. The project was implemented with the help of scientists of Bidhan Chandra Agricultural University.

- **Enhancement in sources of drinking water**  
  More than 1200 tubewells have been sunked in 5 districts under the Board area. Purified drinking water supply project have been installed at 20 Rural Health Centres in Paschim Medinipur and Bankura district.

- **Till date 4661 houses for economically backward people have been constructed under Geetanjali Project.** In the current financial year, work for construction of buildings for total 712 Anganwadi Centres has started in Bankura, Purulia, Burdwan and Birbhum.

- **Financial assistance has been provided to construct a Tourism Centre at the foothill of Susunia.**

- **A Vocational Training Centre has been established at the hospital of Chhatna Block in Bankura District.**
Disaster Management

- **Quick warning system to people**
  - Arrangement has been made to send early warning messages on disaster to every mobile phone user of the state, in case of an emergency.

- **Special arrangement to help the common people**
  - Arrangement has been made to keep the Emergency Operation Centre at Nabanna on a 24×7 basis open throughout the year.
  - Similar centre has been made in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi to serve the people staying outside the state and afflicted with disaster.
West Bengal Police have been made ready at different important places (Kolkata, Barrackpore, Raigunj, Siliguri, Krishnanagar, Asansol, Barjora). Quick Response Teams along with cars furnished with necessary equipments have been made ready to combat any disaster at district level. Civil Defence Rescue Vehicle services have been started for quick response in case of disaster.

- **An altogether new step towards relief operation**
  - New types of equipments by the name Disaster Management Family Kit are being distributed among affected people.
  - Families affected with natural disasters are being offered quick financial assistance and the afflicted people are being provided with good quality saree, dhoti, lungi and children’s garments free of cost.

- **A positive move to prevent loss of life**
  - 107 nos. of multi-purpose cyclone / flood shelter centres have been constructed, which have already been started functioning.
  - 200 nos. of more national shelter centres of this kind will be set up. 7,000 youth volunteers have been trained in the districts in connection with flood rescue and relief operation.

- **Spreading mass awareness**
  - The emphasis has been put on spreading mass-awareness through various measures such as – calendars, booklets, wall-graffiti, banners, street-theatre, radio and TV advertisements etc.
  - To spread awareness in earthquake prone areas of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri & Cooch Behar, Work for National School Security Programme (NSSP) is going on.

- **Humane face of the government**
  - Only in our state, compensation of Rs. 1 lac is given to the family of a person died from snake bite. A financial assistance of Rs. 3 lac to the relatives of each dead victim in the AMRI Hospital fire accident has been given. This apart, government services have been provided.
  - A financial assistance of around Rs. 250 crore has been extended to the 3 lac (app.) families affected due to, natural calamities and fire accidents.

- **Active Administration in need of time**
  - 4000 people trapped in trouble due to flash flood in Uttarakhand have been rescued and sent back home by special trains & aeroplanes.
  - Helping hand has been extended to the people of West Bengal staying in trouble in the landslide in Himachal Pradesh, in bus accident in Nepal and collapse of building in Mumbai.

- **Active Disaster Management Team even outside the state**
  - 12,000 nos. of food packets have been distributed from helicopter to the people affected by the earthquake which took place in North Sikkim on 8 September 2011. 75000 nos. of tarpaulines, 40000 nos. of biscuit packets and 1000 quintal flat rice have been distributed to the persons affected by cyclone ‘Philin’ in Odissa.
Establishment of new fire service centre
- 6 new fire service centres have been established at – Maynaguri, Falakata, Gobardanga, Alampur, Harischandrapur and Haldibari.
- 5 new fire service centres are going to be established at – Jhalda, Khatra, Ramnagar, Egra and Barabisa.
- 16 new fire service centres are going to be established at – Sonarpur, Rajarhat, Newtown, Nonadanga, Dankuni, Pragati Maidan (Basanti crossing), Canning, Kakdwip, Memari, Lalbagh, Masterda Surya Sen (Bansdroni), Baranagar, Nakasipara, Mirik and Chakdaha.

Setting up of its own fire service station
- Own fire service stations are going to be established at – Ranigunj, Panagarh, Bhadreswar, Bally, Rampurhat and Mathabhanga.

Establishment of ultra-modern control room
- Ultra-modern control rooms have been established at different centres. Web-based Vehicle Tracking System alongwith GPS, Navigator, Modern EPABX etc have been arranged to monitor Fire Brigade vehicles.
Special fire fighting motor cycles (including water-mist technology) and small Fire Brigade vehicles have been arranged to combat with fire at congested slum area.

- **Procurement of modern fire-fighting equipments**
  - 16 high-power fire-brigade vehicles, 15 mid-sized water tenders, 48 operation vehicles, 36 fire-fighting motor-cycles (including water-mist technology), 20 high power portable pumps, smoke exhauster machines, 20 portable lighting towers, 21 Generator-fitted flood lights, 15 km-long water-supplying hosepipe, 3nos. of Toeing vehicles, Deep lift pumps, 10 air-compressor machines, 20 back-pack apparatusets with water-mist technology, 20 nos. of fire-fighting trolleys with high-power water-mist technology, 60 motor-cycles for inspection and enquiry of fire security systems have been procured.
  - 15 Hydraulic Rescue tools, 40 Breathing Apparatus Sets, 30 Chain-Saws, Circular Chain Saw, Diamond Chain Saw, Concrete Cutting Chain Saw, different kinds of ladders and other modern apparatusets have been purchased.
  - Different Small Gears for daily use at fire centres are being procured.
  - 2 high powered Hydraulic Aerial Ladders for rescue (1 is of 54 metres and 1 of 42 metres) from abroad (Finland) are being added to Fire Brigade.

- **Spreading fire safety awareness among masses**
  - Fire safety awareness among masses is being increased through different functions and festivals.

- **Developed communication system**
  - Through 200 high-powered walkie-talkies and also through mobile phones inter connecting all fire centres, a developed communication system has been created.

- **Training for fire and accident security management**
  - More than 1600 persons have been trained to fight fire.
  - A diploma course on fire management has been initiated jointly by Fire and Emergency Services Department and IISWBM and many persons are being trained in fire-safety through other organisations.

- **Success in Fire fighting exercise**
  - During this period, more than 25000 cases of fire of small, medium and big scales have been encountered.
  - More than 4500 people have been rescued from different accidents.
  - More than ₹ 500 crore have been saved.
  - For the welfare of people, clearance from Fire and Emergency Services Department, process of distribution of certificates etc. are being simplified and diversified.
New Facilities for Government Employees

- **Housing for Police Personnel**
  The housing for police personnel has been arranged through ‘Pratyasha’ project. Through this project 10,000 houses will be constructed in next 3 years. Under this scheme there is a provision of easy monthly EMIs.

- **Housing for Government Employees**
  50,000 houses will be constructed for the group C and group D employees under ‘Akankhya’ project. Public Works Department will construct 30,000 and Housing Department will construct 20,000. Primarily ₹ 100 crore has been allotted. Under this scheme the employees will get land at a low cost and loan will be provided to them under easy terms including instalment repayment facilities.

- **Cost for treatment**
  Under present Health Insurance Scheme the employee has to bear the cost for treatment and the government reimburses that cost. From now on, the first instalment of ₹ 1 lakh will be disbursed directly to the hospital, which means the employee will get the benefit of cash less treatment upto first ₹ 1 lakh and the rest amount will be reimbursed as is the practice now.