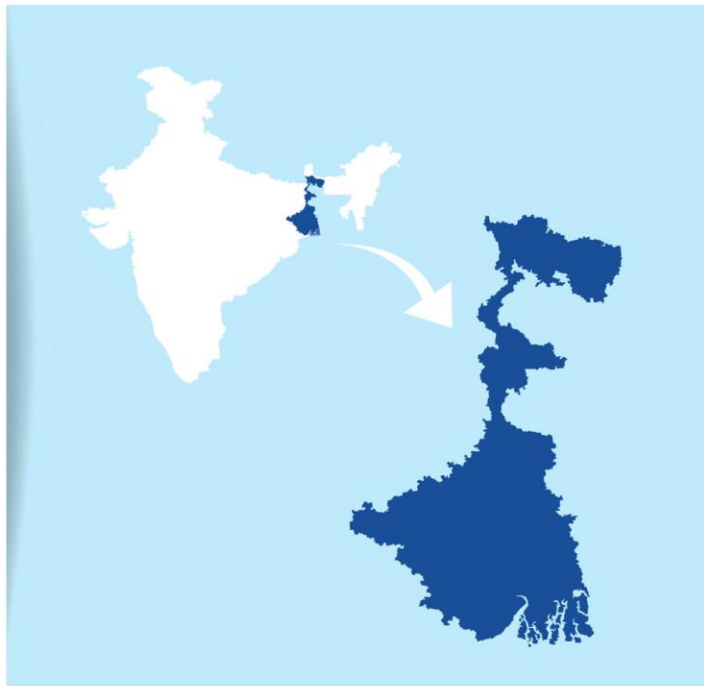


West Bengal- An Overview



State capital

Kolkata (One of the 4 major metropolitan cities of the country)

Spoken languages

Bengali, Hindi, English and Nepali

Literacy rate

77.1%

Population

91.3 million

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

4th largest economy in India

Growth Rate: State 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 booming hubs of Asia such as Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia

Hinterland comprises of mineral-rich states such as Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa

Area-88,752 sq. km.

Population-91.3 million **Literacy**-77.1%

23 Districts, with Capital city **Kolkata**

International Border with Bangladesh, Nepal & Bhutan

Population base covered, corresponds to more than 1/4th (~27.5 %) 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 (0.2 Billion) resides in neighbouring countries** viz. Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh

Besides these, **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**

Vast road network of 3,15,404 km with road density of 333.5 km per 1000 sq. km.

Leading in rail density with **~4,000 km of railway tracks**

2nd largest metro rail network with over 130 km extension going on

950 km of waterfront

With 13% 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 being India's 5th busiest

1st Private Sector Greenfield Airport of India at Andal, Bardhaman

Tele-density of 92.7 as in FY 17

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ROADS

- Excellent road connectivity – 3rd largest road network of 3,15,404 km, and growing
- Road density higher than national average
- The India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway is expected to boost trade and commerce in the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area
- US\$ 250 million invested on road development

MARITIME

- Oldest maritime infrastructure with 2 major ports at Kolkata and Haldia
- Upcoming deep sea port at Tajpur, with docking capacity of 60,000 tonnes and enhanced connectivity with NE India and SE Asia
- Major deep sea port at Bhorsagar, coming up

AIRPORTS

- 2 international airports: Kolkata and Bagdogra (connecting Paris and Bangkok), with Kolkata Airport being India's 5th busiest
- 1st private sector greenfield airport of India at Andal, West Bardhaman
- Cooch Behar (Regional)
- Proposed revival of Balurghat Airport

RAILWAY

- Leading in rail density with 4,000 km of railway tracks, and growing
- Kolkata has the 2nd largest Metro Rail Network of the country only after Delhi-NCR, with over 130 km of extension going on
- ~US\$ 3.1 billion (INR 20,000 CR) worth investment secured from the Central govt. for the extension of 132 km of proposed metro line
- First under-water metro tunnel in the country

POWER

- Largest in India's power distribution
- Ranks No. 1 in power availability in the country
- Highly efficient 100% spot billing facility to low-voltage domestic and commercial customers
- Best in power quality
- 13,825 MW generating station and 12,723 km transmission network capacity

INFRASTRUCTURAL PROWESS

WATER SUPPLY

- INR 4,100 crore (~US\$ 625 million) invested by Govt. of West Bengal for water supply in 64 towns

MINING

- Deocha-Pachami: largest coal block development in PPP
- INR 20,000 crore (~US\$ 3 billion) investment potential

TELECOM

- Reliable telecom infrastructure and bandwidth
- Kolkata offers about 580 Mbps of international satellite connectivity, through Tata-owned Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) and Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)
- Cumulative Tele-density network stands at an impressive 92%
- Kolkata is the 1st metro with Wi-Fi connectivity on 4G
- 15,000 km of optical fibre network, and rising
- Tele-density of 92.7 as in FY 17

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PLUG-N-PLAY INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENTS

INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Numerous growth centres and industrial parks, both industry specific and multiproduct

More than 200 industrial parks/estates/growth centres already exist or are coming up in the state

Exclusive centres exist for electronics, export processing and software technology

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REGIONS

HALDIA
KOLKATA
ASANSOL-DURGAPUR
KHARAGPUR
HOWRAH
SILIGURI

READY INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

200+ Industrial Parks/Estates
20,000 Acres of Land
6 Textile Parks
2 Existing Gems and Jewellery Parks

ROBUST PHYSICAL INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Connectivity: 2 international airports, 2 major ports and 2 upcoming ports

Power surplus state with 100% villages electrified

Leading the country in terms of power availability, distribution and quality

3rd largest road network in India

Plug-n-play industrial infrastructure: Numerous growth centres and industrial parks – industry specific as well as multi-product

Upcoming **Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)** covering about ~2,000 km, to be operational by 2019

Important Links:

Bengal Global Business Summit - www.bengalglobalsummit.com

More on West Bengal - <https://wb.gov.in/portal/web/guest/home>

Ease of Doing Business - <https://bengalglobalsummit.com/ease-of-doing-business/>

Policies and Schemes- <https://bengalglobalsummit.com/policies-schemes/>