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<p>AKANKSHA Scheme</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This scheme is to provide House Building Loan to the State Government Employees • This was done due to the hardship faced by the State Government employees for construction of their own houses/ flats for their own accommodation • Under this, the Government will provide suitable land free of cost to the Housing Department for the construction of flats, which will be identified by the Land and Land Reforms Department of West Bengal.
<p>Jal Dharo-Jal Bharo</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was launched during 2011-12 • It was brought with the aim of preserving precious water resources by large-scale harvesting of rainwater as well as arresting runoff of surface water to improve and availability of precious water resources through the construction and management of Minor Irrigation structures. • Water Resources Investigation & Development Department of the Government of West Bengal has taken a lead role in the programme • JAL DHARO-JAL BHARO PROGRAMME' also aims towards building citizens' awareness of rainwater conservation and efficient water use in irrigation.
<p>Important rivers of WB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayurakshi River—which is fed by the Brahmani, Dwarka, Bakreshwar, and Kopai—joins the Bhagirathi near Kandi, Murshidabad. • The Ajay River, which rises in the hills of Bihar and is joined by the Kunur, flows down the plateau fringe, marking the boundary between Bardhaman and Birbhum districts and joining the Bhagirathi near Katwa.
Zoological Parks in WB	
Name	District
Zoological Garden Alipore, Kolkata	Kolkata
Padmaja Naidu Zoological Garden	Darjeeling



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Jhargram Zoo	Jhargram
Ramnagagan Zoo	Bardhaman
Rasikbil Zoo	Cooch Behar
Kunjuanagar Rescue Centre	Jalpaiguri
South Khairbari Rehabilitation Centre	Jalpaiguri
Garchumuk Deer Park	Howrah
Adina Deer Park	Malda
Kumari Kangsabati Deer Park	Bankura
Surulia Mini Zoo	Purulia
Sajnekhali Wildlife Sanctuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is located in South 24 Parganas of West Bengal established in the year 1976. It is considered a part of the Sundarbans ecosystem. It lies at the confluence of Malta and the Gumdi rivers. Fauna: Spotted billed pelican, cotton teal, herring gull, Caspian tern, grey heron, large egret, night heron, open-billed stork, white ibis, common kingfisher and paradise flycatcher.

WLS in West Bengal

NO.	WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (WLS)	STATE	ESTABLISHED YEAR	AREA (IN KM ²)
1	Ballavpur WLS	West Bengal	1977	2.02
2	Bethuadahari WLS	West Bengal	1980	0.67
3	Bibhuti Bhusan WLS	West Bengal	1980	0.64
4	Buxa WLS	West Bengal	1986	267.92
5	Chapramari WLS	West Bengal	1976	9.6
6	Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary	West Bengal	1982	0.07
7	Haliday Island WLS	West Bengal	1976	5.95
8	Jorepokhri Salamander WLS	West Bengal	1985	0.04



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9	Lothian Island WLS	West Bengal	1976	38
10	Mahananda WLS	West Bengal	1976	158.04
11	Raiganj WLS	West Bengal	1985	1.3
12	Ramnabagan WLS	West Bengal	1981	0.14
13	Sajnakhali WLS	West Bengal	1976	362.4
14	Senchal WLS	West Bengal	1976	38.88
15	West Sunderban WLS	West Bengal	2013	556.45

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