

## IN FOCUS ►

The West Bengal government has made Bengali language compulsory in all schools, including private English-medium schools. Hon'ble Chief Minister described it as the State government's "three-language formula." According to her, this arrangement would enable students to reach "regional, national and international standards." She further added. "Students have the freedom to take any language of their choice as a first language, second or third language. If the student chooses Bengali, Hindi, English, Urdu, Gurmukhi, Nepali, Alchiki as the first language, he/she may opt for two other languages of their choice. One of the three languages has to be Bengali."



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- Bengal creates record in thalassaemia testing
- 70 State bus terminuses to be renovated and modernised
- West Bengal Govt will provide basic infrastructure to banks for rural branches
- KMC's first blood bank coming up in south Kolkata
- New Town to get first state-run pet burial ground

## BEAUTIFUL BENGAL ►

Sitalpati from Cooch Behar district of Bengal has been recognised as an 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Barokodali, Ghughumari and Nakkati-Pushnadanga of Cooch Behar district are the most important centers of Sitalpati.



Sitalpati from Cooch Behar