

## WEST BENGAL

• Kolkata  
• BB.

### (1) SOUTH 24 PARAGANAS

(i) Budge Budge - on E<sup>n</sup> bank of Ganga

- SW suburbs of Calcutta

- ship Komagata Maru was allowed to land

- ↑ no. of sikhs here.

(ii) Diamond Harbour - on banks of Hooghly  
(Hajipur)

(iii) Bakkhali - seaside resort

- one of many deltaic islands

- Casuarina trees. Fraserganj

(iv) Canning

(v) Kakdwip

(vi) Alipore - distt HQ - zoological horticultural gardens

(vii) Fatta SEZ

### (2) NORTH 24 PARAGANAS

(i) Dum Dum - NW Kolkata

(ii) Barrackpore / Barakpur

### (3) KOLKATA - commercial capital of EI - on E bank of Hooghly R.

- (4) HOWRAH - inland city  
(HAORA) - on W bank of Hooghly R  
- twin city of Kolkata  
- connected by 4 bridges on Ganga

- (5) E. MEDINIPUR (i) Haldia - major seaport  
- base of 1<sup>st</sup> Coast Guard  
(ii) DIGHA - seaside resort  
- @ N<sup>th</sup> end of BoB.  
(iii) Tamuk

- (6) W. MEDINIPUR (i) Kharagpur - south of Kasai R  
- intersected by ~~are~~ numerous waterways  
- one of the biggest rly workshops of I.  
- longest rly platform in the world  
- 1<sup>st</sup> ur/ground IAF stn (Kalakunda)

(ii) Medinipur - dist HQ

- on banks of Kasai R

(Cossye R / Kangsabati R)

(7) PURULIYA

- Kasai R passes thru' it

- Puruliya town is N. of Kasai R

- major road & rly junction

(8) BANKURA

(i) Bankura - N of Dhalbhisor (Dhaleshwari) R.

- handicrafts famous - Bankura Horse

(ii) Bishnupur

(9) HOOGHLY -

(i) Chinsura -

(ii) ~~Baranpur~~

(10) NADIA (i) Krishnanagar

(ii) Shantipur

(11) MURSHIDABAD (i) Baharampur - dist HB

- on E side of Hooghly R (distrib of Ganga)

(ii) Murshidabad - on S. bank of Bhagirathi R  
(distrib of Ganga)

- named after MURSHID QULI KHAN, Nawab of Bengal

(12) BARDHAMAN - (BURDWAN) (i) Asansol - coal mining and ind<sup>o</sup>

- 2nd largest city in WB

- Asan tree (species on banks of R. Damodar)

RANIGANJ coal fields

(ii) BURNPUR - ind<sup>o</sup> town

- 1<sup>st</sup> std. Wagon factory

- IISCO

(started w/ iron making plant as a TOWNSHIP).

(iii) CHITTARANJAN - in Asansol sub-division

- Chittaranjan locomotive works - Govt rly factory
- railway town

(iv) KULTI - situated b/w Asansol & Dhanbad

- IISCO steel complex

(v) DURGAPUR - ind<sup>al</sup> township

- Durgapur steel plant is one of the integrated steel plants of SAIL
- on bank of Damodar R.

RANIGANJ coal fields

\* Asansol - Durgapur region has laterite soil

(vi) BARDHAMAN - on the banks of Banka R.

- name derived from Vardhaman Mahavir

(13) BIRBHUM (i) Bolpur -

(ii) Shantiniketan - near BOLPUR

- Visva Bharati Univ set up by Rabindranath Tagore

(ii) Siuri

(14) MALDA - (i) Maldah

(ii) Ingraj Bazar

(15) DAKSHIN  
DINAJPUR - (i) Balurghat

(16) UTTAR DINAJPUR - (i) Raiganj

(17) PAKAUR

(18) DARJEELING - (i) Khusong

(ii) Kalimpong

(iii) Darjeeling - located in the Mahabharat Range (Lesser  
Him)

(iv) Siliguri - in Chicken's neck  
- Wob Maharanda R.

(i) Sidrapong HEP - oldest HEP in India  
- "Heritage Power Stn" - Kotwali R

(ii) Mahananda NP - b/w Teesta & Mahananda  
FOOTHILLS - Indian Bison  
Royal Bengal Tiger

(iii) Singalila NP - in the Singalila Ridge  
- is in trekking route to Sandakphu

(iv) Sandakphu - 2nd peak of WB

(v) Neora Valley NP - Kalimpong  
- one of the richest in NE  
- Red Panda

(A) JALPAIGURI (i) <sup>paiguri</sup> Jaldapara - Karala R & Teesta R converge  
- E<sup>n</sup> area has duars (W<sup>n</sup> duars)

(ii) Jaldapara

(i) Gorumara NP - Terai region; Indomalaya ecozone

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rhino; trop. orchids

Watershed b/w

Ganga & Br

river systems.  
- orchids.

- Duars

- Jaldhaka R (trib of Brh)

- Watershed area b/w Ganga & Brh river systems.

(ii) Jaldapara NP - foothills of E. Him

Bengal Florican - One horned rhino (Asiatic)  
deer, sambar - savanna, elephant grasses  
R.B. Tiger, elephant - Bengal Florican

(iii) Buxa TR - in Buxa Hills

endemic  
- Indo Malaya region

- serves as *important corridor for elephant migration* b/w I & Bhutan

- 8 forest types.  
tiger, red fowl

(20) KOCH BIHAR - east of the TORSA R.

- agral mkt

- leather goods ind'y

# SUNDERBANS - forest on the delta formed by the super confluence of Padma, Brah, Meghna (Bdesh)

- coastal fringe - mangrove

inland - freshwater swamp forest



- large single block of halophytic mangrove forest in the world

- Sundari trees.

Sanjakhali Is

Holiday Islands

Lothian Islands

GHORAMARA : in Sundarban Delta complex  
Island

- @ risk :: of global warming

LOHACHARA : islet

Island

- in Hooghly river as part of Sundarban delta

- part of ~~the~~ vanishing islands

SOUTH  
Talpatu  
Island

- disputed b/w I & B'desh

SAGAR Island lies in the continental shelf of BOB

- is home to the endangered Royal Bengal Tiger

- rich in mangrove swamps.

NEW MOORE : uninhabited offshore sandbar landform in BOB

- emerged in BOB in 1970 & vanished later.

FARAKKA Barrage: terminal barrage

- low ht dam (1974)

- diverts water from the current channel  
towards the Hooghly

(a) one barrage across Ganga @ Farakka

(b) " " at Jangipur across Bhagirathi

(c) feeder canal from rt bank of Ganga  
to Bhagirathi

- basic aim is to preserve & maintain Kolkata port

- & to improve navigability of Hooghly