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Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire 55

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Introduction

West Bengal, a densely populated state with diverse geographical terrain, has been the pioneer in respect in developing a modern education system in the country. Many of the first schools and colleges in the country were established in Kolkata by eminent education reformists like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, David Hare, William Carey, Shashi Bhusan Chatterjee, J. E. Drinkwater Bethune, among others.

Major medium of instructions are Bengali, English, Hindi, Urdu, Nepali and Santhali. Though a major chunk of students of West Bengal are enrolled under the Government-run institutions, the private sector also plays an important role.

> For State-run institutions, the affiliating bodies are West Bengal Board of Primary Education, West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education and the West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education.

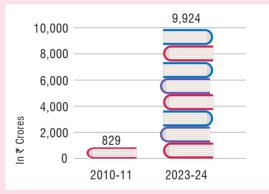
> > Private Schools mostly follow the ICSE or CBSE curriculum, in addition to some being affiliated to the State Boards.

Significant Increase in Education Budget

Sizable increase in education budget ₹ 829 Crores (USD 99.48 Million) in 2010-11 to ₹ **9,924** Crores (USD 1,190.88 Million) in 2023-24.

Private investments in schools have increased significantly to ₹ 5,054.07 Crores (USD 606.48 Million) in 2023.

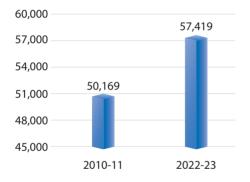
Plan Budget of School Education

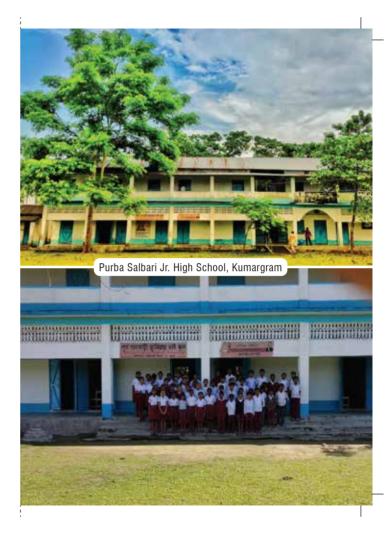


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Towards Access and Equity

Number of Schools (Elementary)

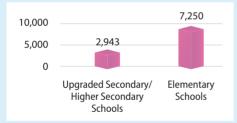




Access to Schools

7,250 New Elementary Schools Established 2,943 Upgraded Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools Established

2,17,526 Additional Classrooms Added





Steady Increase in Student Classroom Ratio

Type of Schools	2011	2023
Elementary	44.39	32
Secondary	81.69	51
Higher Secondary	80.35	62



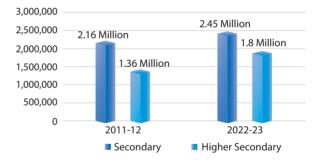


Student Enrollment

Type of Schools	2011-12	2022-23
Secondary	2.16 Million	2.45 Million
Higher Secondary	1.36 Million	1.8 Million

Sharp Rise in Student Enrollment at Secondary and Higher Secondary levels

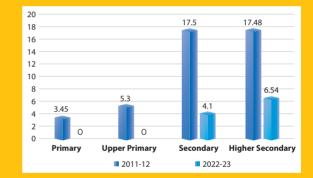
Student Enrollment



Significant Reduction in Dropout Rates

Dropout Percentage

Type of Schools	2011-12	2022-23
Primary	3.45	0
Upper Primary	5.30	0
Secondary	17.50	4.10
Higher Secondary	17.48	6.54



Attaining Inclusivity and Gender Parity

Type of Schools	2011-12	2022-23
Secondary	1.08	1.05
Higher Secondary	0.87	1.31

Significant increase in gender parity index from 0.87 in 2011-12 to **1.31** in 2022-23 in higher secondary education.





Healthy improvement in Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at the Elementary Level:

Number of Teachers

Type of Schools	2011-12	2022-23
Primary	1,90,794	2,10,968
Upper Primary & Secondary	1,67,482	1,71,488
Higher Secondary	24,704	28,069

Recruitment of Teachers since 2011

- 1,00,697 primary teachers recruited
- 49,199 upper primary/secondary/ higher secondary teachers recruited
- 3,126 head masters/head mistresses appointed

PTR at the Elementary Level

Type of Schools	2011-12	2022-23
Primary	29.70	21.00
Upper Primary	33.31	28.00
Secondary	42.10	29.00
Higher Secondary	55.24	33.00





Headmasters' Training at IIM, Kolkata, 2023



Training on English Language Teaching of Teachers at American Center, Kolkata 2023

TESOL Certificate Orientation Programme at American Center, Kolkata 2023

Faculty Development

Teachers Training

24,37,000 Teachers got in-service training

1,611 Headmasters and Teachers-in-Charge of exemplary schools provided leadership training at IIM, Kolkata and continuing...

English Teachers were trained in English Language Teaching in TESOL core certificate face to face orientation programme at American Center Kolkata 2023



Bhabatarini Mondal Memorial English Medium Integrated School



Leveraging Digital Education

Percentage of Computers in Schools

Type of Schools	2011-12	2022-23
Primary	0.41	5.84
Upper Primary	0.09	26.55
Secondary	2.43	92.83
Higher Secondary	13.84	97.43

ICT in Schools

Year	2011-12	2022-23
Number of Schools	800	9,310



Healthy Ambience in Schools

Type of	Girls' (% Cov		Boys' Toilet (% Coverage)	
Schools	2011	2023	2011	2023
Primary	95.46	100.00	92.27	100.00
Upper Primary	63.27	100.00	53.07	100.00
Secondary	98.44	100.00	92.46	100.00
Higher Secondary	98.43	100.00	96.62	100.00

Coverage of Drinking Water Facilities in West Bengal

Type of Schools	Drinking Water Facility (% Coverage)		
Type of Schools	2011	2023	
Primary	98.61	99.93	
Upper Primary	87.41	99.95	
Secondary	99.29	99.96	
Higher Secondary	99.56	99.95	

By the end of March 2024, almost 100% coverage of drinking water facilities will be in in primary, upper primary, secondary, and higher secondary schools.

Electricity in Schools (% Coverage)			
Type of Schools 2011-12 2022-23			
Primary	27.00	99.71	
Upper Primary	14.28	98.31	
Secondary	84.00	99.80	
Higher Secondary	94.65	100.00	



Providing Nutritional Support: Mid Day Meal

100% Primary and Upper Primary Schools in the State are now covered under Mid-Day Meal scheme.

More than **11.8** Million students are benefitted everyday.

36,414 schools have developed kitchen gardens.

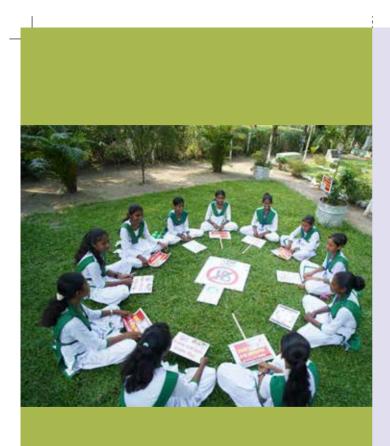
100% schools covered for LPG connection.

14,833 Dining Halls constructed.

State expenditure on Mid Day Meal more than trebled from ₹ 303.42 Cr (USD 36.41 Million) in 2011-12 to ₹ **997.63** Cr (USD 119.71 Million) in 2022-23.

₹ 137.24 Cr (USD 16.46 Million) allotted for repair of 68,185 kitchen sheds and replacement of 41,764 units of kitchen devices.

State Government provides additional honorarium of $\mathbf{\vec{z}}$ **500** per cook cum helper per month over and above the general honorarium under the scheme.



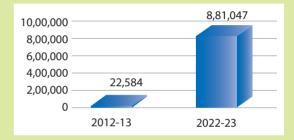
Government Schemes & Initiatives

Empowering Women

Kanyashree scheme benefits over **8.2** Million girls aiming to reduce drop out and child marriage of adolescents.



SVMCM Scheme Beneficiaries



Year	2012-13	2022-23
Beneficiaries	22,584	8,81,047
Expenditure (in USD Million)	1.13	171.6

Hostel Facility

350 hostels operational

33 under different stages of construction/fund allotment



Schemes for Minorities

Aikhyashree and Shikshashree schemes provide financial assistance for minority and SC/ST students.

67 Model Schools sanctioned to provide quality education in educationally backward districts of the State, 61 presently operational.

40 BRGF schools sanctioned in selected educationally backward blocks of the State, 38 presently operational.

E-literacy of Madrasah students under Cybergram

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Facilities for School Students

SINCE 2011

12.5 Million free School Bags distributed
119.9 Million free School Uniforms distributed
24.0 Million free School Shoes distributed
1098.8 Million free Text Books distributed



Towards Inclusive Education

State Intervention for Children with Special Needs Since 2011

- 1,24,344 Braille books distributed
- 1,80,639 aids and appliances distributed
 - 4,01,412 children benefitted from transport allowance
 - 3,87,646 children benefitted from escort allowance





SABOOJ SATHI

An initiative by West Bengal Government to reduce school dropouts.

Free bicycle is given to each student from class IX to XII of Government-run and Government-aided Schools and Madrasah.

Since, inception in 2015-16, more than **11.5** Million students have been provided free bicycles.





Innovative Interventions for Quality Improvement

The Taruner Swapno scheme has provided ₹ 10,000/- for each student of class XII to purchase Tab/Smartphone for accessing the e-learning mode. The scheme has benefitted more than 3.67 Million students so far.

The Students Credit Card scheme has been introduced to enable students for higher studies at the national and international level. By the end of 2022-23, credit of ₹ **1,900** Crores (USD 228 million) has been sanctioned for **59,000** students.

To streamline the transfer of intending teachers in a transparent manner, the Utsashree portal has been launched. Through this portal, **11,667** Primary teachers, **19,845** Secondary teachers, **667** Headmasters and **2,434** Non-teaching staff have moved to schools of their choice in 2022-23.

Collaborations and Participations

In 2023, the school education department collaborated with IBM, Microsoft and NGOs like Liver Foundation, Pratham and Pratichi Trust other than UNICEF.

Such collaborations benefitted more than 10 Lakh students across the state.

The school education department participated in the conference and exhibition on Foundation Literacy at the G20 meet, 2023, organized in Pune.





Glimpses of G20 meet 2023 conference & exhibition



E-governance

A complete online portal banglarshiksha.gov.in launched in February 2019 for better management of information and service delivery.

- Salary of all teaching and non-teaching staff processed online through iOSMS.
- Online scholarship portal (scholarships.wbsed.gov.in) launched.
- Online Court Case monitoring system introduced.
- An online portal named "Utsashree" has been launched for smooth, efficient, time bound and transparent processing of transfer of teachers and non-teaching staff based on objective and rational criteria.
- Four mobile apps (Banglar Shiksha, eHRMS, mParidarshan and WBMDM Inspection) have been launched for improved monitoring / supervision of schools.
- Extensive use of X, Facebook and Youtube for better reach and accessibility.

 For commendable initiatives on E-governance, the School Education Department has achieved a number of awards and recognitions. Some of them are the Skoch Golden award for the Banglar Shiksha portal, CSI e-Nihilent award for the Banglar Shiksha portal. In addition, West Bengal has topped the ranking at national level among major States on Foundational Literacy & Numeracy as per study done by Niti Aayog.

Awards & Accolades



CSI E-governance Award for Education, 2020

Skoch Star of E-governance Award

for Education, 2022





Skoch Gold Award, 2021 (Banglar Siksha 3.0) Skoch Silver Award, 2022 (Utshashree Portal)

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