

Capital: Kolkata

Formation / statehood: 26 January 1950 (West Bengal; East Bengal became East Pakistan in 1947 partition)

Official language(s): Bengali (Nepali in hills, Urdu and others in parts)

Public Service Commission: WBPSC

Flagship exam: WBCS (Executive) / Miscellaneous Services

OVERVIEW

West Bengal lies in eastern India with Kolkata as the capital and a long history as a colonial trading centre. The state spans the Gangetic delta, Darjeeling hills, and Sundarbans mangrove region and conducts WBCS as its flagship civil services exam.

FOCUS TOPICS

- Gangetic delta and Sundarbans
- Kolkata colonial and cultural history
- Darjeeling Himalaya and tea
- Bengal Renaissance figures
- WBCS examination

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the capital of West Bengal?

Answer: Kolkata

2. Which language is the official language of West Bengal?

Answer: Bengali

3. Which Public Service Commission conducts WBCS exams?

Answer: West Bengal Public Service Commission (WBPSC)

4. Which mangrove delta region lies in southern West Bengal?

Answer: Sundarbans

5. Which hill station in West Bengal is known for tea gardens and Kanchenjunga views?

Answer: Darjeeling

6. Which river flows through Kolkata before reaching the Bay of Bengal?

Answer: Hooghly (Bhagirathi-Hooghly distributary of Ganga system)

7. Which poet and Nobel laureate is closely associated with Bengali cultural identity?

Answer: Rabindranath Tagore

8. Which bridge over the Hooghly is an iconic Kolkata landmark?

Answer: Howrah Bridge (Rabindra Setu)

9. Which university in Kolkata was among the earliest modern universities in India?

Answer: University of Calcutta (1857)

10. Which festival is the major autumn celebration in West Bengal dedicated to Goddess Durga?

Answer: Durga Puja

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