West Bengal - An Overview

Population: 91.3 million
Literacy rate: 77.1%
Area: 88,752 sq. km.

23 Districts, with Capital city Kolkata
International Border with Bangladesh, Nepal & Bhutan

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE
4th largest economy in India
Growth Rate: Nine recorded 14.99%
GVA growth in FY 2017-18

STRATEGIC LOCATION
Located on the East coast, forming a gateway to South-East Asia and North-East India
Shares international border with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan
Well connected with the bustling hubs of Asia such as Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia
Historical proximity of mineral-rich states such as Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa

Population base covered, corresponds to more than 1/4th (~27.1%) of India’s total population - a thriving consumer base

Caters to nearby states – Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and North-East India (including Assam)
Considerable chunk of population base (6.2 million) resides in neighboring countries viz. Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh

Border share, whole of South-East Asia is easily accessible

Third largest in the country in terms of road coverage with 16 National Highways and 2 Asian Highways

Road network of 5,15,404 km with road density of 333.3 km per 1000 sq. km
Leading in rail density with ~4,000 km of railway tracks

2nd largest metro-rail network with over 120 km extension ongoing

956 km of waterfront

With 12% of national coastline, the State tops in terms of spread, density and reach of National Waterways in the country

Leading in the country in terms of spread, density, reach etc. of National Inland Waterways

2 International Airports – Kolkata and Bagdogra, with Kolkata Airport going international

1st Private Sector Greenfield Airport of India at Andhia, Barasat

Take-off density of 92.7 as in FY 17