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# Appeal

Before 2011, Bengal was in a state of decline and distress. With your ardent support, I vowed to lead Bengal on to the path of progress, restoring it to its past glory. I have dedicated my life to fulfilling this duty, and ensuring that every resident of the state leads an enriching life with a safe and secure future.

Today, Bengal's fast-growing economy and its formidable schemes have propelled the state to great heights. The development strides we have made over the past decade have garnered both national and international acclaim. Bengal has thrived despite being subjected to coercion, obstruction and deliberate financial blockade by vindictive forces. I have ensured that each and every resident of Bengal receives their rightful claim.

While undertaking this endeavour, the current Union Government since 2014 has been maliciously conspiring against Bengal through deceptive promises, deliberate deprivation and a disrespectful attitude displayed towards Bengal's cultural heritage. They have extracted ₹6.65 lakh crore in taxes from Bengal in the last 5 years, yet as true *jomidars* have withheld ₹1.6 lakh crore for crucial developmental schemes. They have stooped so viciously low as to deny people of the state even basic necessities of *Roti, Kapda, Makan*. Whenever elected representatives, bureaucrats or deprived citizens from Bengal have tried to reason with these outsiders, they were insulted, heckled or detained.

The magnitude of their tyranny can be seen across the country. In the last 10 years, they have been relentlessly undermining the tenets of federalism, pluralism, liberty and democracy, enshrined in the Constitution. Misusing Union agencies, they have tried to constantly suppress opposition voices and target any one who questions their anti-people policies. Youth, women, farmers — each and every section of the society has suffered due to their misgovernance. While on the other hand, India's global position in key indices have drastically deteriorated.

At this crucial juncture, as we stand on the threshold of change, I solemnly resolve to ensure welfare continues to reach all. I recommit myself to stopping the malicious forces working against the interests of Bengal and the nation. Ours is a vision-cum-mission to secure the rights of the people of Bengal, and lead the nation towards transformative change. We have conducted

extensive consultations with people across the nation. Our resolutions are truly representative of people's aspirations. We re-dedicate ourselves to work for *Maa, Mati, Manush*.

The power to defeat the divisive and destructive forces that threaten our beloved nation and the great state of Bengal, lies with the people. If we (INDIA) are voted to power at the Centre, we will fulfil each *shopoth* made to you. We will continue to uphold India's rich diversity by ensuring all religious groups (Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Parsis, Buddhists, etc.), Scheduled Castes (Rajbanshi, Namashudra, Bagdi, etc.), Scheduled Tribes (Santhal, Oraon, Bhutia, etc.), Other Backward Classes, General category, marginalised and linguistic communities coexist harmoniously across the nation. I, Mamata Banerjee, urge each one of you to cast your vote for the *joraphool* symbol, the emblem that represents our spirit and resilience. Let us unitedly stand together against 'the outsiders' threatening our peace and harmony. Together, we will overcome every challenge. Together, we will fulfil each resolve we have made. **This is what we are committed to do when TMC, as part of INDIA, forms the Union Government.**

# Joy Hind! Joy Bangla!



## Mamata Banerjee



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## 1 BORDHITO AAY, SHROMIKDER SAHAY

100 days of guaranteed work will be ensured to all job card holders and all workers will receive an increased minimum wage of ₹400 per day, nationally

## 2 DESH JURE BARI, HOBE SOBARIE

Dignified housing will be guaranteed for all poor families in the country, providing safe and secure homes to everyone

## 3 JWALANIR JWALA KOMBE, DESHER JWALA GHUCHBE

All BPL families will be provided 10 LPG cylinders, free-of-cost, every year to enable them adequate access to clean cooking fuel, thereby promoting environmentally-friendly practices

## 4 ONEK HOYECHE SASHON, EBAR DUARE RATION

5 KG of free ration (rice, wheat, grains) will be provided to every ration card holder, every month  
Ration will be delivered free-of-cost to the doorstep of every beneficiary

## 5 AMADER ONGIKAR, NIRAPOTTA BARBE SOBAR

The number of higher education scholarships for OBCs, SC and STs will be increased to uplift youth from marginalised communities  
The existing Old Age Pension for the elderly people above 60 years will be hiked to ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 annually)

## 6 BORDHITO AAY NISCHIT EBAR, PHUTBE HASHI ONNODATAR

As per the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission, MSP will be legally guaranteed to India's farmers, set at least 50% higher than the average cost of production of all crops

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## **SWAOLPOMULYE PETROPONYO, BHAROTBORSHE SOKOLE DHONYO**

- ❖ Prices of petrol, diesel, and LPG cylinders will be capped at affordable levels
- ❖ A 'Price Stabilization Fund' will be created to handle price fluctuations

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## **NISHCHINTA BHOBISHYOT ORJON, JUBOSHOKTIR GORJON**

- ❖ All graduates and diploma holders upto the age of 25 will be provided 1-year apprenticeships to enhance their skills & employability. A monthly stipend will be provided to help apprentices support themselves economically
- ❖ Student Credit Cards of up to ₹10 Lakh will be provided to students pursuing higher education

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## **SWACCHO AYIN, SWADHIN BHARAT**

- ❖ The botched up Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be abolished and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be discontinued
- ❖ Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will not be implemented in the country

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## **EGIYE BANGLA, EGOBE BHARAT**

- ❖ Girls aged 13-18 will be provided an annual grant of ₹1,000 and a one-time grant of ₹25,000 for education, in line with Bengal's *Kanyashree* scheme
- ❖ All women will be provided a monthly financial assistance, in line with Bengal's *Lakshmir Bhandar* scheme
- ❖ *Ayushman Bharat* health insurance programme will be replaced by a stronger health insurance programme with an increased cover of ₹10 Lakh, in line with Bengal's *Swasthya Sathi* scheme



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## 01



## Nischit sushason, Banglar unnoyon

### Key Goals

- ❖ Bengal will receive an accountable, people-centric Government that delivers transformative governance
- ❖ The federal rights of all Indian states will be firmly preserved



## What the BJP-led Union Government did: India's democracy and Indians' civil liberties have been under a relentless siege since the BJP took office

- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has **puppeteered the Governor** of Bengal to act **against the state's interests**, disrupting the state's functioning to deny the benefits of good governance to the people of Bengal
- ✖ The *Bangla Birodh* BJP Government has hindered the day-to-day functioning of the Bengal Government by **deploying 334 Union teams and NLMs** in the last 3 years
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has unilaterally **deactivated the Aadhaar cards of the people from vulnerable communities in Bengal**, cutting them off from welfare
- ✖ The **anti-federal** BJP-led Union Government has brazenly impeded the functioning of state Governments in our country, repeatedly using Governors to **obstruct state decision-making** across non-BJP-ruled states
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has **weaponised agencies** such as **NIA, ED, Income Tax** and **CBI** to systematically **crush democratic opposition** in the country, with approximately 95% of ED's cases since 2014 targeting opposition leaders
- ✖ The power-hungry BJP has deployed every dirty political trick to **topple 9 democratically elected Governments in 9 years** (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra (2x), Uttarakhand, Puducherry)
- ✖ The height of BJP's hypocrisy is evident in its '**washing machine politics'** — for years, it has vehemently charged opposition leaders for corruption, only to later induct them into its fold, dropping all charges against them upon their joining
- ✖ The **unprecedented arrests of Chief Ministers of Delhi and Jharkhand** highlight the extent to which the BJP-led Union Government is willing to disrupt the functioning of rival state Governments and dishonour the mandate of their people
- ✖ With **over 200 killings, 70,000 displacements**, and **thousands of homes wrecked**, Manipur has been burning for a year under the BJP-led Union Government's disastrous watch
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has ridden roughshod over parliamentary protocols. It ruthlessly **suspended 146 MPs**, has struck nearly **300 questions off** the record, passed crucial bills via **ordinance or without debate**, and only 1 out of 10 bills passed by Parliament were sent for legislative scrutiny
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has obliterated citizens' digital liberties. It exposed the **sensitive personal data** of 81 Crore Indians during the Aadhaar breach 2023, used Pegasus to **spy** on opposition leaders, activists, etc., and has enacted dozens of **draconian internet shutdowns**
- ✖ India has ranked **161/180** countries in the World Press Freedom Index 2023, exposing the extent to which India's media has been throttled by the BJP-led Union Government

## What the -Mati-Manush Government did: Transformed lives through direct governance initiatives

- ❖ **90%** of Bengal's citizens have received direct benefits of various services and welfare programs of the TMC Government
- ❖ *Duare Sarkar*, accorded the platinum award from the Hon'ble President of India, has delivered **8.7 Crore** public services directly to citizens' doorsteps, facilitated via **6.6 Lakh administrative camps**
- ❖ *Bangla Sahayata Kendras* have delivered **12 Crore** online services to **6.5 Crore** citizens, showcasing a commitment to using e-governance as an instrument to serve people from the grassroots
- ❖ *Sorasori Mukhyamantri* has received **3.43 Lakh** citizen suggestions & grievances and provided 60,000 services, steadfastly resolving gaps in service delivery
- ❖ Under *Paray Samadhan*, **47,130** local-level administrative and infrastructural issues and service gaps have been resolved through small interventions and community participation

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Ensure a people-centric Government that delivers transformative governance to all

### For Bengal

- ✿ **Bengal will continue to reap the benefits of good governance.** TMC will ensure Bengal's rise to even greater heights.

TMC's elected Parliamentarians will work together to serve people 365 days a year. We will ensure that development, justice, and prosperity reach every household in a mission-mode manner.

- ✿ **West Bengal will be officially renamed '*Bangla*'.** In line with the wishes of our State and the advantage of administrative convenience, we will rename our State from 'West Bengal' to '*Bangla*'.

A proposal to do so has already been approved by the State Legislature, and was sent to the Union Government, before its authoritarian rejection in 2018. We will redouble our efforts on this front and engage constructively with the Hon'ble President of India and the Ministry of Home Affairs so that a bill for renaming our State is definitively introduced in Parliament and thereafter brought into force.

- ✚ **Bengal's cutting-edge E-governance efforts will be further strengthened.** TMC will further enhance the state's e-governance initiatives, pioneering greater digital citizen participation across the length and breadth of governance services.

An already extensive array of dashboards, real-time information management systems, and online feedback mechanisms ensures all relevant information related to the Government's progress across its various programs, schemes, and implementations is accessible to citizens 24x7. We will extend this cutting-edge service to more people in the state.

- ✚ **Identification and resolution of major local administrative and infrastructural needs at the block level will be continued more strenuously.** TMC will enhance the degree of governance responsiveness to local-level citizen concerns.

We will intensify our already existing initiatives to determine locally relevant infrastructural needs and plug administrative gaps will be conducted, featuring extensive participation of elected representatives from all levels, from MP down to the Panchayat level. More efforts will be undertaken to promote greater awareness of new programmes and schemes being progressively launched in the state every year.

Through direct consultations with citizens, these issues will be collated and resolved according to expedited timelines through fast-tracked sanctioning of budgets.

- ✚ **The already highly successful programmes, *Duare Sarkar* and *Paray Samadhan*, will continue to serve people.** TMC will ensure continuous delivery of good governance to the doorsteps of Bengal's households.

Owing to the phenomenal success of *Duare Sarkar* and *Paray Samadhan*, these initiatives shall be conducted regularly. We will ensure that the benefits and services of all Government schemes and projects reach the beneficiaries at their doorstep.

## For India

- ✚ **The federal rights of all states will be firmly preserved.** TMC will bring a Constitutional Amendment to Article 155. This will ensure that Governors are appointed in consultation with state legislatures.

We will reform the GST system entirely into a more equitable instrument of revenue distribution.

We will reform the National Education Policy to better incorporate the distinct educational needs of each state.

We will further amend the Union Government's asymmetric Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management restrictions on states.

We will not accept the 'One Nation One Election' proposal. Furthermore, to ensure the distinct developmental and planning needs of all states are in sync with those of the Union Government, we will set up a forum for meaningful Centre-State dialogue on policy on the lines of the Planning Commission.

- ✚ **The next round of India's decadal population census will be conducted.** TMC will ensure the conduct of the country's population census, which has not happened since 2011.

We will plan and conduct the next round of India's demographic census expediently. Suitable criteria will be determined as per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for a scientific overhaul of the methodologies used in past censuses (base year, inflation, household consumption, etc.) to enable superior data quality in all future enumerations of the decadal exercise.

Furthermore, we will review and release the report on 'Vital Statistics of India Based On The Civil Registration System' of the previous years so that the information within can be utilised in the interim to plan, monitor, and assess various programs related to primary healthcare, family planning, maternal and child health, and education.

- ✚ **The practice of toppling Governments will be assertively disabled.** TMC will strengthen constitutional protections to ensure democratically elected Governments are not changed by devious means.

We will amend the 10th Schedule of the Constitution to make the provisions of the Anti-Defection Law more explicit and immediate in their application.

- ✚ **The impartiality of India's judicial system will be restored.** TMC will ensure India's judiciary remains free of political pressures or inducements and that there is instead a neutral, impartial, transparent Commission. It will oversee appointments of SC and HC judges on basis of merits and eligibility rather than reciprocity in tune with the Supreme Court Judgment and that its evaluation criteria and deliberations are made public.

To reduce conflicts of interest, we will also institute a mandatory 3-year 'cooling-off period' before retired judges can accept Government appointments or political positions.

- ✚ **Political interference in key Government institutions will be abolished.** TMC will restore the autonomy of agencies such as CBI, ED, NIA and Income Tax, as well as bodies such as Reserve Bank of India (RBI), University Grants Commission (UGC), National Medical Commission (NMC), Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), etc., by amending their respective formative Acts to regulate the Union Government's role in their operational decisions.

The administrations of these institutions will also be replaced with new appointments based on a transparent selection process driven by independent panels and strict eligibility protocols prioritising institutional integrity.

- ✚ **A new Digital Liberties Bill will be introduced in Parliament.** TMC will ensure India's citizens are safeguarded from personal data breaches, undue surveillance, and denial of their digital rights.

We will introduce a new Digital Liberties Bill in Parliament to safeguard the digital rights of citizens through:

- » New regulations to bolster the security provisions for the collection, storage, and fair use of the personal data of citizens by Government agencies, businesses, and other entities
- » New regulations to outlaw the misuse of surveillance technologies to spy on private citizens, media, or politicians
- » A well-defined set of regulations and protocols to prevent unilateral imposition of internet shutdowns

- ❖ **Peace will be restored in the strife-torn state of Manipur.** TMC will ensure the necessary actions are undertaken to end violence in Manipur.

We will take measures to restore peace and normalcy in Manipur, such as:

- » Establishment of a Peace and Reconciliation Commission, comprising political leaders and bureaucrats to initiate dialogue with affected groups and address their grievances
- » Formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate and identify the perpetrators of heinous crimes for expedited trials in designated fast-track courts
- » Strategic enhancement of security in areas highly vulnerable to violence, along with stringent actions to recover arms and weapons from individuals who possess them illegally
- » Development of a comprehensive action plan to construct new houses for individuals who have lost their homes and compensate as well as subsequently rehabilitate them

- ❖ **A National Integration Council (NIC) of Union Government and States will be constituted.** TMC will take steps to cooperatively strengthen India's communal harmony and manage threats resulting from disharmony.

We will set up a National Integration Council to effectively manage communal disturbances, as per the recommendation of the Punchhi Commission:

- » States will be consulted through the council before bills are introduced on matters that fall in the concurrent list
- » In case of any serious communal incidents anywhere in the country, a 5-member delegation nominated by the council will visit the affected area within 5 days

- ❖ **Doorstep delivery of services will be introduced all over India.** TMC will ensure essential schemes and public services are brought within easy reach of all citizens.

Learning from the Bengal model, where the award-winning *Duare Sarkar* programme has delivered 8.7 Crore public services directly to citizens' doorsteps via 6.6 Lakh administrative camps since 2020, we will set out to implement this initiative all across the country.

Through camps set up at the Gram Panchayat or Ward level at periodic intervals twice or thrice a year, citizens will be able to access essential services such as issuing or updation of certificates, registering for or collecting entitlements of welfare schemes, etc. in an expedited manner with minimal wait times or cumbersome documentation requirements.

- ❖ **Digital Sahayata Kendras will be set up all over India.** TMC will ensure online public services are also within easy reach of all citizens.

Learning once again from the Bengal model, where *Bangla Sahayata Kendras (BSK)* have successfully delivered over 12 Crore online services to more than 6.5 Crores citizens free-of-cost, we will establish similar e-service *Kendras* all over the country in order to place e-governance closer in reach of every common citizen.

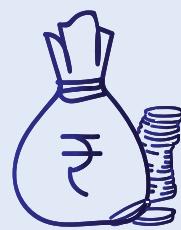
Through these, all citizens will be assisted in availing the benefits of their services from the Government in a free, fast, and secure manner.

- ✚ **The practice of state-funded elections will be introduced.** As TMC has consistently advocated, we will bring electoral reforms to eradicate corruption and improve transparency by introducing state-funded elections in India.

We will adopt the best practices from the countries where Government-funded elections have been successfully implemented. This initiative will ensure a level playing field for all political entities, diminishing the influence of black money and corporate funding, thereby making elections more transparent and equitable.







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## Arthik shreebridhhi, Samajik samridhhi

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### Key Goal

- ❖ Bengal's economy will maintain a strong double-digit growth rate through the next 5 years
- ❖ All BPL families will be provided 10 LPG cylinders, free-of-cost, every year to enable them adequate access to clean cooking fuel, thereby promoting environmental-friendly practices
- ❖ A comprehensive reform of the GST system will be undertaken

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: India's once-flourishing economy has been ruined

- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has deprived Bengal's people of their rightful dues by brazenly **withholding funds** amounting to approximately **₹1.6 Lakh Crore**, despite collecting over **₹6.65 Lakh Crore** as taxes in the last 5 years from the state
- ✖ Skyrocketing inflation has put the people in acute financial distress, with household savings across the country plummeting to a **five-decade low** in 2023
- ✖ BJP garnered votes by promising 'Acche Din', but under their 'Vish Kaal', an **unchecked rise in the prices of essential foods** like atta ( $\uparrow 31\%$ ), arhar (tur) dal ( $\uparrow 40\%$ ) and milk ( $\uparrow 50\%$ ) has devastated the middle and poor classes
- ✖ India has witnessed its **highest-ever fuel and LPG prices** under the BJP-led Union Government
- ✖ At the global level, the **Indian rupee is at an all-time low** under the BJP-led Union Government
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government's **GST system** remains an **unmitigated disaster** — it has undermined the fiscal autonomy of states, delayed payments of their rightful dues, unleashed massive fraud and worsened discrimination in revenue distribution
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has amassed a shocking **₹100 Lakh Crore of debt — two times more than the sum total of 14 previous Governments**
- ✖ BJP-led Union Government **recklessly flouts** its own Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) borrowing limits while hypocritically **restricting states'** ability to borrow up to even their basic limits

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: Bengal's once-floundering economy has been revived and elevated to new heights by the TMC

❖ Bengal is set to be **India's 4th largest economy** (net value added) — our GDP has grown from ₹5.2 Lakh Crore in 2011-12 to ₹18.8 Lakh Crore in 2024-25 — (2X higher than India's growth)

❖ Our residents continue to prosper — the average per-person income has nearly **tripled** from ₹51,543 in 2011-12 to ₹1,41,373 in 2022-23

❖ In the last decade, Bengal has **more than doubled its exports**, from ₹55,589 Crore in 2010-2011 to ₹1.1 Lakh Crore in 2021-22

❖ Bengal's budget has increased over **fourfold** in the last 13 years, growing from ₹84,804 Crore in 2011-12 to ₹3.66 Lakh Crore in 2024-25 (50%) higher than the increase in Union budget)

- ❖ Own Tax Revenue collection of Bengal has surged **fourfold**, skyrocketing from ₹21,128 Crore in 2010-11 to ₹83,608 Crore in 2022-23
- ❖ **Bengal's revenue deficit** (as a % of GSDP) has **decreased** from 3.75% in 2010-11 to 1.78% in 2022-23
- ❖ **Bengal's capital expenditure has increased** over eightfold, from a mere ₹2,633 Crore in 2010-11 to ₹22,753 Crore in 2022-23

## What the TMC pledges to do: Shield the people from the whiplash of price rise, restore States' financial independence

### For Bengal

- ⊕ **Bengal's economy will maintain a double-digit growth rate through the next 5 years.** TMC will ensure Bengal's growth continues to accelerate.

Bengal's GSDP stood at ₹17.2 Lakh Crore in 2023-24, growing at 11.04% (First Advanced Estimates), and is set to become ₹18.8 Lakh Crore in 2024-25, growing further at 10.5%. Having successfully surpassed our 2021 commitment to become a 'Top 5' economy in India, we will ensure Bengal maintains this double-digit growth rate.

By enabling investment and infrastructure across key sectors, thereby bolstering productivity and employment generation in the state, Bengal's economy will continue to grow strongly and flourish.

- ⊕ **Bengal's exports will be doubled over the next decade.** TMC will strive to make Bengal the 'global trading hub of India'.

In the last decade, Bengal has more than doubled its exports, from ₹55,589 Crore in 2010-11 to ₹1.1 Lakh Crore in 2021-22. Through the operationalization of the West Bengal Export Promotion Policy and the West Bengal Logistics Sector Development Policy, we will ensure that we effectively double the state's share in India's total annual exports by 2030.

- ⊕ **The poverty level in Bengal will be reduced to less than 1%.** TMC will work tirelessly to eliminate poverty in Bengal.

We will bring down the poverty headcount ratio from 8.6% to less than 1% by effectively implementing welfare schemes and expanding social security coverage in the next 10 years through:

- » By fast tracking and extending welfare programmes, wherein everyone eligible for Government assistance can access it without discrimination or exclusion through programmes like *Duare Sarkar*
- » Basic amenities; All households will be provided amenities such as a house, electricity, LPG, tap water, etc.

**⊕ Ease of Doing Business (EODB) in Bengal will be continuously improved.** In line with our ongoing commitment to make Bengal an apex destination for business and industry, we will continue to undertake comprehensive EODB reforms, with the aim of making our state a 'top 5' business destination in India over the next 5 years.

**⊕ The Bengal Silicon Valley Tech Hub will be further expanded.** TMC will accelerate its efforts to make Bengal a top destination for skilled jobs in the tech industry.

Bengal Silicon Valley Tech Hub has been operationalised. To further expand it, we will fast-track all statutory approvals which will attract more investments leading to the creation of 50,000 direct skilled jobs and thousands of jobs indirectly.

## For India

**⊕ Prices of petrol, diesel, and LPG cylinders will be capped at affordable levels.** TMC will ensure the common people of India are able to afford fuel and cooking gas and remain protected from sharp price hikes.

- » A price ceiling on the rates of petrol, diesel, and LPG cylinders will be implemented
- » A price stabilisation fund will be created to balance out potential spikes in the costs of these commodities resulting from global crude supply shifts
- » A strategic national petroleum reserve will also be created to ensure a 30-day buffer stock of petrol and diesel to mitigate shortages

**⊕ 10 LPG cylinders will be provided to BPL families free-of-cost every year.** TMC will ensure that every household in India receives affordable and clean cooking fuel, prompting environment-friendly practices.

We will introduce a new scheme to provide 10 LPG cylinders free of cost to all eligible BPL families every year free-of-cost, in order to reduce the burden of rising fuel prices on the poor. The increase in adoption of LPG as cooking fuel will also have a positive impact on the environment, by producing significantly lower emissions compared to traditional fuels like coal or gasoline.

**⊕ A comprehensive reform of the GST system will be undertaken.** The current GST regime, which has eroded the fiscal autonomy of our states and led to heavy losses, will be reformed into a more equitable instrument of revenue distribution.

- » To eliminate existing delays in release of revenues, GST collection will be fully managed by state Governments, who will be empowered to collect their due shares and transfer surpluses to the Union Government
- » To set appropriate criteria for the above, the GST Council will be transformed into a more consensus-based body and directed to determine a proportional distribution between state and Union Government
- » Compliance mechanisms will be strengthened to curb GST evasion and fraudulent practices
- » GST exemption will be provided for essential foods such as pulses, rice, wheat, cooking oil, etc.
- » GST on critical agri-inputs (fertilisers, pesticides) will be reduced

- ⊕ **The right of states to determine their financial borrowing capacities will be restored.** TMC will put an end to the Union Government's double standards on borrowing by eliminating the asymmetric limits on states' borrowing capacities.

We will repeal the Union Government's decision to place the off-budget borrowings of state public sector corporations and special purpose vehicles under the purview of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act.

We will also establish a high-powered Inter-Governmental FRBM Council to achieve more cooperative debt management between the Union Government and the states.

- ⊕ **A broad review of existing taxation policies and norms will be undertaken.** TMC will revisit the existing taxation system in India to make it less burdensome and more equitable to the people.

We will introduce tax reforms to simplify the procedures for filing income tax and make it more citizen-friendly. Taxation will be made adaptive to the prevailing levels of inflation and will also incentivise private savings and investment. We will also review the existing range of cesses that deny states their rightful shares of tax revenues.





# 03



## Shilpayoner jowar, Unnoyon sober

### Key Goal

Guaranteed employment will be provided to Bengal's rural workforce through *Karmasree*

100 days of guaranteed work will be ensured to all job card holders and all workers will receive an increased minimum wage of ₹400 per day, nationally



## What the BJP-led Union Government did: The BJP Government has devastated the lives of the working class to benefit its cronies

- ✖ Under the tyranny of the BJP, the rich have become richer while the poor have suffered
  - India's wealth inequality rose to a **six-decade high, with 1% of the wealthiest owning 40.1%** — more unequal than the times of the Colonial era
- ✖ '*Ameero Ka Vikas, Gareebo Ka Vinash*' model of industrialisation have benefited a select group of large corporations, prioritizing the 1% **at the expense of the entire working class** — half of the **₹14.6 Lakh Crore** in loan write-offs since 2014 have benefitted selected groups
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government's atrocious mismanagement **of over 20 PSUs**, including profitable ones such as LIC, has led to the privatisation of these enterprises, causing the **loss of long-term revenue** sources and over **₹1.5 Lakh jobs**
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government's '**Make in India**' programme stands as a monumental failure, as evidenced by the abysmal manufacturing growth rate averaging a mere 5.9% since 2014, significantly lower than the lofty promise made by the BJP
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has **left countless struggling MSMEs in distress** by failing to provide them loans, despite guaranteeing to offer ₹3 Lakh Crore in collateral-free automatic loans to MSMEs under the '**Atma Nirbhar Bharat**' scheme

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: Under TMC, Bengal's industries, across all sectors, have flourished

- ❖ Bengal has supercharged its MSME sector, **employing more than 1.3 Crore people**. **57 Lakh new MSMEs** have been added since 2011, securing **₹6 Lakh Crore in bank credit** from 2011 to 2023
- ❖ Bengal's **Index of Industrial Production (manufacturing) growth stood at 7.8%**, exceeding the national growth rate of 5% in 2022-23
- ❖ The number of factories in Bengal has **increased 17%** from 8,232 in 2010 to 9,650 in 2021
- ❖ Bengal's IT sector has been transformed with the operationalise of **26 IT Parks** throughout the state
- ❖ Wages for tea garden workers have increased by 3 times, from **₹67 per day in 2011 to ₹250 per day currently**. Additionally, **homestead pattas** have been granted to around **23,000 tea garden workers**
- ❖ Bengal's handloom industry employs the **2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of workers** in India at 5.4 Lakh (17.3% of the total)

## What the TMC pledges to do: Build an inclusive industry sector that supports local businesses and delivers growth with jobs

### For Bengal

- ⊕ **Guaranteed employment will be provided to Bengal's rural workforce.** TMC will not allow the Union Government to take away our people's right to work by withholding MGNREGA funds.

Through the *Karmasree* Scheme, we will provide at least 50 days of work to each job card holder.

In line with this commitment, we have already released wages for over 50 Lakh workers who have not been paid due to the Union Government's denial of funding.

- ⊕ **Ensuring Bengal's manufacturing sector remain strong and future-ready.** We will upgrade our existing policy for emerging industries (IT, Textiles, Agro based, Food Processing and Aquaculture, etc.) and thrust industries (Chemicals, Petrochemicals, Iron and Steel, etc.), with focus on the following:

- » Enhancing infrastructure to facilitate manufacturing and fabrication within Bengal (plug-and-play factories and workspaces, power grids, internet and telecoms, warehousing, etc.)
- » Developing a pipeline of high-quality homegrown talent as a workforce in these industries through industry-relevant skill training

- ⊕ **The tea and jute industries in Bengal will be further stimulated.** TMC will strengthen the economic prospects of our state's critical tea and jute industries.

- » A panel will be formed to review wages and working conditions and engage with unions
- » To enhance yield and productivity, modern machinery and equipment will be provided (harvesters and rolling/drying equipment for tea factories, machinery for carding, spinning, and weaving for jute mills)

- ⊕ **An additional 10 Lakh MSMEs will be added every year to increase the total number of functional MSME units to 1.5 Crore.** TMC will continue to create jobs in Bengal by fostering entrepreneurship.

We will accelerate our efforts and add 10 Lakh additional MSMEs every year by facilitating easy access to finance and technology, providing greater market access nationally as well as internationally, creating business linkages between MSMEs and big industries, and developing supporting infrastructure such as local logistics.

The additional MSMEs will, as they have before, drive robust economic growth and create more jobs in the state.

- ⊕ **Crop-specific food parks will be established in each district of Bengal.** TMC will support our *Krishak Bandhus* by taking more measures to bolster local productivity. In line with the distinct cropping needs of each district, food parks will help farmers

access better quality inputs, fairer prices, and improved food processing infrastructure.

All parks will be equipped with robust infrastructure, including processing centres for food processing units, collection centres to facilitate processing (weighing, sorting, grading of produce), and state-of-the-art cold chain infra to transfer and store harvest from farms to distant locations.

✚ **Artisanal communities in Bengal will be provided with working capital assistance.**

We will aid 2 Lakh artisans in earning a dignified livelihood and contributing to the state and national economy.

A one-time grant of up to ₹15,000 will be provided for buying professional tools or construction/repair of work sheds. More artisans will be brought under this scheme over time.

## For India

✚ **A new National Policy for MSMEs will be created, with an emphasis on widespread access to credit and inputs.** MSMEs have been the backbone of our state's industry, and TMC will ensure they are duly supported to turbocharge the entire nation's industrial push.

- » Learning from the Bengal model, where linking cooperative banking to MSME lending greatly enhanced credit access, the new National Policy will integrate conventional sources (banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies, Microfinance Institutions, etc.) as well as non-conventional sources (Trade Receivables Electronic Discounting System, Private Equity/Venture Capital/Angel Funding, etc.) into a single system to supply credit to MSMEs at low interest
- » In addition, an integrated platform for raw material suppliers will also be created for accessing to materials at affordable prices, with linkages to e-Mandis, Agricultural Produce Market Committees, etc.

✚ **District-wise 'Industrial Excellence Blueprints' will be created to bolster local industrial economies.** To harness the full economic potential of each district, TMC will encourage the creation of locally-aware industrial action plans that go beyond sterile policies like 'one district, one product'.

The Union Government will work with respective State Governments to determine prominent local industrial opportunities, understand gaps and needs, and develop blueprints to set up customised mini-clusters, smart infra, logistics, and market-access solutions to enable local industrial growth, generate jobs, and achieve balanced regional industrial development.

✚ **100 days of guaranteed work will be ensured to all job card holders and all workers will receive an increased minimum wage of ₹400 per day, nationally.** TMC will ensure a dignified livelihood for the crores of labourers who rely on MGNREGA with guaranteed 100 days of work and enhanced daily wages.

To ensure workers' wages are scaled to meet their contemporary economic needs, daily wage under its remit will be increased to ₹400 per day, coordinating with states

all across the country to ensure its stout implementation.

- ✚ **A Job-Based Incentive scheme will be introduced.** TMC will take steps to create "jobs with growth" in India.

We will stimulate job creation by providing financial incentives to corporates for additional hiring in sectors with high employment potential, particularly emphasising manufacturing and labour-intensive industries. This initiative will increase the number of jobs and enhance the quality of these jobs, ensuring sustainable economic growth through a more engaged and skilled workforce.

- ✚ **The Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme will be enhanced.** TMC will boost industrial job creation by bringing more sectors into PLI.

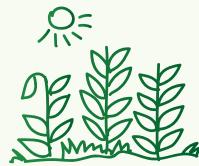
We will bolster industrial job creation by bringing more sectors with high job generation potential, especially manufacturing-focused ones, under the PLI scheme, such as agro-processing, construction and real estate, and retail and wholesale trade.

- ✚ **A Special Commission will be set up to draft the long-term national policy directive for the informal and unorganised sector.**

Noting how the effects of demonetization and COVID have devastated the working prospects of India's informal and unorganized sector, which generates the lion's share of employment in our country, we will establish a **Special Commission** with a responsibility of determining feasible long-term policies for the enhancement of wages, working conditions, access to formal credit, labour codes & protections, etc. for all who work in this sector.



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## Odhik utpadon, Krishoker unnoyon sadhon

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### Key Goals

-  Farming machinery will be made more accessible to Bengal's farmers, and more Farmers Produce Organizations (FPOs) will be created for them
  
-  MSP for farmers all over India will be legally guaranteed as per the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission



## **What the BJP-led Union Government did: They bulldozed the Farm Bills in Parliament, but had to repeal them in the face of determined protests by the farmers of India**

- ✚ The **3 controversial farm laws laid bare BJP's true intentions for India's farmers:** shocking disdain for their lives or livelihoods
- ✚ The Union Government made every effort to suppress farmers peacefully standing up for their rights, cruelly subjecting them to police brutality, **arbitrarily detaining dozens of protestors, and demonising them**
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government's disregard for our farmers' livelihoods is evident in how it has **failed to guarantee a legal status to MSP** and further imposed costs on them by slapping a **GST on essential agricultural inputs**
- ✚ With total outstanding agricultural loans increasing from ₹9.64 Lakh Crore in 2014 to ₹23.44 Lakh Crore in 2021-22, the BJP-led Union Government has led farmers into a **debt trap**
- ✚ Agriculture's share in the Union budget has **dwindled** from 4.4% to **2.5%** over the past 4 years, hurting farmers with **minimal investment** in infrastructure, subsidies, or support programmes
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government promised to **double farmers income** by 2022, but at current rate it won't happen before 2035
- ✚ The inefficiency of the BJP-led Union Government is glaringly evident — it has only recovered 1/10th of the ₹3,000 Crore transferred to **42 Lakh fraudulent beneficiaries under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi**

## **What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The fortunes of the farmers of Bengal have undergone a stunning transformation in the last decade**

- ❖ The budget for Agriculture and Allied Services has **increased tenfold**, from ₹2,274 Crore in 2010-11 to ₹22,620 Crore in 2024-25
- ❖ Under *Krishak Bandhu* scheme, over **1 Crore** of small and marginal farmers are being provided financial assistance of **₹10,000 p.a.**
- ❖ Under *Bangla Shasya Bima* initiative, **70 Lakh farmers** are benefitting from crop insurance coverage
- ❖ Bengal **is India's leading producer** of jute, paddy, and mesta today
- ❖ Bengal is the **2nd largest producer** of fish in India, doubling its export of fish from 59,774 MT (2010-11) to 1,25,193 MT (2022-23)

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our *Krishak Bandhus* and represent their rights, interests, and livelihoods

### For Bengal

- ⊕ **Farming machinery will be made more accessible to farmers.** TMC will support our farmers to enhance their agricultural productivity.  
We will establish 2,000 farm machinery hubs (Custom Hiring Centres) across the state.
- ⊕ **Farmers Produce Organizations will be established to elevate farmer earnings.** TMC will foster the development of effective support ecosystems for our farmers.  
We will establish 1,200 additional Farmers Produce Organizations (FPOs) across Bengal, to enable our farmers to bolster their livelihoods through bulk procurement of quality inputs and increased autonomy to manage selling of their produce at mandis.
- ⊕ **Potato growers will be provided with insurance premium support.** TMC will support the livelihood of 20 Lakh potato growers of Bengal.  
We will cover the premium for potato crops under the *Bangla Sasya Bima Yojana* (Crop Insurance Scheme) and ensure that farmers have a safe income blanket across seasons.
- ⊕ **Fishermen will be provided with off-season livelihood assistance.** TMC will support fishermen of Bengal's livelihood and ensure their well-being during off-seasons.  
We will launch the *Samudra Sathi* scheme, offering financial assistance of ₹5,000 per month for 2 months during off-seasons or periods of moratorium to cover livelihood interruptions for marine fishermen in Bengal, and then replicate the same for the rest of the country.

### For India

- ⊕ **The key recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission will be adopted.** TMC will ensure a dignified livelihood for our nation's farmers.  
We will set up an Expert Committee to assess the cost of production for major crops in various regions and, based on its recommendations, introduce a bill in Parliament that legally mandates an MSP at least 50% higher than the average cost of production of all such crops.  
A price stabilisation fund will also be set up to manage procurement, which will be in line with the Committee's recommendations.
- ⊕ **Existing export controls on agricultural commodities will be reviewed and a more farmer-friendly export policy will be initiated.** TMC will give the needs and

interests of farmers a firm priority in determining the future of agricultural exports.

Despite having only 2.4% of the world's land and 4% of its water resources, Indian agricultural exports support a substantial 17.8% of the world's population.

Recognizing the role India's prevailing export controls have played in the plight of our nation's farmers, we will undertake a comprehensive reform of India's import-export policy for agricultural commodities, with emphasis on making it more farmer-friendly.

- » The basket of agricultural exports will be diversified to include value-added products and target a wider range of international markets
- » A stable commodities trading policy will be established — the bans on export of wheat, rice, and sugar, which India used to hold a leadership position in the world export market, will be reviewed
- » Investment in cold-chain infrastructure and logistics will be enhanced, with greater focus on preserving the value of fruits and vegetables
- » Investment in agricultural research and development will be doubled from 0.5% of the existing agricultural GDP to at least 1%

**✚ Cases registered against farmers during farmers' protest will be immediately withdrawn.** TMC will protect our cultivators from unnecessary legal censure.

In our recognition of the validity of their courageous struggle for their rights, we will immediately withdraw all cases registered against farmers during the farmers' protest, restoring reconciliatory relations with the community.

**✚ Fishermen will be provided with greater access to institutional credit.** TMC will bridge the credit access gap for the fishermen community.

In order to enable the fishermen community to integrate more deeply with institutional sources of financing, we will set up cooperative banks for fishermen where they can avail credit at subsidized rates through simplified borrowing procedures.

We will also issue Kisan Credit Cards to fishermen, to enable them to access additional credit flexibly, as well as avail of interest subvention and insurance for assets like boats and catching equipment.







## Shikhhar agrogoti, Somajer progoti

### Key Goals

- ❖ National recognition will be provided to higher educational institutions from Bengal
- ❖ India's budget expenditure on education will be doubled from 2.5% to 5% of overall budget
- ❖ The number of higher education scholarships for OBCs, SC and STs across India will be increased

## **What the BJP-led Union Government did: Destroying the glorious traditions of the Indian education and corrupting institutions built over decades**

- ✖ Stooping to a despicable low, the BJP *Jomidars* have jeopardised the future of Bengal's children by **withholding ₹17,300 Crore of Samagra Shiksha Mission funds**
- ✖ The Union Government through the Governor's office **has tried to jeopardise the future** of students through **arbitrary appointment of interim Vice-chancellors**, deliberate hindrances and objections to the functioning of GoWB's Department of Higher Education
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has **turned the University Grants Commission into a pitiful PR agent**, focused on creating 'selfie points' and advertising controversial bills while also slashing funding for the Dept. of Higher Education by over ₹9,000 Crore
- ✖ In a shameless attempt to saffronise history, the BJP-led Union Government is arm-twisting National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) into arbitrarily **altering narrations of historical events and rewriting Indian history** in propagandist undertones
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government's botched **National Education Policy** is yet another attack on federalism and fails to account for the distinct educational requirements, linguistic needs, and exam procedures of each state
- ✖ Of the 18,956 sanctioned teaching positions in 45 Union Government universities, about **one-third (6,028) were lying vacant** as of early 2023
- ✖ By **discontinuing** pre-matric **scholarships of approximately ₹23,000 Crore**, the BJP-led Union Government has put affordable education out of the reach of lakhs of India's OBC and minority students

## **What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: From KG to PG, the TMC has enhanced quality, equality and access to education**

- ❖ The Education, Sports, Arts, and Culture budget has tripled from ₹13,872 Crore in 2010-11 to ₹47,470 Crore in 2024-25
- ❖ *Kanyashree* scheme has been accredited with the prestigious United Nations Public Services Award, benefitting **more than 85 Lakh girls** with financial assistance from upper primary to post-graduate studies
- ❖ **30** new universities, **52** colleges, **298** ITIs, **202** polytechnics and **2,21,849** additional classrooms have been created since 2010
- ❖ *Sabooj Sathi* scheme awarded by the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society has **provided bicycles** to over **1.25 Crore** students, **36 lakh students** have received financial aid for tablets under *Taruner Swapno*

 Owing to the success of its schemes, Bengal has achieved a **0% dropout rate at the upper primary level**

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Protect the solid foundation of India's education system which the BJP have tried to destroy. We will boost the future of our children and youth

### For Bengal

⊕ **National recognition will be provided to higher educational institutions from Bengal.** TMC will take steps to enhance the prospects of higher education in the state.

- » We will submit a proposal to grant "Institute of Eminence" status to Jadavpur University
- » We will fast-track the pending National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation processes of 143 higher education institutions in Bengal

⊕ **Vice-Chancellors will be appointed without any political interference.** TMC will ensure that the appointment of Vice-Chancellors is made without any political interference, upholding the tenet of federalism enshrined in the Constitution.

We will amend the 2018 UGC Regulations and introduce new guidelines to ensure Vice-Chancellors of State-run universities are appointed in consultation with the respective state Legislative Assemblies.

⊕ **A Model Residential School will be established in each block of the state.** TMC will ensure quality schooling for our children.

We will set up technologically-equipped model residential schools with state-of-the-art infrastructure, digital libraries and sports facilities through the construction or upgradation of schools in all 341 blocks of the state.

⊕ **Tablets/smartphones will be provided as an educational aid to students.** TMC will affordably promote digital literacy for Bengal's students.

Through a grant of ₹10,000 per pupil under the *Taruner Swapno* scheme, we will enable students to purchase tablets/smartphones for digital learning and access to online study materials.

Further, the criteria of eligibility will be revised from Class XII to Class XI, so that students can use these devices for two years instead of one.

### For India

⊕ **National Education Policy will be amended to restore states' autonomy.** TMC will ensure that the policy is modified by setting up a steering committee with experts and stakeholders from each state to protect the institutional needs, learning requirements

and linguistic demands of all states.

- » We will not implement the 5+3+3+2 structure and instead encourage each state to follow its own educational structure pertinent to its own needs
- » We will abolish common entrance tests nationwide and restore the rights of state educational institutions to conduct their own admission processesal

**⊕ India's budget expenditure on education will be increased to 5% of the overall budget.** TMC will ensure that education is re-prioritized.

We will double the expenditure on education from 2.5% to 5% of overall budget. The enhanced budget will be spent towards more effectively implementing the fundamental Right To Education, through free/subsidised provision of uniforms, study materials, mid-day-meals, etc. to all students up to Class XII, all across the country.

We will further take steps to re-evaluate the needs of the states in consultation with state Education Departments to enhance their spending on education as well.

**⊕ All teaching vacancies in Union Government universities will be filled on priority.** TMC will prioritise the filling of all teaching vacancies to close all teacher shortages in Union universities.

We will ensure over 6,000 vacancies across 45 Union Government universities across India — constituting one-third of all available positions — are filled within a year with a special focus on the universities in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Tripura, where nearly half of such posts lie vacant today. Appropriate emphasis will also be placed on ensuring OBC, SC, and ST teacher vacancies are duly filled.

**⊕ The number of higher education scholarships for OBCs, SC and STs will be increased.** TMC will uplift youth from marginalised communities through the medium of education.

In order to overcome the education access gap that continues to persist among India's OBCs, SCs and STs and thereby enrich the development of human capital in these communities, we will increase the number of higher education scholarship grants available to them.

All students from these communities enrolling in degree programmes, post-graduate programmes, as well as in other courses leading to diplomas or certificates will be able to avail of such scholarships and access quality education.

**⊕ Pre-matric scholarships for classes I-VIII for disadvantaged groups will be re-introduced.** Pre-matric scholarships will be re-introduced and tripled in number, with a comprehensive plan to uplift students from OBC, SC/ST and minority communities.

- » Guidelines of PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (2021-22 to 2025-26) will be modified to also include students from classes I-VIII, currently excluded.
- » Similarly, new guidelines covering students from classes I-X under the Pre-Matric Scholarship For Students Belonging to the Minority Communities will be released by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

**⊕ A policy will be introduced to curb the menace of paper leaks.** TMC will end the repeated misconduct in competitive examinations and preserve the future of our youth.

We will introduce a bill in Parliament to amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill 2024 with provisions to:

- » Constitute an independent judicial commission (Union and State level) to oversee the conduct of competitive examinations, end-to-end
- » Conduct rigorous audits of the various steps that involve third parties, such as printing and transportation of question papers
- » Integrate evidence-based technology through fool-proof IT security systems to ensure comprehensive electronic surveillance of the various procedures involved
- » Formulate national standards and protocols for third-party agencies to conduct examinations

**✚ The school curriculum will be made free of propaganda.** TMC will ensure India's school education remains bias-free.

We will set up an impartial and independent Review Committee of subject experts to ensure that the contents of school textbooks across India are audited for quality and remain free of propaganda, censor, or factual revisionism in the context of Indian history. Through this, we will strive to preserve an element of critical thinking and scientific temperament in India's school curriculum.





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## Suswasthyer ongikar, Sustho bangla sobar

### Key Goals

-  Doorstep delivery of modern healthcare services will be introduced
-  India's healthcare budget will be increased to 6% of overall budget
-  Ayushman Bharat health insurance programme will be replaced with a stronger health insurance programme with an increased cover of ₹10 Lakh, in line with Bengal's *Swasthya Sathi* scheme

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Displayed a significantly regressing commitment to healthcare in India

- ✖ By withholding **₹2,298 Crore** of National Health Mission funds, the BJP-led Union Government has deprived crores of residents of Bengal of accessible and affordable healthcare services
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has **slashed India's healthcare budget** from 1.1% of the GDP in 2021 to merely **0.3% in 2024**, plunging our future healthcare needs into grave uncertainty
- ✖ No citizen will forget the panic and despair from when the BJP-led Union Government's **mishandling of the COVID pandemic**. India witnessed severe bed, oxygen, and medicine shortages, countless displaced migrants, and numerous death toll coverups
- ✖ Union Government's **PM CARES Fund** has also been a catastrophic failure — its **lack of transparency, supply of defective equipment, and audit evasion** all underline his Government's mala fide intentions for the funds in it
- ✖ The *Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana*, touted as a crowning success of the Union Government, is marred by exclusivity. Its **discriminatory eligibility criteria** render healthcare services inaccessible to the majority of needy citizens
- ✖ CAG has exposed the BJP-led Union Government's mismanagement of **Ayushman Bharat funds** — 7.5 Lakh beneficiaries tied to **fake numbers**, ₹1.1 Crore paid to **dead patients**, 4,761 registrations linked to just 7 Aadhaar cards

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The TMC has pioneered universal healthcare for people of Bengal, putting quality care within reach for all

❖ The budget allocated for the health sector has increased **fivefold** from ₹3,442 Crore in 2010 to ₹20,053 Crore in 2024

❖ Bengal has successfully achieved **universal health coverage** with the help of its revolutionary ***Swasthya Sathi scheme***, providing **free care** up to ₹5 Lakh per year

❖ Since 2011, healthcare infrastructure has been expanded widely in Bengal, with **42 Super Speciality Hospitals, 329 Hospitals and medical facilities, and 3,407 Nursing Homes** are operational

❖ Since 2011, the number of beds in Government hospitals has increased from **58,647** to **97,000**, while Government doctors have **more than tripled** from **4,800** to **18,213 in 2023**

❖ Bengal's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) fell from 32 to 19 (**40%**) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) from 117 to 103 (**12%**) from 2011 to 2020; institutional

deliveries increased to **99.2%** in 2023 from **68.1%** in 2011

- ❖ Since their inception, *Su-Swasthya Kendras* (SSKs) have recorded **19 Crore** visits and distributed **free medicines** to patients **16 Crore** times

## **What the TMC Government pledges to do: Continually elevate the standard of healthcare and improve access to quality healthcare**

### **For Bengal**

- ✚ **Two-fold increase in paramedical staff will be implemented to bolster the workforce in healthcare.** To enhance patient care and healthcare access and improve emergency responses, we will double the number of seats for paramedics to strengthen the healthcare system's capacity and effectiveness.
- ✚ **Special mobile health vans will be introduced to provide doorstep delivery of healthcare services.** TMC will ensure basic health care services remain within last-mile reach for all.

We will launch mobile health vans equipped with modern facilities to provide services such as diagnostic tests, immunizations, delivery of generic as well as branded medicines, etc., enabling citizens to access these services conveniently at their doorstep.

- ✚ **Stronger incentives will be created to incentivize more doctors to serve in rural areas.** TMC will take steps to ensure shortages of doctors in remote areas become a thing of the past.

In line with the recommendations of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), we will hike the hardship and housing allowances for serving in underserved areas for doctors in order to make such deputations more attractive.

- ✚ ***Swasthya Sathi* scheme will be extended to out-migrant workers of Bengal.** TMC will ensure our migrant workers remain supported wherever they are.

We will extend the benefits of the *Swasthya Sathi* Scheme to 28 Lakh migrant workers who reside and work outside Bengal and are registered on the *Karmasathi Parijayee Shramik* Portal. Migrant workers will have access to hospital care in their place of work through insurance coverage.

- ✚ **A specialised medical institution will be established in North Bengal to treat infectious diseases.** TMC will ensure timely diagnosis and treatment of contagious diseases.

We will establish a dedicated medical institution in the premises of North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, similar to the "Infectious Diseases and Beliaghata General Hospital" for treatment. The institution will focus on early diagnosis, containment and advanced treatment for diseases like rabies, measles, dengue, malaria, etc.

## For India

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- ⊕ **India's healthcare budget will be tripled to 6% of the overall budget.** TMC will urgently reprioritize adequate spending on public health.

To provide access to quality and affordable healthcare to all citizens, The TMC will triple the allocation for healthcare from 1.9% to 6% of India's overall budget.

Doing so will enable greater spending on areas of prominent need, such as the upgradation of rural healthcare infrastructure and last-mile access to at-risk communities such as anaemic children, pregnant women, and ageing rural poor.

- ⊕ **The existing *Ayushman Bharat* health insurance programme will be replaced with a superior *Swasthya Sathi* health insurance programme with a cover of ₹10 Lakh.** TMC will ensure superior healthcare coverage for India's poor and vulnerable.

To strengthen people's ability to avail of subsidised secondary health care, we will replace the existing *Jan Arogya Yojana* with the *Swasthya Sathi* programme for the entire nation, modelled on Bengal's acclaimed scheme of the same name, doubling the insurance cover for each beneficiary from ₹5 Lakh to ₹10 Lakh.

Health Insurance Cards will be issued to all 10 Crore beneficiaries, enabling them to access medical treatment at suitable public or private hospitals, including coverage for all pre-existing medical conditions.

- ⊕ **PM CARES Fund will be brought under the purview of RTI and Parliament.** TMC will bring total accountability to the PM CARES Fund, which is now completely opaque.

By classifying it as "public authority", we will bring the fund under the RTI Act. To enhance oversight, we will reclassify PM CARES as a public fund to bring it under the purview of Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), ensuring that every rupee in it is spent towards building stronger, more resilient healthcare services.

- ⊕ ***Maitri Sampoorn Pushti* initiative will be launched.** TMC will ensure better attention is provided to pregnant/lactating mothers and their newborn children.

To reduce IMR and MMR in the country, we will launch the *Maitri Sampoorn Pushti* initiative for poor pregnant and lactating mothers, belonging to economically weaker sections, providing them with nutrition kits. Beneficiaries will receive two nutrition kits and a childcare essentials kit.









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## Porikathamoy unnoti, Doinondin jibone agrogoti

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### Key Goals

- ঃ All households will be provided access to tap drinking water connections
- ঃ All habitations will be connected via all-weather roads
- ঃ Dignified housing will be provided to India and Bengal's poor

## **What the BJP-led Union Government did: The Union Government has repeatedly deprived Bengal and other states, misappropriated funds and neglected basic infrastructure**

- ✚ 11.3 Lakh beneficiaries in Bengal have been deprived of homes, as ₹8,140 Crore of *Awas Yojana* funds have been withheld by the Union Government
- ✚ Since 2021, the BJP-led Union Government has not transferred even ₹1 to Bengal under Awas Yojana (G)
- ✚ Recently, since the provision for dignified housing was deliberately denied by the Union Government, the people affected by the storm in Jalpaiguri were left devastated
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government has deliberately plunged Bengal's rural development into neglect by delaying approval of roadworks and halting ₹2,841 Crore of *Gram Sadak Yojana* funds
- ✚ From rural to urban civic amenities, the BJP-led Union Government has stifled infrastructural development in Bengal by withholding ₹48 Crore of *Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)* funds
- ✚ The BJP jomidars did not sanction a single rupee to Bengal for the Ghatal Master Plan, risking the lives and livelihood of around 17 Lakh people residing in flood-prone areas
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government's glaring incompetency and inefficacy have resulted in approximately 60% of Union Government projects getting stalled or delayed, leading to ₹4.7 Lakh Crore of cost overruns
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government failed to fulfil their promise of increased air connectivity and affordable air travel — 93% of routes under the UDAN scheme have failed to sustain operations even with hefty concessions
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government's gross negligence of ageing railway infrastructure has resulted in 244 train accidents (between 2017 and 2022). 50% of the compulsory track inspections have not been done and over three lakh positions in the Railways (gazetted and non-gazetted) are still vacant
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government's Smart City Mission has failed to fulfil the dreams of thousands of urban dwellers by failing to meet 2023 deadlines for 400 projects worth ₹22,814 Crore
- ✚ BJP failed to operationalise the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project by 2022 as promised. The project as per current status will not be completed till 2027, incurring severe cost overruns in the process

## **What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The TMC has built an infrastructural foundation for development that every person in Bengal is proud of**



Over 60 Lakh rural families have received sturdy housing to date; while

**approximately 4 Lakh tea garden workers** without permanent housing are being ensured a home under *Cha Sundari*

- ❖ Under *Pathashree*, **26,487 KM** of roads have been **constructed and repaired** along with an additional **12,000 KM** of rural roads **under construction**
- ❖ Tap water connections have been extended to **71.6 Lakh rural households** along with facilitation of running water supply for **59,916 schools, 43,866 Anganwadis, and 8,298 health centres**
- ❖ Bengal's installed **power capacity base increased 65%** from 9,402.4 MW in 2011 to 15,529.77 MW in 2023

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Focus on building quality infrastructure across the nation

### For Bengal

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- ✚ **Guaranteed housing will be provided to Bengal's poor.** With or without the Union Government's support, TMC will ensure dignified housing for everyone.

Given the BJP Government's refusal to fund houses for the poor in Bengal, we will independently build 11.2 Lakh houses for all eligible beneficiaries, fully financed by the state. An additional 5.8 Lakh houses will be built in a subsequent phase.

- ✚ **24x7 functional drinking tap water connection will be provided to all households.** TMC will provide piped drinking water facilities to an additional 1 Crore households, thereby ensuring 100% clean and safe drinking water coverage across the state.

- ✚ **All habitations in Bengal will be connected via all-weather roads.** TMC will ensure that all of Bengal has access to quality roads.

Through *Pathashree-Rastashree*, we will continue to renovate roads and expand rural connectivity by constructing 12,000 KM of rural roads.

- ✚ **The Kolkata Metro will be extended further.** TMC will ensure that all the citizens of Kolkata can commute using fast, affordable, and comfortable transportation from any corner of the city.

We will add a total of 11.5 KM to the existing Kolkata Metro network to help the metro line reach every corner of Kolkata, effectively covering maximum suburban areas.

- ✚ **The Ghatal Master Plan will be completed in mission mode.** TMC will ensure that our people in flood-prone regions are not left at the mercy of the Union Government's whims.

Under the Master Plan's Flood Management scheme, the resuscitation of 19 KM of riverbank has already been completed. We will ensure the timely completion of the project, even if the Union Government fails to fulfil its funding obligations.

## For India

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- ⊕ **Dignified housing will be ensured for India's poor.** TMC will strive to give every poor family a home.

By streamlining regulatory processes, approving *Awas Yojana* applications faster for new beneficiaries, and speeding up the procedures for allocation of land for housing projects, we will ensure that provision of housing for eligible beneficiaries happens at a faster rate.

In this manner, the dream of dignified housing can become a reality for all of India's poor.

- ⊕ **An action plan to overhaul the infrastructure of India's railways will be formulated.** TMC will ensure India's railway infrastructure is modernized. Ensuring affordable rail travel for every citizen will be our number one priority.

Taking cognizance of the massive passenger volumes it serves and the persisting need to renovate ageing infrastructure, we will formulate an action plan to overhaul India's railways, focusing on:

- » Installation of anti-collision technology on train engines and modern signalling systems on track routes to improve passenger safety
- » Accelerating the completion of dedicated freight corridors (DFCs) to separate freight and passenger traffic which will increase the speed and reliability of both freight and passenger trains
- » Enhancement of the web architecture of the IRCTC portal to enable a more responsive user experience for booking tickets, making frequent website crashes or booking failures a thing of the past
- » Implementation of digital and app-based solutions for ticketing, real-time tracking, and customer service to enhance passenger experience

- ⊕ **The Railway Budget will be delinked from the General Budget.** TMC will ensure appropriate budgetary focus for one of the world's largest railway networks.

We will reinstate a separate budget for railways to effectively address the infrastructure, operational, and financial requirements of Indian Railways. We will also establish suitable criteria to reintroduce concessional fares for senior citizens above the age of 60.

- ⊕ **Port development and port-led industrialization will be prioritised.** TMC will facilitate development of new ports and upgrade existing ports for the growth for India's coastal regions.

We will give the paradigm of port-led industrialization paramount importance in economic and industrial development. Efforts will be made to:

- » Modernize existing port infrastructure, such as upgrading cargo handling equipment to increase capacity and efficiency and digitizing permits and processes to improve the ease of doing business at ports
- » Notify more Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) and develop critical infrastructure such as freight corridors, logistic parks, and multimodal transport solutions to set up thriving industrial clusters around major deep-water ports
- » Improve connectivity between ports and mainland regions through better road

and inland waterway networks

- ✚ **Measures will be taken to strengthen India's national power grid.** TMC will systematically bolster the country's power grid to ensure stability and consistency in power supply.

Noting the significant annual strains on India's power grid, especially during the summer months in the country, remedial measures will be undertaken to develop a more resilient grid, focusing on:

- » Addressing supply shortages, especially in areas heavily reliant on traditional sources such as thermal power plants
- » Modernization of transmission infrastructure by accelerating the adoption of smart grid technologies to minimize transmission and distribution losses
- » Integration of real-time monitoring systems and increasing grid automation to make the power grid sturdier in the face of heat waves and/or other disaster scenarios such as storms
- » Integration of more Green Hydrogen into the power grid by boosting current storage and distribution infrastructure





# 08



## Jatiyo surokhay, Amrai korbo joy

### Key Goals

- India's national border security apparatus will be effectively strengthened

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Despite all its bluster, the BJP has failed to deal with national security threats

- ✚ Nearly 6 years after the **fateful Pulwama tragedy** that claimed the lives of 40 brave soldiers, the BJP continues to hide the truth behind this catastrophic incident
- ✚ An **increase in the BSF's jurisdiction** by the BJP-led Union Government has not only caused complete encroachment on the private lives of citizens, but also translated to injudicious killings of many innocent people of Bengal
- ✚ The 2020 **Chinese incursion in Galwan** saw the first bloody clash between India and China in decades, resulting in **20 casualties**, with BJP's response not deterring the continued construction of Chinese infrastructure along the border
- ✚ Indifferent to BJP's rhetoric, China has continued its military and infrastructure buildup in **Doklam**, jeopardising the **security of the Siliguri corridor** and the Indian mainland's connectivity to the northeast
- ✚ Despite **21** rounds of high-level talks, Chinese troops continue to boldly occupy thousands of kilometres of the Indian territory
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government has disregarded the ethos and plunged the future of our armed forces into the darkness to fill the coffers of its allies by awarding **40 Sainik School agreements** to private educational institutes affiliated with RSS and others associated with the BJP
- ✚ The Union Government's ill-conceived and thoughtless **Agnipath scheme** has undermined the professionalism of the Indian armed forces and jeopardised the **future** of countless youth

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Strengthen our nation's defense to ensure a safer future for all

### For Bengal

- ✚ **The jurisdiction of BSF will revert to 15 KM along Bengal's border areas.** We ensure the safety of the country while preserving the interests of the people of Bengal.  
We will suitably amend the BSF Act, 1968 to adjust the Border Security Force's official jurisdiction from the current 50 KM to the previous limit of 15 KM along Bengal's border.
- ✚ **Areas along the border will be developed for the benefit of residents.** We will strengthen our efforts in improving the lives and livelihoods of the people residing along the state's international border through construction of roads and other critical infrastructure.

## For India

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- ⊕ **India's national border security apparatus will be effectively strengthened.** Every effort will be made to improve India's security and safety.

We will amend the current BSF Act to establish an independent oversight committee to promptly investigate allegations of misuse of force against innocent citizens during peacetime.

- ⊕ **The Agnipath scheme.** We will restore the Indian Armed Forces' traditional recruitment mechanisms.





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## Swabolombi nari, Joyjoykar tari

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### Key Goals

 The revolutionary *Lakshmir Bhandar* Scheme will be further strengthened with ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 annually) for general women and ₹1,200 per month (₹14,400 annually) for SC/ST women and extended across the country

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Women's safety has deteriorated into a living nightmare

- ✚ BJP leaders, during every political visit to Bengal, have incessantly **mocked, insulted, and catcalled** the only woman Chief Minister of the country, Mamata Banerjee
- ✚ TMC women leaders faced **brutal mistreatment** at the hands of the Delhi Police during their protest in Delhi, as they fiercely demanded the rightful dues of West Bengal withheld by the BJP-led Union Government
- ✚ Under BJP regime, **crimes against women** in our country have soared by a staggering **31%** since 2014
- ✚ The collective conscience of the nation has been rattled by **heart-wrenching cases of rape**, as seen in **Kathua, Unnao, and Hathras** — minor or adult, Dalit or upper caste, women are not safe under BJP
- ✚ India ranks **127/146 countries** in the Global Gender Gap Index 2023 — a stark testament to how far we have slipped in empowering women
- ✚ The women of India must never forgive the BJP-led Union Government for how it **humiliated our champion women wrestlers**, the pride of our nation, by ignoring their cry for justice against BJP MP Brij Bhushan
- ✚ The BJP's **indifference** towards the safety and plight of women is evident from the fact that **30% of the Nirbhaya Fund remains unutilised**
- ✚ Gruesome visuals of two **ST women being paraded naked** by a vicious mob in Manipur shame us all
- ✚ The horrendous **Bilkis Bano gang rape case** has horrified every Indian

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The TMC has an unrivalled legacy of empowering women across the social, economic, and political spheres

- ❖ Over **2 Crore** women have been uplifted and **financially empowered** through the **Lakshmir Bhandar** scheme
- ❖ For the **3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row**, **Kolkata** has been declared **India's safest city** by the National Crime Records Bureau
- ❖ **44%** of Bengal's State Development Budget (SDB) has been allocated to women's empowerment and gender equality in 2024-25
- ❖ Under the *Jai Bangla Pension* scheme, 11.65 Lakh women have received the **Old Age Pension**, 20 Lakh women have benefited from the **Widow Pension**, providing **financial independence and security to vulnerable women**

-  Bengal is foremost in the country **in linking credit to SHGs**, with more than 11 Lakh SHGs successfully linked to credit, with an astounding ₹90,000 Crore of bank credit already disbursed
-  With India's only woman Chief Minister and one-third of TMC MPs as women in the outgoing Lok Sabha, **Bengal has set the pace in women's political representation**
-  **Reservation for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions** has been expanded to **50%**; the number of elected female representatives has increased from 21,351 in 2008 to 30,458 in 2023
-  **Putting women's safety at the forefront**, 49 women police stations have been established in the state

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Uphold the dignity, promote the financial independence, and ensure the safety of every Indian woman

### For Bengal

- ✚ **The revolutionary Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme will be further strengthened.** TMC will continue to economically empower the women of Bengal.

Financial assistance under the programme has been enhanced to ₹1,000 per month for general women (₹12,000 annually), and to ₹1,200 per month for SC/ST women (₹14,400 annually). This will continue to be delivered to all 2.1 Crore beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

- ✚ **33% Reservation for women in the State Assembly will be formally enforced.** TMC will build on its rich legacy of encouraging women's participation in politics.

We will formally adopt 33% reservation for women in our state legislative assembly and, as we have in the past, continue to take measures to enhance women's participation in politics across all levels in our state.

- ✚ **District-level SHG Bazaars will be set up across Bengal.** TMC will help SHGs participate more strongly in the State's economy.

To integrate our SHGs more deeply into the economy, we will set up dedicated marketplaces in each district where they can showcase their products for sale. This will result in greater SHG-market linkage, help them market their wares more effectively, and sell to more customers, unlocking greater prosperity for our hard-working women entrepreneurs.

- ❖ **More women will be appointed in the state constabulary.** TMC will diversify its police force to provide job opportunities to women and improve safety.

We will ensure at least 33% of all existing police vacancies in Bengal are filled by trained women police officers, within the next 12 months. 16 additional women-only police stations will be built across the state to take the total number of such stations to 65.

- ❖ **'Suraksha' App will be launched to provide emergency response services to women.**

To enhance safety and security of women, the 'Suraksha' App will be introduced alongside the existing helpline number 1091. This app will let women raise SOS alerts in emergencies and swiftly connect them with nearby police patrols. We will also run awareness programmes and training sessions on using the app to encourage its widespread use.

## For India

- ❖ **A guaranteed, unconditional income of ₹1,000 per month (General) and ₹1,200 per month (SC, ST) will be provided to every woman.**

Learning from the success of Bengal's *Lakshmir Bhandar* scheme, we will provide all women in India a monthly financial assistance of ₹1,000 (General) and ₹1,200 (SC, ST), which will effectively supplement their annual income by an amount of ₹12,000 and ₹14,400 respectively.

This amount will be credited to every woman enrolled via DBT every month, with an intent to provide financial independence to every woman.

- ❖ **A conditional annual academic scholarship of ₹1,000 to all girls aged 13-18 years and a one-time ₹25,000 higher education grant will be provided to college-age girls.** TMC will ensure India's young girls are nurtured socioeconomically and academically.

Learning from the success of Bengal's UN-award winning *Kanyashree Prakalpa*, which has uplifted over 85 Lakh girls from poor families out of poverty and away from the scourge of premature marriage and helped them get educated, an annual conditional cash transfer of ₹1,000 will be provided to all girls aged 13 to 18 years for every year that they remain enrolled in school and unmarried.

Upon turning 18, a larger one-time grant of ₹25,000 will also be provided to them to aid the pursuit of vocational or higher education. Through these measures, we will help India's girls gain vital skills and knowledge that will help them become economically independent.

- ❖ **Existing laws and acts designed to tackle gender discrimination or inequality in the workplace will be reviewed.** TMC will safeguard the rights of women in India's workplaces.

We will ensure that all acts designed to enhance women's safety and create a respectful work environment are meticulously scrutinised and duly revised. In particular, the provisions of the Factories Act (1948), Equal Remuneration Act (1976), and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (2013), will be strengthened to make their protections for women in the workplace more comprehensive.

- ❖ **Fast-track courts will be established in every district.** TMC will ensure swift justice for women through dedicated, fast-track courts.

To tackle the backlog of crimes against women, we will establish 766 fast-track courts, 1 in each district of India. They will be empowered to expedite justice delivery, particularly in cases of crimes against women and offences covered by the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

- ❖ **A new policy for the reintegration of women into the workforce will be established.** TMC will take measures to make it easier for women dropouts to reenter the labour force.

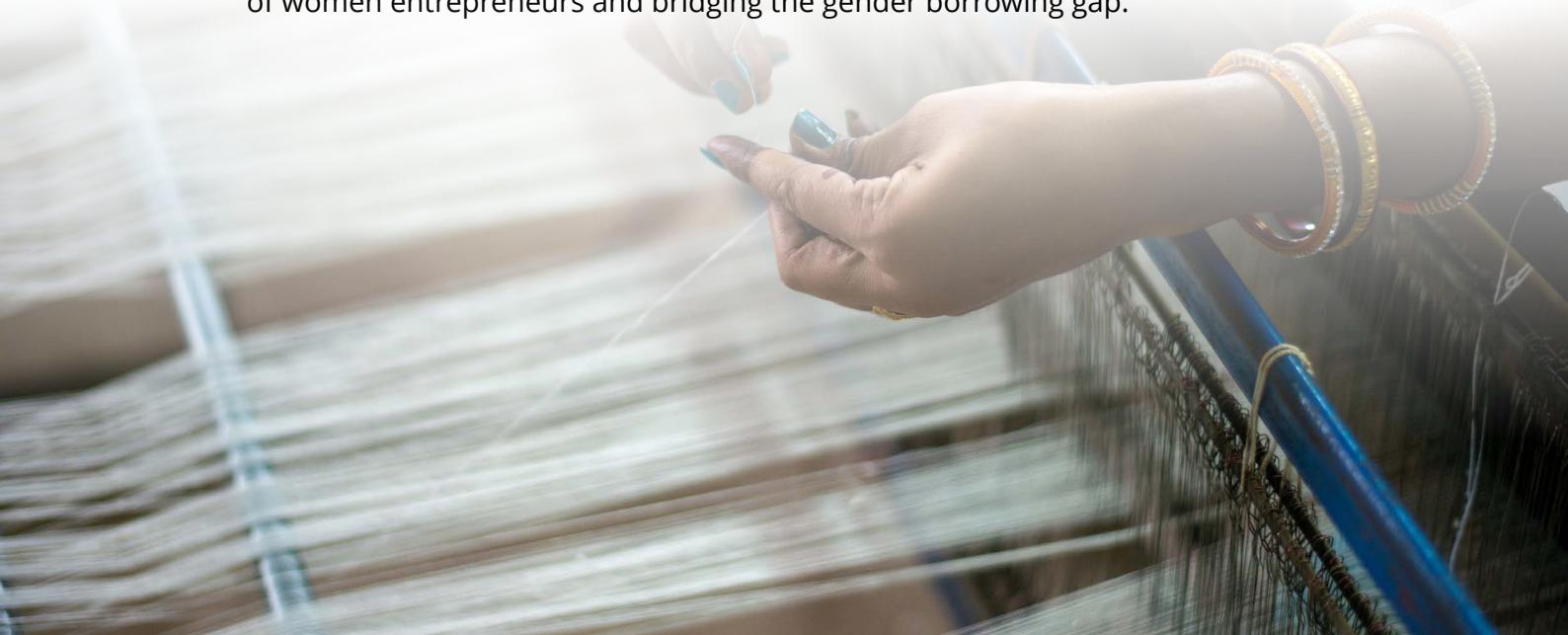
To enhance the currently dire women's labour force participation rate in the Indian economy, we will introduce a new policy for the lakhs of women who are forced to prematurely drop out of the workforce as a result of pregnancy, marriage, or other socio-economic pressures.

The key components of this policy will be:

- » A part-time work policy for women who are unable to work full-time due to attendant childcare duties
- » Introducing special reskilling programs in the existing skill development ecosystem for knowledge and skill upgradation for women
- » Job-based incentives for large firms (over 1,000 workers), based on the proportion of hired and retained female workers

- ❖ **Bharatiya Mahila Bank will be revived.** TMC will enhance access to banking services and credit for women.

We will reestablish the erstwhile *Bharatiya Mahila* Bank, which was merged into the State Bank of India in 2017, as a subsidiary of the SBI, with an initial capital of ₹1,000 Crore as per its founding conditions. The original plan to set up 800 branches across India will be brought back on track, focusing the bank on supporting the development of women entrepreneurs and bridging the gender borrowing gap.







## Yuba shaktir bikash, Agamir aswash

### Key Goals

-  An annual statewide sports talent hunt will be organised in Bengal
-  The educated youth of India will be provided professional 1-year apprenticeships to boost their employability
-  Student Credit Cards of up to ₹10 Lakh will be provided to students pursuing higher education

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Wasted the boundless potential of India's aspirational youth

- ✚ Contrary to the BJP-led Union Government's promise of 2 Crore jobs every year, unemployment hit an **all-time high in 2022**. India has witnessed unprecedented joblessness, **83% of it among our youth**, shattering the hopes and dreams of our people
- ✚ Despite the rampant joblessness, a staggering **10 Lakh Government posts** have remained vacant at the Centre, with **no plan** for filling them in sight
- ✚ Between 2017-18 and 2022-23, the unemployment rate among graduates has soared from 19.2% to **35.8%** and that among postgraduates from 21.3% to **36.2%**, exposing the dire dearth of skilled jobs in the country
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government's much-touted "Skill India" programme has failed miserably — leaving a staggering **80% of the 1.4 crore trained youth** under the *Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana* scheme **unemployed**, shattering their aspirations for a brighter future

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The TMC Government's focus on jobs and upskilling is unlocking the potential of our youth

-  Bengal has attracted **₹11.5 Lakh Crore of investments** in 13 years, creating **jobs for 1.3 Crore** people
-  The annual intake of ITIs has surged **threefold**, rising from 16,715 across 80 ITIs in 2011 to 48,201 presently, spread across 298 ITIs in the state
-  UN-World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2019 awarded Scheme *Utkarsh Bangla*, has provided short-term skill development support to **35.4 Lakh youth**
-  'Yuvashree' has provided a monthly **stipend of ₹1,500** (yearly ₹18,000) to job seekers, benefiting a total of about 2 Lakh youth to date

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Build a better future for the youth by unleashing their full potential across both work and play

### For Bengal

- ✚ **An annual statewide sports talent hunt will be organised.** TMC will continue to promote and uphold Bengal's rich sporting heritage.

We will help Bengal's youth engage with their sporting passions more meaningfully by organizing statewide games to identify young athletes with potential, nurture their talents, and encourage general sporting participation in sports among the youth.

- » The programme will be conducted across 5 levels progressively: Village, Gram Panchayat, Block, District, and State
  - » Games will be organized for 4 sports: football, cricket, kho-kho, kabaddi
  - » The top talents unearthed during each year's talent hunt will be provided fully state-sponsored training to play professionally and represent Bengal at the national level and India at the global level, as well as a guaranteed job within the state's Panchayat-level cadre
- + Opportunities for internships in Government departments will be created for students.**

We will launch a new scheme called '*Juboshakti*', in which 1-year long opportunities will be provided to work closely with Government officers and get a ringside view of governance processes in Bengal. A total of 10,000 such internships will be created across Government departments and provided to students from colleges and universities. Students who successfully complete internships will be provided with certificates of merit.

- + Bengal's first sports university will be set up.** TMC will bolster Bengal's position as a leading state in sports development and performance.

We will establish Netaji Subhas University of Sports and Entrepreneurship in Chinsurah, Hooghly, to offer advanced training, education and facilities to nurture sports talent from Bengal and India.

- + A world-class football training academy will be established in partnership with La Liga, Spain.** TMC will elevate the quality of football training in Bengal.

We will establish a state-of-the-art football academy at Kishore Bharati Krirangan in partnership with Spain's premier domestic football league, La Liga, to nurture Bengal's football talent and prepare them to succeed on the national and global stage.

- + The Kanchenjunga Stadium in Siliguri will be upgraded to international standards.** TMC will enhance sports facilities and nurture sporting talent in North Bengal.

We will upgrade playing surfaces, provide state-of-the-art equipment, and enhance the existing hostel infrastructure at the Stadium to align it with international standards. These enhancements will not only offer world-class amenities to athletes and visitors but also serve to promote sports throughout the North Bengal region.

## For India

- + The educated youth of India will be provided professional 1-year apprenticeships to boost their employability.** TMC will aid India's youth to become ready for the job market.

To professionalize India's educated youth and ensure they are able to pick up skills that enable them to secure employment and thrive thereon, we will initiate a new

nationwide programme to provide guaranteed 1-year apprenticeships to all diploma holders or college graduates upto the age of 25, with prospects of assured skill growth and future full-time employment for successful apprentices.

To enable youth to economically support themselves and more strongly incentivize retention in skill-development courses once enrolled, they will be provided a suitable monthly stipend, so that they can “earn as they learn”.

- ❖ **Student Credit Cards of up to ₹10 Lakh will be provided to students pursuing higher education.** TMC will make higher education more affordable for India's students.

Students pursuing higher education in India (graduation and post-graduation) shall be eligible to avail of up to ₹10 Lakh of credit at a subsidised interest rate of 4% through Student Credit Cards.

Through this, we will support crores of students, especially those from economically weaker backgrounds in effectively funding their higher education.

- ❖ **Filling of the existing 10 Lakh vacancies in Government jobs will be prioritized.** We will undertake a comprehensive vacancy audit of all Union Government departments to shortlist vacancies across the country, with a view to streamlining and standardising recruiting procedures to set up a delay-free process.

On the basis of these steps, a comprehensive job calendar will be prepared, with clear timelines for the filling of each department or public body's vacancies. We will thereafter institutionalise this process as an annual phenomenon.

- ❖ **India's vocational training framework will be strongly modernized.** TMC will strive to create a more globally competitive, industry-linked, future-proofed vocational education framework for the future of skill development in India.

This framework will include:

- » An effort to establish ‘60:40’ model of skill development — 60% curricular learning in the classroom, complemented by 40% on-the-job training on the factory floor
- » Improved quality of training by upskilling teachers and offering cross learning opportunity to teachers and industry experts through greater industry-academia linkages
- » Skill certification programmes for various industries designed (and continually updated) in collaboration with global industry giants
- » Programmes to train youth (including those from marginalised communities) in skills relevant to emerging industries such as AI, ML, semiconductor component fabrication, etc

- ❖ **State-of-the-art sporting academies will be created across India.** TMC will develop the infrastructure needed to effectively harness India's sporting talent

In order to unearth, nurture, and fully develop the level of sporting talent our nation's massive population should yield, we will ensure world-class sporting “centres of excellence” are developed across the country, which will focus on identification and fostering of talent based on the sporting traditions of each region.

These will be equipped with modern infrastructure (playing surfaces, indoor/outdoor practice facilities, residential amenities), as well as modern capabilities such as sports science, nutrition centres, etc.

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## Sankhaloghu o tapashili, Sokole mile egiye choli

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### Key Goals

- ❖ Continue to fulfil aspirations of Bengal's various communities
- ❖ The botched up Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be abolished, and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be discontinued
- ❖ Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will not be implemented across India

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Attempt to turn our great nation into an abyss of fear and desperation for the marginalised

- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has treated many of **Bengal's communities as commodities**. The long-standing demand of the Rajbanshis' for a CAPF Narayani Sena battalion has been ignored, 11 Gorkha sub-tribes have been awaiting ST status for a decade
- ✖ **BJP takes the Matuas for granted**, despite claiming to work for the upliftment of the Matua community, **they rejected the soil sent by them** for the Ram Mandir Bhoomi Puja
- ✖ Far from '*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas*', the BJP Government has slashed the budget allocation for the Ministry of Minority Affairs by **38% in 2023-24**
- ✖ Under the BJP-led Union Government, the lives of the marginalised have descended into a state of sheer terror. From 2014 to 2022, **atrocities against SCs have surged by 42.5%, and those against STs by 47%**
- ✖ BJP workers' vile act of defiling a tribal youth in Madhya Pradesh, gangrape of a Dalit woman in Hathras, and Manipur's gruesome visuals of tribal women paraded naked exposed how the **dignity of these communities have deteriorated** in BJP-ruled states
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has oppressed and snatched away the rights of minorities by introducing the unconstitutional **CAA**
- ✖ BJP has created a '**state-sponsored' atmosphere of fear, intimidation, and unaccountability**', through the bulldozing of houses and desecration of places of worship, coupled with unprecedented surge in violence, hate speech, and lynching
- ✖ **SC/ST enrollment in higher educational institutions has plummeted below the overall national average**. This exposes the stark disparity to equitable access. In the last 5 years, 13,626 SC, ST, and OBC students have dropped out of central universities, IITs, and IIMs

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The marginalised have been empowered and uplifted in Bengal

-  To empower the SC/ST women of Bengal, the monthly financial assistance under *Lakshmir Bhandar* has been enhanced from **₹1,000 (₹12,000 annually)** to **₹1,200 (₹14,400 annually)**
-  To honour the legacy of eminent personalities, leaders, and reformers belonging to SC/ST communities in the state **Cooch Behar Thakur Panchanan Barma University, Harichand-Guruchand University, and Kabi Sadhu Ramchand Murmu University** have been set up

- ❖ The **official recognition of Kurukh, Kurmali, Rajbanshi, and Santhali languages serves** as a testament to Bengal's commitment to linguistic diversity and inclusivity
- ❖ Bengal's State Assembly has unanimously passed a **motion for the official recognition of the Sari and Sarna religions**, solidifying our state's commitment to honouring and upholding diverse religious traditions
- ❖ **48,953 private pattas** and **851 community pattas** have been issued under the Forest Right Act, 2006, to preserve the land rights of the tribal communities
- ❖ **7 Development and Cultural Boards** have been established in Bengal to preserve traditional culture for Hill tribes and other Scheduled Tribes
- ❖ Financial aid of up to ₹800 annually has been provided to **1.15 Crore SC/ST students** of classes V-VIII through the *Sikshashree* scheme since inception
- ❖ No state has granted as many **minority scholarships** as Bengal — over **3.4 Crore Aiyashree** and other scholarships have been provided to minority students which is the highest in the whole country
- ❖ Under ***Taposili Bandhu scheme***, old-age pensions of ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 annually) are provided to nearly 11 Lakh **SCs**
- ❖ Under ***Jai Johar scheme***, old-age pensions of ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 yearly) are provided to over 3 Lakh **STs**

### What the TMC Pledges to do: Ensure that fulfilling the aspirations of India's marginalised is a key focus of governance

#### For Bengal

- ✚ **A Narayani Sena Battalion will be formed under CAPF.** TMC will honour the historical and cultural heritage of the Rajbanshi community.

To pay homage to the history and commemorate the valour of the Narayani Sena warriors and the Rajbanshis, we will formulate a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs for the formation of a new CAPF Narayani Sena battalion.

- ✚ **A Task Force will be formed to evaluate and suggest OBC status for unrecognised communities.** TMC will ensure political and social recognition of communities left out of the OBC list.

We will establish a task force to carefully assess and recommend OBC status to all the communities who were recommended for assigning of OBC status by the Mandal Commission but are not currently recognised.

Upon completion of its preliminary assessments, we will immediately issue an official notification to include these communities in the state's OBC list. We will thereafter engage with the National Commission for Backward Classes and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to ensure the prompt inclusion of these communities in the Union OBC list as well.

- ⊕ **The 11 Gorkha Sub-Communities will be granted ST status.** TMC will ensure the Gorkhas' long-standing demand for recognition and upliftment is fulfilled.

We will firmly engage with the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to ensure a bill is passed in Parliament for the inclusion of 11 sub-groups of Gorkhas — Bhujel, Gurung, Mangar, Newar, Jogi, Khas, Rai, Sunuwar, Thami, Yakka (Dewan), and Dhimal communities into the ST list.

- ⊕ **Proactive measures for accelerated development of communities.** TMC will aggressively follow up with Government of India on our recommendation to grant ST status to Mahato Community.

## For India

- ⊕ **The botched up Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be abolished, and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be discontinued.** TMC will fight vehemently to protect every Indian citizen from BJP's divide-&-rule policies.

We will introduce a bill in Parliament to seek the repeal of the CAA.

- ⊕ **The Uniform Civil Code will not be implemented.** TMC will firmly endeavour to preserve the secular nature of India, as per the Constitution.
- ⊕ **Multiple recommendations of the Sachar Committee will be implemented.** TMC will endeavour to improve the socioeconomic condition of India's minority communities.
- ⊕ **Religious codes will be established for the Sari and Sarna tribal religions.** TMC will ensure these ancient faiths practised by indigenous and tribal communities are officially acknowledged as distinct religious denominations.

To ensure that followers of these indigenous religions have a fundamental right to practice their religious identity, we will engage with the MHA to secure separate religious codes for Sari and Sarna.

- ⊕ **TMC is committed to working with the Queer and Transgender communities in India to find practical solutions to the challenges faced by them.**







## Banglai goreche aaj, Surokhito notun somaj

### Key Goals

- ₹ ₹ ₹ The successful MAA Canteens programme will continue to be expanded across Bengal
- ₹ ₹ ₹ Salaries of mid-day-meal workers will be increased
- ₹ ₹ ₹ The existing Old Age Pension for India's elderly people above 60 years will be hiked to ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 annually)
- ₹ ₹ ₹ Free ration will be delivered to the doorstep of every ration card holder across India

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Made lofty promises, but ultimately left the poor and vulnerable abandoned

- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government withheld ₹8,300 Crore for food subsidies owed to Bengal. They insisted that PM Modi's personal portrait had to display at ration shops as a pre-condition to release funds to Bengal
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has withheld ₹358 crore of dues for the NSAP and *PM Matru Vandana*, depriving Bengal's women and elderly of their rightful welfare benefits
- ✖ The budget allocation for the *National Social Assistance Programme* (NSAP) has plummeted from 0.5% in 2014-15 to a dismal 0.2% in 2024-25, with CAG exposing the BJP Government's misuse of NSAP funds for self-promotion
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has downright neglected Bengal's mid-day meal workers — 3.8 Lakh helpers have not been paid wages for over 6 months now
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has miserably failed to ensure food security for the vulnerable sections, resulting in India's rank of **111/125 countries** in the Global Hunger Index 2023

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The TMC has endeavoured to ensure that Bengal's vulnerable remain secure and well supported

- ❖ Under the *Khadya Sathi* scheme, food grains are being delivered to **9 Crore beneficiaries** at their doorsteps through the '*Duare Ration*' initiative
- ❖ 1.5 Crore labourers from the unorganised sector have received social security **benefits** under the *Bina Mulya Samajik Suraksha Yojana*
- ❖ Monthly assistance of ₹1,000 (₹12,000 annually) has been provided to senior citizens under the *Old Age Pension Scheme*, **benefitting** more than **19 Lakh** elderly individuals
- ❖ The *Manabik Pensions Scheme* is benefitting over 7 lakh individuals with disabilities of 40% or more
- ❖ Since 2011, the TMC Government has been successful in elevating nearly 2 Crore people out of poverty in Bengal
- ❖ Monthly **financial assistance** is provided to **thousands of Purohits, Imams and Muezzins** across the state

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Ensure India's poor and vulnerable live a life with dignity

### For Bengal

- ⊕ **Salaries of Mid-day Meal Cook cum Helpers will be increased.** TMC will ensure the welfare of 2.3 Lakh Cook cum Helpers selflessly engaged in providing mid-day meals to students across the state.

Remuneration of the Mid-day meal workers cum cooks will be increased from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500 with an additional ₹500 per month (additional ₹6,000 yearly) provided by the state Government.

- ⊕ **The successful MAA Canteens programme will continue to be expanded across Bengal.** TMC will continue to establish more MAA Canteens across the state to provide nutritious meals to those in need, ensuring no one goes hungry and guaranteeing access to good quality meals for all.

### For India

- ⊕ **Free ration will be delivered to the doorstep of every ration card holder.** TMC will continue to enhance food security for those who depend on the Government for subsistence.

We will ensure that all eligible ration card holders can receive their monthly 5 KG grain quota at their doorstep. By amending the National Food Security Act, we will reform the Targeted Public Distribution System and ensure the necessary infrastructure all across the country to enable this exercise.

Ration dealers without a delivery vehicle will be provided a subsidy of up to ₹1 Lakh to purchase a vehicle. Robust mechanisms to check pilferage and prevent leakages in delivery will also be developed.

- ⊕ **The existing Old Age Pension for the elderly people above 60 years will be hiked to ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 annually).** TMC will ensure social security and economic support for the aged.

We will modify the existing amount of financial aid provided under the *Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme* (IGNOAPS) to provide equitable financial assistance to BPL beneficiaries.

The financial assistance will be enhanced to ₹1,000 per month (₹12,000 annually), from earlier ₹200 per month (60-79 years) and ₹500 per month (above 80 years).

- ⊕ **A comprehensive social security programme will be launched for gig workers.** TMC will protect the rights of workers in India's rapidly growing gig economy.

We will introduce a new policy to provide dedicated measures to provide social security, and credit access, and manage the rights of workers in India's gig workforce.

The key components of this policy will be:

- » A Gig Workers' Welfare Board to register workers, facilitate the provision of benefits, and mediate disputes between workers and platforms
- » A comprehensive social security package including health insurance and accident cover
- » A Resiliency Corpus to support gig workers in case of emergencies, or during periods of lean/irregular work





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### Key Goals

 Bengal's rich cultural festivals and activities will be provided greater recognition, organized regularly, and supported financially

 A National Cultural Development Council will be created

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Time and again, the BJP Government has denigrated Bengal's revered cultural legacy

- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government has **disrespected Kabiguru Rabindranath Thakur several times** by removing his name from textbooks and excluding his name from the Visva Bharati plaque
- ✚ **Poush Mela**, a revered Santiniketan tradition from over a century ago, employing hundreds of artisans, was **abruptly halted in 2019** by the Central University, affecting people's livelihoods in the locality
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government's **repeated rejection of Bengal's tableaus** for the Republic Day since 2014 has demonstrated a clear political bias against the state and its esteemed freedom fighters
- ✚ From branding Swami Vivekananda as an "**ignorant leftist**" to **vandalising** a bust of **Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar** and falsifying **Kabiguru Rabindranath Thakur's history**, *Bangla Birodhi* BJP has repeatedly insulted Bengal's heritage
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government has been indifferent to the linguistic aspirations of Bengal, Meghalaya, and other states — despite vocal demands for **38 languages** which still await addition to the 8th Schedule

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: TMC has stood tall as the custodian of Bengal's rich heritage

- ❖ **Durga Puja** has been recognised as an '**Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**' by **UNESCO** generating ₹**72,000 Crore** in revenues and employing **over 3 Lakh people**
- ❖ The ₹**70,000 aid for Durga Puja clubs**, along with benefits like electricity bill rebates, tax exemptions on ads, and waived fire brigade charges, reflects the Government's commitment to support celebration of cultural festivals
- ❖ **Shantiniketan**, founded by Kabiguru Rabindranath Thakur, has been recognised as a '**World Heritage Site**' by **UNESCO**
- ❖ **Santhali Academy** has been established along with the publication of a first-of-its-kind Santhali-English-Bengali trilingual dictionary to promote the language
- ❖ **World-class Convention Centres** have been set up in Kolkata and Digha along with a world class exhibition ground, Mela Prangan. These centres have become hubs for business, trade, tourism and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions)
- ❖ Recognizing the linguistic diversity of our state, Hindi, Nepali, Urdu, Odia, Santhali, Rajbanshi, etc. have been recognised as **second official languages**

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Foster and promote India's rich and diverse heritage

### For Bengal

- ⊕ **UNESCO World Heritage recognition will be sought for Bengal's sites of cultural importance.** We will work towards securing UNESCO World Heritage status for sites such as temples in Bishnupur, the Neora Valley National Park in Kalimpong, and more, by petitioning for their inclusion in the National Inventory, and following up UNESCO to facilitate relevant filings.
- ⊕ **Financial aid grants to clubs for Durga Puja programmes will be continued.** TMC will support clubs in celebrating Bengal's cherished cultural festival Durga Puja.

We will continue to provide a comprehensive support package to Durga Puja clubs across the state, including financial aid of ₹70,000, electricity bill rebates, exemptions on advertisement taxes, and waiver on charges for fire brigade services.

- ⊕ **Cultural festivals of Bengal will continue to be organised annually.** We will facilitate the annual organisation of festivals including Poush mela, Bangla Sangeet Mela, Literature Festival etc and many more.

Furthermore, we will continue to support local artisans and preserve folk culture by organising the '*Biswa Bangla Lok Sanskriti Utsav*' and '*Banglar Adivasi Hastashilpa Exhibition*' annually.

Additionally, organisations like the Rajbanshi Bhasha Academy and Manbhum Cultural Academy will be empowered to host community-specific events.

- ⊕ **The Ganga Sagar Mela will be granted National Fair Status.** We will petition for the *Ganga Sagar Mela*, one of the biggest annual pilgrimages in India, to be upgraded to a "national fair", thereby ensuring the continuity and quality of this grand tradition.
- ⊕ **A Bangla Language Research and Promotion Centre will be established.** TMC will honour, preserve and promote the heritage of the Bangla language.

We will establish the Kabiguru Rabindranath Thakur Language Research and Promotion Centre in the state, with eminent Bangla scholars and expert faculty, to foster language preservation, nationwide (and global) promotion of Bangla and community learning through rigorous academic research in literature, poetry, and art forms.

### For India

- ⊕ **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday will be declared a national holiday.** TMC will ensure administrative honour for the revered Bengali and national icon.

We will formulate a proposal to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions to get 23<sup>rd</sup> January — the esteemed birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose classified as a national holiday across all states and union territories by getting it added to the Official Gazette of India.

- ✿ **A National Cultural Development Council will be created.** To recognize and stimulate local culture and traditions, a special council will be constituted, which will work in conjunction with all states.

The Council will also prioritise the welfare of those engaged in these vocations. As successfully implemented in Bengal, rural artists, folk performers, etc. will be provided social security. Regional theatre, music, and rituals will be revived.

- ✿ **Recognition of Khasi and Garo Languages.** TMC is committed to upholding the linguistic needs of its sister states in the North East.

By introducing a bill seeking their inclusion in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution, we will ensure these 2 languages from Meghalaya are duly recognized, adequately funded, and properly promoted.









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### Key Goals

 Bengal's tourism infrastructure will be enhanced through PPP ventures

 Greater efforts will be made to tap the full potential of the tourism sector in India

## **What the BJP-led Union Government did: Failed to effectively develop a sector that had significant potential to bolster India's economy**

- ✚ **Swadesh Darshan scheme has been an ineffective eyewash** — the Union Government has failed to create detailed plans for 14 out of 15 circuits intended for development
- ✚ The BJP-led Union Government has **neglected the development of rural tourism circuits**, allocating a mere 0.7% of the total expenditure of ₹4,225 Crore under the Swades Darshan scheme

## **What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: The TMC Government has steadfastly promoted and developed the tourism industry**

- ❖ Bengal ranks **3<sup>rd</sup> in India for foreign tourist visits and 8<sup>th</sup> for domestic tourist visits, welcoming 8 Crore tourist visitors in 2022**
- ❖ The **Kiriteswari village** in Murshidabad was **awarded the best tourism village** in India in 2023 by the Ministry of Tourism
- ❖ Bengal's Homestay Tourism Policy incentivises homestay owners with ₹1 Lakh, and has **benefitted 2,340 registered homestays**, creating 18,720 jobs in the process
- ❖ **Granted industry status to the hospitality sector** to extend tax benefits, reduced tariffs, etc., attracting more investments and creating new jobs in the state

## **What the TMC Government pledges to do: Ensure Tourism plays a key role in economic growth, job creation and enhancing national pride**

### **For Bengal**

- ✚ **A Digital Single Window Clearance System will be created for tourism businesses.** Operations of concerned authorities and nodal agencies will be streamlined to provide efficient approvals and clearances. A digital single window clearance mechanism will be set up to enable filing and approval of all necessary permits 100% online, allowing new businesses to start operating within 21 days.

- ⊕ **Bengal's tourism infrastructure will be enhanced through PPP ventures.** TMC will promote the creation of high-end tourism infrastructure such as hotels, resorts, adventure activities, and cruises.

Through a PPP approach, we will advance the development and upgradation of infrastructure related to waterside tourism, including marinas, jetties, cruises, boating facilities, and waterfront promenades.

Infrastructure will also be created to tap adventure sports opportunities such as parasailing, skiing, etc. through strategic PPP investment.

Employment opportunities for locals will be prioritised in all ventures initiated in the state.

- ⊕ **District-level circuits will be developed to promote religious tourism.** TMC will promote religious tourism in Bengal by establishing district-level religious circuits, connecting over 400 significant religious sites for the benefit of devotees.

We will develop these circuits with robust infrastructure such as roads, accommodations, and amenities to facilitate comfortable pilgrimages.

- ⊕ **A modern quality accreditation framework will be established for Bengal's hospitality industry.** To elevate tourism, TMC will strengthen the quality of hospitality offerings in Bengal.

We will improve and standardise the range of hospitality services in Bengal's tourism industry by devising a quality certification programme based on international standards, with 3 key components:

- » A tiered certification system (bronze, silver, gold, platinum level) for recognition of and tailored improvement plans for various service providers
- » Training programmes for service providers to enhance the quality of their services
- » System of regular audits to guarantee compliance with established standards

- ⊕ **A monthly honorarium of ₹2,500 (₹30,000 annually) will be given to tourist guides.** We will provide a monthly honorarium of ₹2,500 (₹30,000 annually) to all New Tourist Guides and Veteran Tourist Guides who have completed training and certification under the State Government's Tourist Guides Certification Scheme.

- ⊕ **Homestay establishments will be promoted to boost tourism opportunities in the state.** TMC will facilitate the development of homestays to promote tourism and entrepreneurship.

We will update the West Bengal Homestay Tourism Policy 2022 to reduce the period within which the registration certificate is issued to homestay owners and extend the validity period of their registration.

We will promote the establishment of homestays through the effective implementation of the policy, by extending the ₹1 Lakh incentive to more homestay owners. It will foster the growth of tourism startup businesses and generate more employment opportunities.

## For India

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- + **Greater efforts will be made to tap the full potential of the tourism sector in India.** We will promote India's tourism with a holistic approach, with a goal of doubling both foreign as well as domestic visitor inflows.

We will position India as the ultimate tourist gem of the world by transforming it into the premier tourist destination for travellers worldwide, illuminating the breadth and depth of our country's offerings, from its stunning geographical landscapes to its awe-inspiring historical monuments and vibrant cultural tapestry.

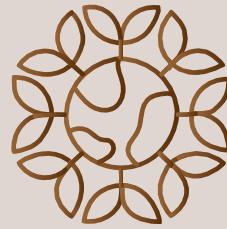
A concerted effort will be undertaken to not only develop a compelling array of offerings but also to maximise employment generation and the economic output from tourism offerings to ensure that India's tourism economy itself is self-sustaining.

The measures that will be taken include the following:

- » Development of state-of-the-art tourism infrastructure, such as hotels, resorts, beachfront eco-retreats, etc. in PPP
- » Establishment and enhancement of various tourist circuits such as religious circuits, eco-circuits, coastal circuits, etc.
- » Creation of a dedicated fund for the modernization and maintenance of cultural and heritage sites
- » Recognition of villages across the country and develop them into tourist villages to offer visitors an authentic and immersive experience of rural life and traditions and promote rural tourism
- » Offering special tourist packages to international tourists during the festive season to provide them with unique opportunities to explore India's vibrant cultural celebrations
- » Promoting the development of nightlife zones, as well as the development of cultural markets featuring various indigenous arts, crafts, textiles, etc., at tourism hotspots across the country
- » Promoting India's tourist destinations globally to attract a large number of international tourists







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### Key Goals

-  Bengal's forest cover will be gradually increased, with emphasis on wetland and mangrove conservation
-  Various national legislations that safeguard India's critical natural resources will be strengthened

## What the BJP-led Union Government did: Time and again, our environment has been sacrificed at the altar of rampant commercialisation

- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government mercilessly **withheld ₹43,508 Crore of funds earmarked for cyclone relief in Bengal**, depriving the state of its rightful dues
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government has **slashed Wildlife Habitat funding by a staggering 47%** in just 3 years (2018-2021), undermining its own much-publicized wildlife conservation promises
- ✖ The BJP-led Union Government's mismanagement of the National Clean Air Programme has resulted in **30/131 cities being deprived of real-time air quality monitoring**, hurting India's efforts to combat air pollution
- ✖ The Union Government's **Namami Gange Programme has failed miserably** — 71% of testing stations along the sacred Ganga river continue to reveal dangerous levels of contamination
- ✖ The recent **cheetah deaths in Kuno National Park** have exposed the Union Government's wildlife conservation failures with inadequate habitat preparation and poor management
- ✖ **Rampant commercialisation** and utter display of insensitivity towards the ecological ecosystem in the hilly regions of BJP-ruled states such as Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh **led to flash floods and landslides**, leading to many people losing their lives, destroying places of worship and displacing millions

## What the Maa-Mati-Manush Government did: TMC has demonstrated keen environmental sensitivity, balancing development with sustainability

- ₹ A significant budget of **₹1,119.6 Crore** has been allocated to Environment and Forest for the year 2024-25
- ₹ Through programmes like '*Ban Mahotsav*' and '*Sabujshree*' have **planted 90.6 Lakh seedlings and afforested 6,618 hectares** of land in the state
- ₹ Conservation efforts in the Jaldapara and Gorumara National Parks have led to a **20% increase in the state's endangered Rhinoceros population**
- ₹ Bengal now leads the nation with the **highest** number of **Biodiversity Heritage Sites (10)**
- ₹ The Government has established **3 'Saal Leaf' manufacturing units, 5 Biodiversity parks, 4 Butterfly Gardens, and 4 'Avoy Pukur'**
- ₹ The Sundarbans have been declared as a **Wetland of International Importance** under the Ramsar Convention in January 2019

## What the TMC Government pledges to do: Ensure climate conservation as a governance priority, enhancing sustainability and facilitating greater biodiversity

### For Bengal

- ⊕ **Degraded wetlands will be gradually rehabilitated.** TMC will initiate measures to rehabilitate degraded wetlands by 2032, engaging local communities in the process.

Healthy wetland ecosystems will result in an increase in carbon stock for the state and fulfil the state's share of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- ⊕ **A Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) approach will be integrated into Bengal's environmental governance.** TMC will ensure that tribal communities and/or their representatives are more strongly integrated into consultations for projects that irreversibly affect their existing habitat or consumable resources and are given incremental rights to administer forest stretches and resources in order to safeguard ecological diversity, protect lands, and uphold ancestral customs.
- ⊕ **Bengal's proportion of forest cover will be gradually increased.** TMC will ensure the expansion of Bengal's land under forestation (approximately 19%) of the geographical area presently, with the objective of attaining increased forest cover in the state. We will further increase the green cover through the regeneration of degraded forests in the urban and peri-urban areas.
- ⊕ **The declining mangrove forests in the Sundarbans will be gradually restored.** TMC will restore and preserve the vital ecosystem of Sundarbans.

We will intensify mangrove plantation drives to replant mangrove trees in degraded areas and afforestation drives in suitable areas where mangroves have not previously existed to increase the coverage of mangroves in the region.

We will deploy modern technology to identify degraded areas suitable for plantation, monitor growth and survival rates of newly planted mangroves, and further ensure that adaptive management practices can be applied in response to ongoing monitoring data.

- ⊕ **Measures will be implemented to protect the banks of various rivers in Bengal from erosion.** TMC will implement strategies to protect the rivers of Bengal, including all the vulnerable riverbanks of the state, from erosion and to safeguard communities from floods.

We will undertake erosion control measures such as planting willows and deep-rooting vegetation to stabilise riverbanks and mitigate erosion.

## For India

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- ⊕ **Amendments to the Forest Conservation Act will be revisited.** TMC will preserve the sanctity of land recorded as 'forest' as per the Indian Forest Act (1927).

We will ensure that there is no irresponsible transfer of any forest land to non-forest uses, such as building roadside amenities, safaris, and eco-tourism activities.

- ⊕ **The National Clean Air Programme will be strengthened.** TMC will implement better strategies to curb the persistent damaging effects of air pollution.

We will increase the number and coverage of air quality monitoring stations across the country to capture more accurate and comprehensive data, review and update emission standards for industries and power plants, and develop modern sector-specific strategies for transportation, industry, agriculture (stubble burning), and construction to tackle the most prominent industrial sources of air pollution. We will also aggressively increase the adoption of LPG as a cooking fuel across all households in the nation to ensure a positive impact on the environment. LPG as a cooking fuel produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional solid fuels like wood or charcoal.

- ⊕ **A comprehensive review of legislation pertaining to mining will be undertaken.** With a view to strengthening environmental safety standards and also enhancing labour safety standards, we will conduct a thorough scrutiny of India's ageing legislation on mining.

The provisions of the Mines Act (1952), the Mines and Minerals Act (1957), and the Environment Protection Act (1986) will be reexamined and modernised to evolve state-of-the-art approaches for sustainable use of minerals, ecological damage mitigation strategies, and safety of mining workers.





# Thank You

Our commitment to fulfil our promises has never wavered, and the past decade stands testament to the holistic development Bengal has witnessed across all sectors. Through relentless efforts, we have built a prosperous and inclusive Bengal where all communities coexist in harmony, where children have equal access to education, where rights are recognised and welfare reaches all. To this end, we seek your unwavering support.

Bengal's rich heritage, resilient history of struggle, and glorious achievements are our collective pride and must be protected at all costs. In the last 10 years, oppressive forces from outside, disdainful of our culture and history, have tried to constantly deceive, divide, and deprive our state, making their anti-Bengal credentials abundantly clear at every stage.

The people of Bengal have always been at the forefront of change and resistance, standing up against all forms of divisiveness, propaganda, and misuse of power.

It is time for all of us to rise as one against these *Bangla birodhis*.

Your trust, support and thunderous roar are instrumental in strengthening Trinamool Congress' fight, sweeping these *jomidars* out from Bengal and India. To this end, we appeal to you to cast your valuable vote on the joraphool symbol and support All India Trinamool Congress' candidates in the 18th Lok Sabha Elections.

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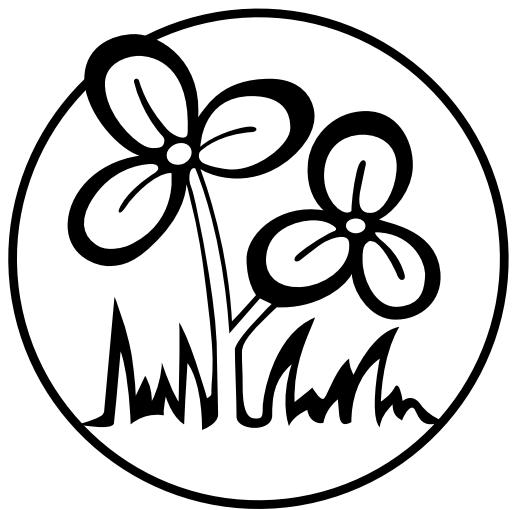
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