

**Govt of West Bengal
Higher Education Department
Bikash Bhawan
(CS Branch)**

Memo No 783 (31) -Edn (CS)

Date: 12.06.26

To:

Vice-Chancellors,

All State Universities, West Bengal

Sub: Observance of *Paschimbanga Divas* (West Bengal Day) on 20 June, 2026 – Forwarding of Government Order No. 2966- ICA(N) dated 10.06.2026.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of Government Order No. 2966- ICA(N) dated 10th June, 2026, issued by the Chief Secretary, Govt of West Bengal. Your attention is drawn to **clause (b)** of the said Order, which mandates that all Government, Government-aided, and Government-sponsored colleges, universities shall observe ***Paschimbanga Divas*** on **20th June, 2026** in a befitting manner.

The following activities are specifically required to be organized by educational institutions under your purview:

- a) **Special lectures** in universities and colleges.
- b) **Essay, debate, and quiz competitions** in higher educational institutions.
- c) **Publication of educational material** in Bengali and English.
- d) **Establishment of annual memorial lectures** in State Universities.

You are requested to observe and inform all affiliated Colleges within your jurisdiction to ensure wide participation of students, faculty members, officers and staff so that the objectives underlying the observance of *Paschimbanga Divas* are effectively realized.

A brief report, along with photographs of the program conducted, may please be forwarded to the Higher Education Department (paschimbangadivas@gmail.com) in the prescribed manner by 25 June 2026 for compilation and record.

The matter may be treated as important and necessary action may kindly be taken accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated.


**Addl. Chief Secretary,
Higher Education Department**

Memo No 783/1(4)-Edn (CS)

Date: 12.06.26

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to communicate all colleges:

1. The Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal
2. The Director of Technical Education, West Bengal
3. PS to Hon'ble MIC, HED
4. Sr. PA to Chief Secretary, Govt of West Bengal


**Addl. Chief Secretary,
Higher Education Department**



Government of West Bengal
Information & Cultural Affairs Department
Nabanna (9th Floor) Howrah-711 102

No. 2966-ICA(N)

Dated the 10 June, 2026

ORDER

Pursuant to the Cabinet decision No 28 dated 3rd June 2026 of the Govt. of West Bengal, it has been decided to observe Paschimbanga Divas (West Bengal Day) on the 20 June 2026 in the State in all districts headquarters and all educational institutions in a befitting manner to commemorate the rich cultural heritage, history and traditions of West Bengal to mark the occasion of the legislative act leading to the creation of the State West Bengal.

The principal objective is to create and sustain public awareness regarding the history of Bengal and the partition of Bengal within India. It also aims to foster greater interest, a sense of responsibility, spirit of fraternity, brotherhood and unity thereby strengthening social cohesion and collective identity towards heritage culture and legacy of West Bengal.

Accordingly, the following instructions are issued:

(a) District-Level Observance-

A district-level programme shall be organized in every district which will include-

- (i) District observance, cultural festivals, exhibitions and seminars.
- (ii) Public outreach programme through libraries, museums and cultural intuitions.

For effective planning, coordination and implementation of the programme a District Level West Bengal Day Celebration Committee in each district is hereby formed with the following composition:

1. District Magistrate – Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Police / Commissioner of Police – Member(s)
3. Additional District Magistrate – Member
4. Chief Medical Officer of Health – Member
5. District Education Officer / District Inspector of Schools – Member
6. Municipal Commissioner of Corporation/ Executive Officer of Municipalities – Member
7. District Inspector of Schools (Secondary)/(Primary)- Member
8. MPs/MLAs to be nominated by the District Magistrate – Member(s)
9. District Information & Cultural Officer – Member-Secretary

Ministers / MOS(IC) / MOS from the districts and MLAs should invariably be invited to inaugurate / attend programme being organized by the districts.

(b) Educational Institutions-

All Government/ Government-aided/ Government-sponsored schools, colleges, universities, polytechnics, ITIs and other educational institutions shall organize special assemblies to observe Paschimbanga Divas (West Bengal Day) on 20 June 2026 in a befitting manner which will include-

- (i) Special lectures in universities and colleges
- (ii) Essay, debate and quiz competitions in schools and higher educational institutions
- (iii) Publication of educational material in Bengali and English
- (iv) Establishment of annual memorial lectures in State universities

This order shall come into effect immediately.


Chief Secretary to the
Govt. of West Bengal

No. ²¹⁶ /1(100)-ICA(N)

Dated the 10th June, 2026


Copy to :

1-50) The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
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51-73) The District Magistrate (All) district

74-96) The Superintendent of Police (All) district

97-119) The District Information & Cultural Officer (All) district


Principal Secretary to the
Govt. of West Bengal