

Home Department



Home Department, which is primarily responsible for police administration, law and order and human rights, has made noteworthy achievements during the last one year.

- Apprehensions had been raised in many quarters that there would be widespread violence after declaration of the Assembly election results last year. However, there were practically no incidents of violence after the results had been declared. This was possible on account of strong political will and determined administrative action.
- The crime situation as well as the general law and order situation in the State has remarkably improved over the past one year. This is due to a number of important reform measures taken for strengthening the police administration and alertness at all levels of administration.
- There has been remarkable improvement in the law and order situation in the Jangalmahal region. The Chief Minister herself visited the region several times to boost the confidence of the local people in administration and initiated and launched several development and welfare measures for the mitigation of long-standing problems of the local people. 10,700 junior police constables and NVF/Home Guard personnel have been recruited from local youths residing in different blocks of Jangalmahal region. In addition, several development projects, namely, construction of a bridge over Subarnarekha river at Bhasraghat in Nayagram, water supply schemes, construction of stadiums, construction of girls hostels, upgradation of high schools to higher secondary schools, setting up of new colleges, distribution of bicycle to all girl students studying in classes IX to XII, distribution of rice at Rs 2 per kg to all non tribal families having annual income of Rs 36000 and to all tribal families, etc. This development initiative, coupled with intelligence-based response by security forces have restored peace and rule of law in the region. This is evident from the fact that while 139 civilians and 35 security forces were killed in the year 2010, these numbers were 12 and 2 in 2011 and nil in the year 2012
- The surrender-cum-rehabilitation package for Maoists has also been made more attractive than the model scheme of the Central Government. The State's call for surrender has resulted in change of mind by important Maoist leaders. 23 Maoists including some top leaders have surrendered so far to join the mainstream of society. The State Government has made all arrangement for their security and rehabilitation.
- The situation in the hills of Darjeeling district remained disturbed over a long period of time. Protracted discussion among the Central Government, the State Government and the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) failed to settle the long standing agitation by GJM. This Government, within a month of assuming power, resolved the outstanding issues through bilateral discussion with GJM, which led to the signing of the tripartite agreement for the formation of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration. This led to the restoration of peace and normalcy in the hills after a long time.
- As a part of the restructuring of the police organisation in the State, the total area under Kolkata Police jurisdiction has been extended to make it coterminous with the jurisdiction of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. 9 police stations of South

- 24-Parganas have been transferred to Kolkata Police, which have been further divided into 17 police stations.
- To improve urban policing, four new Commissionerates of Police, namely, Asansol-Durgapur, Howrah, Bidhannagar and Barrackpore Commissionerates of Police have been set up with IGP/DIGP level officers functioning as Commissioners. Two more Commissionerates of Police, one for Siliguri and the other for Haldia will be established shortly.
 - 65 Police Stations staffed exclusively by women police personnel have been sanctioned out of which 10 have started functioning at Howrah, Barasat, Baruipur, Asansol, Jhargram, Contai, Chinsurah, Krishnagar, Siliguri and Jalpaiguri.
 - A cyber Lab attached to the Cyber Police Station of Kolkata Police Headquarters at Lalbazar has been set up to tackle cyber crimes by providing training to police officers in cyber-forensics.
 - In order to address the problem of acute shortage of manpower in police, emphasis has been given on filling up of existing vacancies of police personnel. This apart, 27,216 posts of different ranks have been created for West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police during the last one year.
 - To assist the police, 3351 Village Police volunteers are being recruited for deployment in Gram Panchayat areas. 530 Green Police volunteers have been sanctioned for Kolkata Police. Deployment of 700 Green Police volunteers and 331 Special Police volunteers in the newly created police commissionerates is under active consideration of the Government.
 - For proper regulation of traffic in Kolkata Police area, two new traffic divisions with 10 Traffic Guards have been created. Close-Circuit television (CCTV) sets have been placed at strategic locations.
 - Ambulances equipped with critical care facilities and a Transit Trauma Care Unit have placed at important locations to provide immediate help to critically injured victims of road accidents and to transport them to hospitals.
 - A number of community welfare initiatives have been taken up by Kolkata Police like felicitation of toppers of Board/Council examinations, project “Kiran” to impart computer education among the youth of the underprivileged sections of the society and project “Goalz” in collaboration with the British Council to impart football training to the youth coming from poor families.
 - Police Welfare Boards have been constituted for Kolkata Police and West Bengal Police to look after the general welfare of police personnel and their family members as well as matters relating to housing and medical requirements.
 - The facility of free treatment at Kolkata Police hospital has been extended to the family members of Kolkata police personnel. An improved Group Mediclaim Policy has been introduced for Kolkata police personnel and their family members.
 - Ten Commissions of inquiry have been set up for the following incidents:
 1. Unnatural death of Mustafa Bin Qasim, ex-MLA
 2. Sain Bari incidents of Burdwan
 3. Unnatural death of Kallol Sur, ex-BDO
 4. Police firing during MahakaranAbhijan on 1993
 5. Police firing at Nainan village, Magrahat
 6. Allocation of land at Rajajarhat by WBHIDCO
 7. AMRI fire incident
 8. AnandaMarg killings
 9. Cossipore-Baranagar Massacre
 10. Killing of Santhal people during HulMahotsab
 - A State-Level Review Committee under the chairmanship of Hon’ble Justice MoloySengupta, retired Judge of Calcutta High Court was set up to recommend release of under-trial prisoners in deserving cases. The Committee has submitted its first report, and based on it, undertrial prisoners have been released.
 - Following due process of law, 42 life convicts who have completed more than 14 years of imprisonment have been released.