

**Government of West Bengal
Department of Higher Education
Bikash Bhavan (6th Floor)
Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091**

No: 40/SECY/HED/2026

Date : 24th March, 2026

From : Shri Jaydip Mukhopadhyay, IAS
Secretary in Higher Education Department
Government of West Bengal.

To : (1) The Registrar, _____ (All State aided Universities)
(2) The Principal/TIC/OIC, _____ (All Govt. and Govt. aided Colleges)
(3) The Chairman/President/Secretary, _____ (All Parastatals)
(4) The Member Secretary, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education.

Madam/Sir,

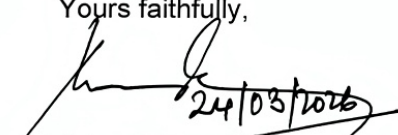
Enclosed please find a letter of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal regarding conduct of General Elections of the WBLA, 2026 for ensuring free, fair and peaceful election vide No.56 –CS/2026, dated 22.03.2026. The direction should be followed strictly in letter & spirit by all concerned.

In view of the above, I am to request you to circulate the above mentioned communication to all officers, employees and staff of your Office/Institution and submit a compliance report by return e-mail to highereducationwb@gmail.com, endorsing a copy to the concerned branch (University Branch/ DPI, WB/ DTE, WB/ Social Education Branch) by **12.00 noon on 25.03.2026**, confirming that these instructions have been percolated down to all levels.

This may be treated as URGENT.

Encl : As stated

Yours faithfully,

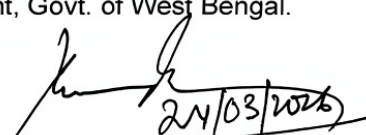

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Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to :

1. The Senior Special Secretary, HED (CG Branch)
2. The Senior Special Secretary, HED (University Branch)
3. The Director of Public Instructions, West Bengal.
4. The Director of Technical Education, West Bengal.
--with the request to communicate to all and collect compliance report within the stipulated timeframe.
5. Sr. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal.


Secretary in Higher Education Department



Government of West Bengal
Office of the Chief Secretary
NABANNA

325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Shibpur, Howrah-711102

No.: 56-CS/2026

Date: 22nd March, 2026

To

1. Heads of Departments- All Departments. GoWB
2. Principal Secretary. GTA
3. Commissioner. Kolkata Municipal Corporation
4. District Magistrates- All

Subject: Conduct of General Election to WBLA. 2026 – Ensuring free, fair and peaceful elections

Sir/Madam.

In view of the forthcoming General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly (WBLA) 2026, it is hereby emphasized that the conduct of elections in West Bengal must be strictly ensured to be:

1. Violence free
2. Intimidation free
3. Inducement free
4. Free from Chappa (Bogus voting)
5. Free from Booth Jamming
6. Free from Source Jamming (obstruction to movement of voters from their houses/locality)

Accordingly, it shall be ensured that every elector is able to exercise his/her voting right freely, fairly, and without any fear or coercion.

Necessary sensitization measures shall be undertaken to ensure awareness and strict compliance with MCC provisions and other election related guidelines issued by Election Commission of India (ECI) so as to ensure free, fair and peaceful election.

These instructions should be circulated to all officers, employees, and staff of Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Autonomous Bodies, and Local Bodies under their administrative control by the respective Heads of Offices. The percolation of these instructions to all officers, employees, and staff should be ensured within two days, and a return email should be sent to wblacompliance@gmail.com confirming that these instructions have been percolated down to all levels by 5:30 PM on 25/03/2026.

All officers, employees and staff are to be sensitized so that no complaint regarding MCC violation is received against them

Chief Secretary