

THE MOOD IN BENGAL: EXCLUSIVE HT-MaRS SURVEY

Opinion that matters

PUSH BUTTON Bengal is poised for watershed polls. It's advantage Mamata this time, though voters feel it is by default



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KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: Change comes with a price and Bengal is willing to pay the price, but with riders. People approve of the change, but a majority feels there will be no change in governance if the Trinamool Congress comes to power.



But what happened suddenly that a party with a strength of 35 MLAs in a house of 294 members in the assembly, out of the blue, has come so close to snatching power from a strong communist regime for three decades? The issues are many, the complaints against the Left Front too many.

Yet it was this government which gave power to the farmers, distributed land among them and promised a stable future to the people. The last five years changed things for the Left leaders drastically. Mamata Banerjee rose like a phoenix and usurped the Left's dominance in areas it held strongly for years. She rode on the wave of discontent and became the champion of farmers, minorities and the jobless.

What were the factors? Is West Bengal ready for the government? Where did the Left Front fail? Who wins in the tussle between Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and Mamata Banerjee? Will the Maoist insurgency end? Will jobs come to Bengal? An extensive and

exclusive survey by HT-MaRS across seven districts of West Bengal and with more than 5,000 respondents tries to find out the answers.

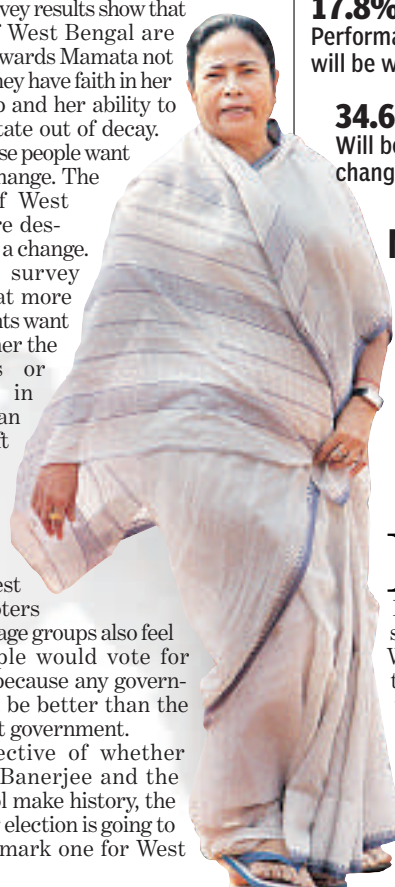
A government that came to power on popular choice 34 years ago may have run its course. The Left Front government has failed to create jobs, keep corruption in check, curb the spread of Naxalism and maintain law and order. And it is paying the price for these failures now.

The survey results show that people of West Bengal are leaning towards Mamata not because they have faith in her leadership and her ability to pull the state out of decay. It is because people want to see a change. The people of West Bengal are desperate for a change.

The survey shows that more respondents want to see either the Congress or TMC in power than see the Left Front in power.

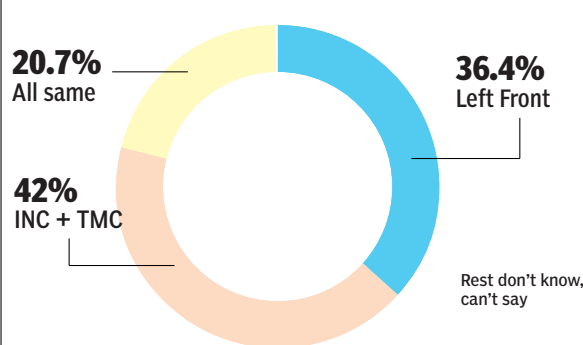
However, more than half of West Bengal voters across all age groups also feel that people would vote for Mamata because any government will be better than the Left Front government.

Irrespective of whether Mamata Banerjee and the Trinamool make history, the upcoming election is going to be a landmark one for West Bengal.

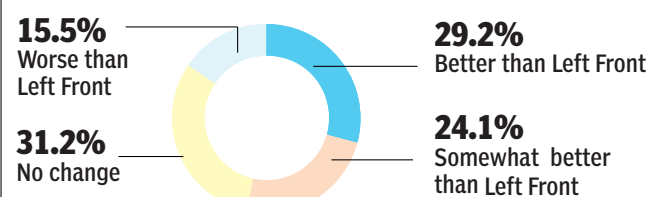


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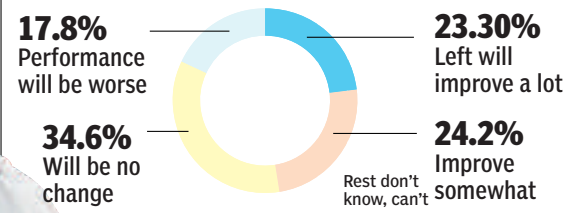
Which formation do you want to see in power?



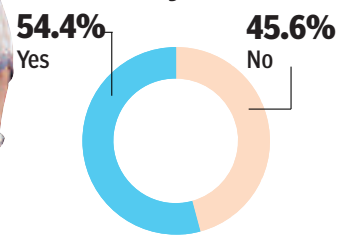
How do you think TMC will perform if it wins?



How do you think the Left Front will perform if it wins?



Mamata: by default?



It has been said that many people would vote for Mamata because they feel that any government will be better than the Left Front government. Do you agree?

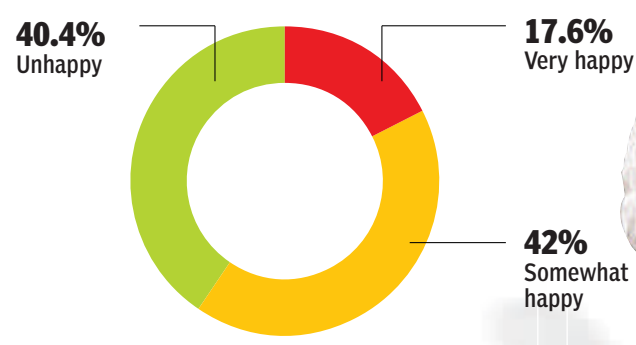
During her four stints as union minister, Mamata Banerjee was mostly spending her time in West Bengal, playing the role of an opposition leader. This led to scepticism over her performance as a future chief minister. Perhaps that is why 65.5% of the people of Kolkata, her traditional voter base,

still believe that her government will not be better than the current one and she would come to power by default. Even the young voters, 50.5% of them, feel the same way and 32.7% of them prefer the Left Front government against the 28.4% who choose the TMC. People do not expect much from her as 34.6% overall feel there will be no change in governance if she comes to power.

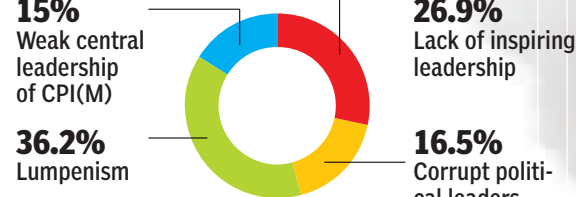
But the frustration over Left rule for more than three decades has gone in her favour.

LEFT IS PAYING THE PRICE

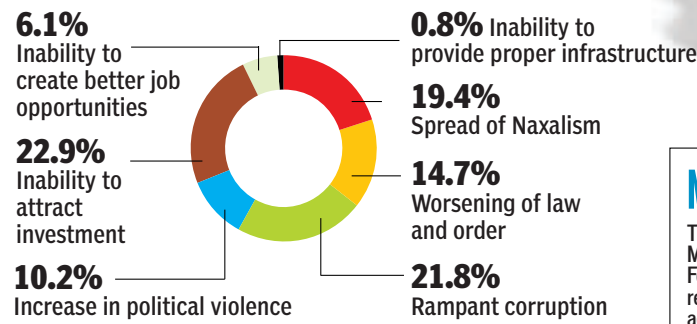
What is your level of happiness with the Left Front?



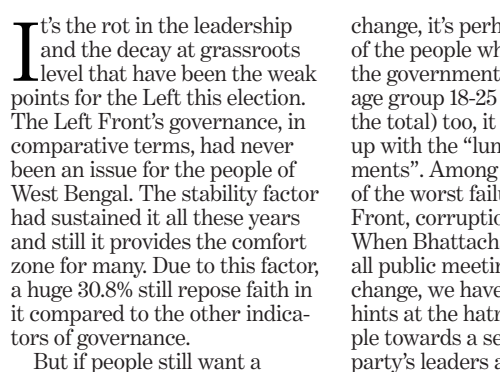
What is the reason for the current unpopularity of the Left Front?



What is the worst failure of the Left Front?



Will the Netai killings put the nail in the coffin of the Left Front?



It's the rot in the leadership and the decay at grassroots level that have been the weak points for the Left this election. The Left Front's governance, in comparative terms, had never been an issue for the people of West Bengal. The stability factor had sustained it all these years and still it provides the comfort zone for many. Due to this factor, a huge 30.8% still repose faith in it compared to the other indicators of governance.

But if people still want a change, it's perhaps a change of the people who are behind the government. Voters in the age group 18-25 (about 37% of the total) too, it seems, are fed up with the "lumpen elements". Among five indicators of the worst failures of Left Front, corruption is a factor. When Bhattacharjee says in all public meetings "we have to change, we have to rectify", he hints at the hatred of the people towards a section of his party's leaders and workers.



Methodology

The research agency MaRS conducted during February among 5,000 respondents, spread across seven districts. The idea was to gauge the mood of the voters on issues that matter the most. Special emphasis was given to understand the minds of the first time voters and the youth. We chose the two 24 Parganas districts, North and South, to understand the two places, which have turned green after remaining red strongholds for ages. West Midnapore was selected for its notoriety as the hot spot of Maoist activity. In South Bengal, Burdwan became our choice because it still remains a left stronghold. In North Bengal, Malda was selected as an example of a Congress bastion and Darjeeling because the automatic choice to understand a region troubled by separatist movement.

Manipur minister's son kills student

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IMPHAL: A 21-year-old student was shot dead allegedly by the son of a Manipur minister along the Imphal airport road, the police said on Monday.

Irom Rozer, a student from Bangalore, had gone to his hometown to celebrate Holi with his family and friends when 27-year-old Ajai Mete, son of the state irrigation and flood control minister N Biren Singh, chased him in his black Bolero and shot him, the police said. Rozer was also in a car when

the incident took place at Kwakeithel area in Imphal West district on Sunday, the police said.

The police suspect personal enmity could have led to the crime and have detained Mete and four other suspects in connection with the case. An M-20 pistol and two vehicles have been seized from the accused.

"We've registered a case and investigation is on," Kh Sarat, officer in charge of the Singamei police station said. "The arrested will be produced in court for further legal proceedings," he said.

Ministry hoodwinks Ramesh, clears steel project

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NEW DELHI: The environment ministry may have hoodwinked its in-charge Jairam Ramesh to help a company escape action initiated by the minister.

The ministry's forest division issued a circular on January 6, 2011, inserting the proviso "it is advisable" in the original rule without the minister's approval.

The ministry had issued a

notice to Jindal Steel and Power Limited on December 14, 2010, on why its environment clearance should not be revoked for starting construction in non-forestland for its integrated steel plant in Kerjang in Orissa before the forest clearance was granted in October 2010.

A ministry panel found the allegation to be true in December. Jindal steel admitted that the construction has taken place but cited a clause in an agree-

ment with the Orissa government to start work within three years of signing it.

In the meantime, the Forest Advisory Committee, which allowed diversion of forestland, met and recommended insertion of key words — "it is advisable" — in the guidelines of the Act. The revised rule said, "if a project involves forest as well as non-forestland, it is advisable that the work should not be started on non-forest land till

the approval of the government for release of the forestland under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been given".

"It was only on February 17, I discovered the existence of the January 6 circular. The circular has been issued without my approval but after a discussion in the forest advisory committee. I took serious note of the this lapse and ordered that the status quo ante should be restored," Ramesh said on Monday.

INSERT JOB

What the deal was
Jindal Steel started construction in non-forest part of the integrated steel project without mandatory forest clearance, resulting in ministry's notice for alleged violation in Dec 2010. The notice was withdrawn after the forest division issued a circular in Jan 2011 allowing the alleged violation.

How Ramesh was bypassed
The ministry inserted a condition in the original rule without Ramesh's knowledge, effectively allowing Jindal steel to continue work
Undoing the damage
The state government has been asked to initiate action against the company.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INCOME-TAX MUMBAI

TENDER NOTICE

SALE OF WASTE PAPER & OBSOLETE FORMS

Sealed quotations are invited from the interested parties for the purchase of waste paper/obsolete forms/old newspapers etc., lying in various Income Tax Offices situated in Mumbai.

The quotations in the prescribed form are to be submitted in sealed envelopes superscribed "Tender for purchase of waste paper/obsolete forms/old newspaper etc." latest by 12 noon on 29/03/2011 at the office of the Public Relations Officer, Room No. 15A, Aayakar Bhavan, M.K. Road, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020. The bids will be opened on 29/03/2011 at 4.00 p.m. Any quotation received after 12 noon on 29/03/2011 will not be entertained.

The form for submitting quotations, terms and conditions and other details are available with the office of the Public Relations Officer at the above address and on the website www.incometaxindia.gov.in.

The Chief Commissioner of Income tax (CCA), Mumbai reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
(KESHAV M. DIXIT)
Public Relations Officer-I, Mumbai

Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology
BHOPLAL - 462 001 (M.P.)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date: 15.03.2011

NIT No. EMW/IT/28/2010/293

The sealed bid tender as per Bidding schedule of Rate CPWD, i.e. DSR-2007, and some Non DSR items with up to date amendments from the approved and eligible contractors/reputed firms in appropriate class with adequate experience, registered with various Central State Govt. Dept. such as CPWD, MES, Railways, MPPWD, PHE, Municipal Corporation etc., in three envelope system, are invited up to 11/04/2011, 03:00 pm for the work: Supplying, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 110.433 KV, 1x500 KVA Compact Sub-Station at Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, as detailed below:

S. No.	Name of work and location	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Earliest Money (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Opening of Technical Bid
01	SITC of 110.433KV 1x500 KVA Compact Sub-Station at MANIT Bhopal	23.45 Lacs	45,920/-	03 Months	500/-	11/04/2011 3:00 pm

The tender documents with full details along with terms & conditions can be downloaded from the institute website www.manit.ac.in on or before 20th March, 2011. The tender can be dropped in a box kept at the entrance of reception counter of Institute's main building.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION
1, NAWAB YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINES, ALLAHABAD-211001
FAX: 0532-2407797

TENDER NOTICE Date: 16.03.2011

1. Scope: Open tender in sealed packets (Single packet) are invited by Chief Electrical Engineer, Central Organization for Railway Electrification for and on behalf of President of India from experienced contractors in the field of construction of substation of 110kV/32.5kV or higher for Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of 200/25 KV Tractor Sub-Station, Feeding post, Shunt Capacitor Banks works at Sujangpur (Double Transformer), in Patancheru-Jammu Tawi section (Gr. 143B) of Northern Railway in the State of Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir. The contractor will be required to supply all the materials procured from approved sources except Power Transformer, Circuit Breakers, Insulator & Auxiliary Transformer, which shall be supplied by Railways. 2. Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,87,57,275/- 3. Earnest money: ₹ 2,43,840/- 4. Date of Sale of Tender Paper: 22.03.2011 to 28.04.2011 (up to 11.30 hours) from the office of CEE/CORE/ALD. 5. Date & Time of submission of offer: Up to 28.04.2011 (15.00 hrs) in the office of CEE/CORE/ALLAHABAD. 6. Date & Time of opening of offer: 28.04.2011 at 15.30 hrs. in the office of CEE/CORE/Allahabad. 7. Validity of offer: 3 months. 8. Completion period: 9 (Nine) months. 9. Eligibility Criteria: For eligibility criteria please visit our Website: <http://www.cori.org.in> or refer to our tender paper. 10. Cost of Tender Paper: Tender can be purchased by paying ₹ 5,000/- by cash or ₹ 5,500/- by Speed post OR the tender paper can be downloaded from CORE's website. In case the tender is downloaded from website, tenderer shall enclose a DD worth ₹ 5,000/- in favour of F&C/D/RE payable at Allahabad along with the bid document towards the cost of tender papers. 11. For other details and to download the entire tender paper please visit our website <http://www.cori.org.in>

Chief Electrical Engineer/CORE/ALLAHABAD
For and on behalf of President of India

No. PR/217/11/11AHU

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF (TENDER CELL)
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, RAIPUR (C.G.)
SYSTEM TENDER NO: 3484 NIT NO 286/TC/10-11 Dated: 17-03-11
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: <http://cgeprocurement.gov.in>
Sub Portal: <http://pwd.cgeprocurement.gov.in>
(First Call)

Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis along with Prequalification documents are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh for the following work up to 07/04/2011, 17.30.

Name of work:- Construction of Ring Road at Ramanujan Length 6.60 K.M.

1.	PAC Amount	- Rs. 1454.28 Lacs
2.	EMD	- Rs. 5,00,000/-

(To be pledged in favour of E.E., PWD, Ramanujan Division Ramanujan)

The tender documents can be downloaded from the Department's Sub-Portal (<http://pwd.cgeprocurement.gov.in>). Only those contractors/bidders, interested in bidding shall pay the tender document cost online.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal.

Sub Division:- PWD, Sub Division Ramanujan

Note:- All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the eProcurement portal (<http://cgeprocurement.gov.in>) and get empanelled through the sub-portal (<http://pwd.cgeprocurement.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

For any other queries regarding online registration on the above mentioned website and digital certificate, please contact to M/s Nex Tenders (India) Pvt. Ltd., "Saket" B-31, Opp. Gulab Industries, Shalendra Nagar, Raipur - 492001 (C.G.) Ph. (0771) - 4079400, 4221020 (Fax) (0771) 4221023 Email- raipur@nextenders.com

Engineer In Chief
P.W.D., Raipur (C.G.)

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MARWAHI
H.Q. PENDRA ROAD, DISTT, BILASPUR (C.G.)

[FIRST-CALL]
SYSTEM TENDER NO: 1720 NIT NO : 08/SAC/10-11 Dated : 15-03-2010
e-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal : <http://cgeprocurement.gov.in>
WRD Portal : <http://wrd.cgeprocurement.gov.in>

Online bids are invited for the following works up to 04-04-2011 at (17.30 Time)

Name of work :- CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH WORK OF MAIN CANAL FROM R.D. 0 M TO 6150 M WITH 43 NOS. STRUCTURES & C.C. LINING, FIXING OF 16 NOS. COLABA PIPE OF DARRI DIVERSION SCHEME.

Probable Amount of Contract :- Rs. 514.75 Lakhs

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Department's Sub-Portal (<http://wrd.cgeprocurement.gov.in>). Only those contractors/Bidders, interested in bidding, shall pay the tender document cost online.

For more details can be viewed from dated 21-03-2011 (17.31 hours IST onwards), on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal.

Note:- All eligible/ interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the eProcurement portal (<http://cgeprocurement.gov.in>) and get empanelled through the sub-portal (<http://wrd.cgeprocurement.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division
Marwahi, H.Q. Pendra Road
Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)

G-18701

e-Tender Notice
Director, Social Welfare Maharashtra State, 3, Church Road, Pune - 411001.

Tender for Supply of Night Suits for Students Residing in Government Aided Hostels under the control of the Director, Social Welfare M. S. Pune.

e-Tenders are invited (On the web site <http://maharashtra.etenders.in>) from the manufacturers (or their authorized dealers) for the purchase of Night Suits for the Students of Residing in Government Aided Hostels. Tenders would be accepted only online in two bid system.

Sr. No.	Name of the Item	Specification	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money Deposit
1	Night Suits	As per Annexure - I	Rs. 9,00,00,000.00	Rs. 18,00,000.00

Sale of Tender forms & online Bid Preparation: 19.3.2011 from 11.00 am. To 25.3.2011 up to 3.00 pm.
Online bid submission: 19.3.2011 from 11.00 am. To 28.3.2011 up to 3.00 pm.
Date and time of opening of tenders: 28.3.2011 at 4.00 pm.

If it is not possible, due to any reason, to open the tenders on the date and time given above then the tenders will be opened on the date and time that the purchase committee will decide. New conditions, other than ones that are enumerated in this form, can be incorporated at the discretion of the purchase committee and these will be incorporated in the contract.

1. Tenders should be submitted online only. 2. Conditional and incomplete tenders will not be considered. 3. Attested documents to be attached with the tender are:
EMD Amount receipt for Rs. 18,00,000.00 paid in favour of Accounts Officer (Loan), Director Social Welfare, M.S. Pune in the form of Demand Draft only.

Sd/-
Director, Social Welfare
Maharashtra State, Pune.

Tender No - SWD/Night Suit/2010-11/3 Date -17.3.2011
Tender Notice - Urgent Tender Notice for Supply of Night Suits
Tender - Social Welfare Department, Material
Category - Purchase, Open Tender
Description - Urgent Tender Notice for Supply of Night Suits
Report Title - Urgent Tender Notice for Night Suits for Students Residing in Government Aided Hostels
Splitting Rule - No Restriction
Tender Type - Open Tender
Division - Social Welfare Department
Locations - 3, Church Road, Pune - 411001
Officer - Shri M. H. Sawant (IAS)
Designation - Director, Social Welfare, M. S. Pune.
Remark - Urgent Tender Notice for supply of Night Suits for Students Residing in Government Aided Hostels under Social Welfare Department.

DGIPR/2010-2011/3189