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BENGAL GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Rs 2.19 lakh cr in, 20 lakh jobs to be created: Mamata

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MAINTAINING THAT West Bengal is turning into 'Best Bengal', Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that the state has received new investment proposals worth

more than Rs 2.19 lakh crore in the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS), and that these will create more than 20 lakh jobs in the state.

Speaking at the concluding session of the summit today, Banerjee announced that nearly 110 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were



Mamata Banerjee at the summit. Partha Paul

signed over Tuesday and Wednesday.

She also claimed that West Bengal has turned into an "environment-friendly and political stability-friendly" state.

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Rs 2.19 lakh cr in

go up after investment proposals announced by the Adani Group in Bengal today. More than 20 lakh jobs will be generated from these investments," she said.

Out of 20 lakh jobs, 1 lakh will be created by Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited, Banerjee said. "Mukesh Ambani had yesterday announced investment proposals. Because of Reliance's in-

vestment, more than 1 lakh jobs will be created in the telecom sector," she said.

She said 1,042 B2B (business-to-business) meetings and 40 B2G (business-to-government) meetings were held during the summit. "Today various entities of the state will sign around 110 MoUs with their counterparts across the world," she said.

Stating that her government believes in performing rather than making big statements, Banerjee said, "Bengal is an environment-friendly, economy-friendly

and political stability-friendly state. We talk less and work more, and Bengal is turning into 'Best Bengal'. Many countries have shown their interest to invest in Bengal. We will extend our full cooperation to industrialists." She also announced that her government will provide 5 acres of land each in Rajarhat to Jadavpur University and Calcutta University to set up their centre of excellence. The fifth edition of BGBS will be held on February 7-8, 2019, it was informed.