

West Bengal Transgender Development Board



Under the Aegis of
**Department of Women & Child Development and
Social Welfare**

Government of West Bengal

Background

Hon'ble Supreme Court passed the order on a PIL filed by National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) urging the court to give separate identity to transgender by recognizing them as third category of gender for the purpose of safeguarding their rights under Part III of our Constitution (Equality before law, Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth) and the laws made by the Parliament and the State Legislature. The Supreme Court directed the federal and State governments to include transgender people in all welfare programs for the poor, including education, health care and jobs to help them overcome social and economic challenges. Federal and state governments will need to recognize the third gender. In this regard, the Government of West Bengal has shown unprecedented efforts to address issues of transgender. A State level consultation meet was planned by the DWCD & SW for social inclusion of transgender. As a background work of the state meet, a meeting was conducted with six representatives of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) working with Transgender in West Bengal at the office of State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW). After that a meeting was held in Secretary's Chamber of DWCD & SW with concerned departments.

State consultations meet on Rehabilitation and Welfare of Transgender

The State consultations meet on Rehabilitation and Welfare of Transgender was organized by CD and WD & SW Department on 15th July, 2014 with representatives of different departments, Study Centres and TG Community Based Organizations. This community consultation helped crystallizing issues and significantly brought the need for urgent and special attention to the Transgender/ Hijra community. Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble MOS (IC) of DWCD & SW kindly presided over the meet.

Transgender Development Board

Dr. Shashi Panja, HMOS(IC), Department of WCD and SW	Chairperson
Dr. Manabi Bandyopadhyay, Principal, Krishnagar Women's College	Vice-Chairperson
Director, Social Welfare	Ex-officio Member
Law Officer attached to Department of WCD & SW	Ex-officio Member
Bipul Kumar Biswas, Secretary, WBWDU	Member-Secretary
Leena Gangopadhyay, Chairperson, WBWDU	Ex-officio Member
Churni Gangopadhyay, Activist	Member
Anindya Dutta, M to F TG	Member
Anjali Mondol, Representative of Hijra Community	Member
Chief Functionary of Amitie Trust, Kolkata	Member
Sutanuka Bhattacharya, Scholar working for TG	Member
Payel Ghosh (Neel), F to MTG	Member
Ranjita Sinha, M to F TG	Member

State Coordination Committee

A **State Coordination Committee (SCC)** of West Bengal Transgender Development Board has been formed to coordinate the activities of WBTGDB with different Departments of the Government. State Coordination Committee was notified vide notification No. 1726/ISW/4S-54/MOS/ WCDSW / 14, dated 17.04.2015.

The Coordination Committee is formed as detailed below:-

I Minister in charge of the Department WD & SW	Chairperson
ii) Secretary holding charge of Department WD & SW	Executive Chairperson
iii) Secretary, Health & Family Development Department	Member
iv) Secretary, School Education Department	Member
v) Secretary, Backward Classes Development Department	Member
vi) Secretary, Technical Education Department	Member
vii) Secretary, Law Department	Member
viii) Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Police	Member
ix) DIG, CID, West Bengal Police	Member
x) Secretary, State Legal Services Authority	Member
xi) Chairperson, West Bengal Women Commission	Member
xii) Chairperson, West Bengal SCPCR	Member
xiii) Member Secretary, SCPS	Member
xiv) Member Secretary, WBTGDB	Member - Secretary
xv) All the Non Official members of WBTGDB	Member



ACHIEVEMENT

Department of Women and Child Development & Social Welfare Department has been awarded with 'Skoch Smart Governance Award' under 'SOCIAL (MINORITIES INCLUDING SEXUAL MINORITIES)' category for West Bengal Transgender Development Board on September 2015.

First meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The 1st meeting of the newly constituted WBTGD Board was held on 10th July 2015 at C.S. Conference Hall, 13th Floor, Nabanna. All honorable members were present. Key points discussed in meeting are:

- Organize a state level workshop
 - To form district units of TGDB
 - To take up awareness generation and sensi-tization programme including health related issues
- The logo of WBTGDB was adopted in the 1st meeting. The Logo has been designed by Smt. Leena Gangopadhyay.



Second Meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The 2nd Meeting of WBTDB was held on 10th September 2015 at Conference Hall of DWCD & SW Bikash Bhavan. The forthcoming activities were discussed and resolutions on these issues were taken.

It was resolved that a Grievance Redressal Sub-Committee will be formed to address and handle the grievances received. The Members of sub-committee are:

Aparna Banerjee, Payel Ghosh (Neel) and Ranjita Sinha.

Third meeting of West Bengal Transgender Gender Development Board

The 3rd Meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board was held on 1st December 2015 at Conference Hall of DWCD & SW 10th Floor, Bikash Bhavan. Audio Clipping were finalized for playing in FM channels for mass awareness.

Fourth meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The 4th Meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board was held on 27th September 2016 at Conference Hall of DWCD & SW at Bikash Bhavan. A list of Resource Persons was finalized for conducting sensitization programme.

Fifth meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The 5th Meeting of West Bengal Transgender Development Board was held on 5th January 2017 at Conference Hall of DWCD & SW at Bikash Bhavan.

First meeting of State Coordination Committee of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The 1st meeting of State Coordination Committee of WBTGDB was held on 28th July 2015 at the Conference Hall of Bikash Bhawan. Dr. Shashi Panja, HMOS (IC) DWCD & SW & the Chairperson of the Committee delivered valuable suggestions. All the non-official board members and representatives from the member departments actively participated and discussed the action points of concerned departments. It was discussed that Department of Health and Family Welfare would be requested to accord approval to SRS units and separate toilets for TG in government hospitals.

Second meeting of State Coordination Committee of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The 2nd meeting of State Coordination Committee of West Bengal Transgender Development Board was held on 7th January 2016 at the Department's Conference Hall of Bikash Bhawan. It was resolved that Nodal officers for dealing with TG issues may be nominated from each Department. All the board members and representatives from the member departments were present in the meeting and they actively participated in the agenda wise discussion.

Third meeting of State Coordination Committee of West Bengal Transgender Development Board

The third meeting of State Coordination Committee of West Bengal Transgender Development Board was held on 5th January 2017 at the Conference Hall of Bikash Bhawan. All the board members and representatives from the member departments were present in the meeting and they actively participated in the agenda wise discussions.

IEC

Awareness generation was done through Big FM on Transgender issues in 2016.

Structure of WBTGDB

- WBTGDB

- District Cell of WBTGDB

- Associations of Transgender Community

We respect a person for her/his qualities and reject him for her/his vices. So discriminating someone on the basis of gender or sex is not only irrational, but a crime too.



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HMOS (IC), DWCD & SW
and Chairperson, WBTGDB



Dr. Manabi Bandhyopadhyay
Vice Chairperson, WBTGDB



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Secretary DWCD & SW
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