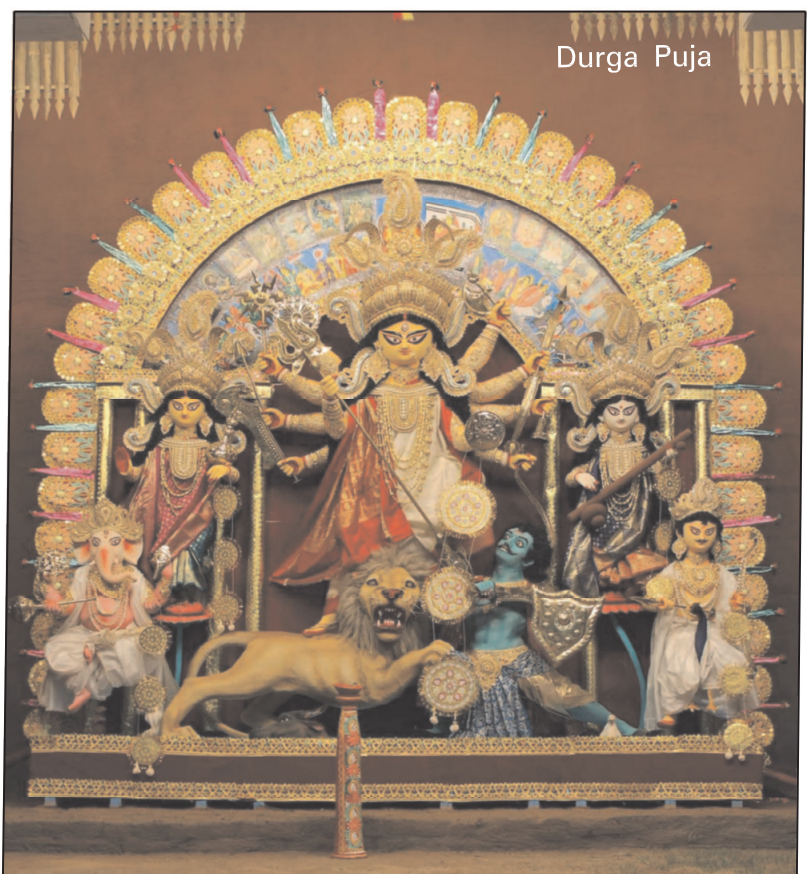


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West Bengal, the thirteenth largest and fourth most populous state in India, is a land of rich cultural heritage and abundant natural resources. Its capital, Kolkata, is often regarded as the cultural capital of India. Spanning 88,752 square kilometres, the state is home to 91,047,286 people (2011 Census) and features a predominantly tropical monsoonal climate varying with topography.

Located in the Eastern Region of India, West Bengal boasts diverse landscapes. In the north, the snowy foothills of the Himalayas host Darjeeling, a world-renowned hill station often called the 'Queen of the Hills'. To the south, the Bay of Bengal is home to the Sundarbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its breathtaking scenery, diverse flora and fauna and the iconic Royal Bengal Tiger. The Sundarbans also holds the distinction of being the world's largest mangrove forest.

West Bengal has long been a cradle of revolution and reform. The 1857 revolt against British rule began in Barrackpore, led by Mangal Pandey. The state takes pride in its illustrious figures, including social reformers like Rishi Ram Mohan Roy and Chandra Shekhar Basu, and leaders of the Indian independence movement like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, humanitarian Mother Teresa (winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and Bharat Ratna) and Satyajit Ray, the first Indian to win an Academy Award and recipient of 32 National Film Awards. The state has also produced Nobel Laureate economists Amartya Sen and Abhijit Banerjee.

The cultural tapestry of West Bengal is vibrant and unique. The Baul tradition, a distinctive form of Bengali folk music and dance, thrives here alongside classical music like Rabindra Sangeet and Nazm Geet. The state is renowned for its Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products, including Namak Kalia (imitate embroidery on textiles), Bengal Dokra (metal craft), Bengal Patachitra (sacred paintings), Darjeeling Tea (celebrated as the finest in the world) and Bangla Rosogolla (a beloved sweet). West Bengal is also famous for the Kalighat Temple, one of the 51 Shakti Peethas. Durga Puja festival is celebrated with unparalleled enthusiasm in West Bengal.

Bengali, a language with a rich literary tradition, is the primary language spoken in the state, alongside Nepali, Hindi and English. The linguistic region is nourished by the holy Ganga River and its tributary Bhagirathi Hooghly and its tributaries Mayurakshi, Ajay, Damodar, Kangsabati and Rupnarayan. The northern hilly areas are fed by rivers like the Teesta, Toru, Jaldhaka and Mahananda.

West Bengal is endowed with abundant natural resources, making it a leader in agriculture, horticulture, and fisheries. It ranks among the largest producers of rice and fish in India and is the third largest coal producer with 107 coal mines in the Raniganj and Asansol region of Paschim Bardhaman District. The state's industrial landscape includes iron and steel, paper, textiles, jute, bio-chemicals, oil refineries, shipbuilding and engineering. Key agricultural crops include rice, potatoes, sugarcane, wheat, jute, maize, pulses, oilseeds and barley.

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