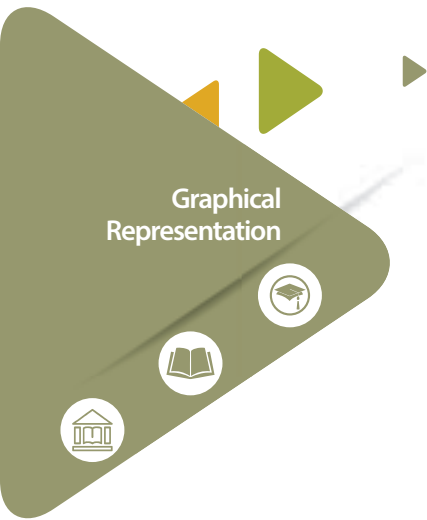
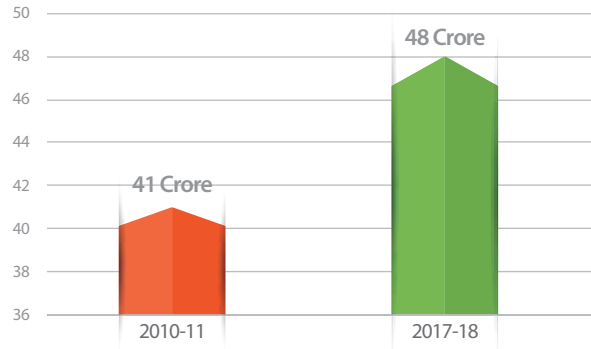




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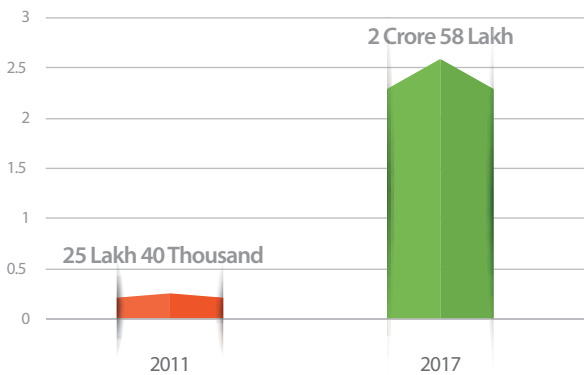


### Budget Allocation of Directorate of Mass Education Extension (in ₹)



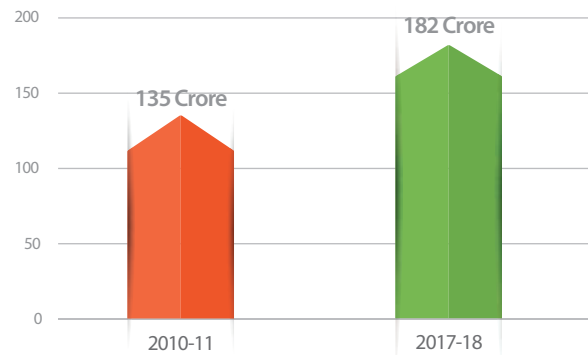
- Significant increase in allocation
- Increased importance for the education of the masses

### Scholarship to Differently Abled Students (in ₹)



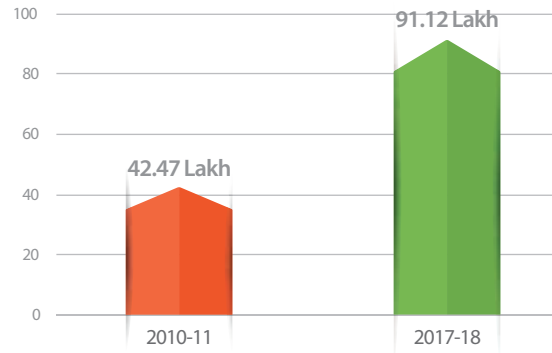
- More than 10 times increase
- Extending benefit to the less privileged

### Budget Fund Release of Directorate of Library Services (in ₹)



- Significant increase in release of fund
- More focus on spreading the light of education

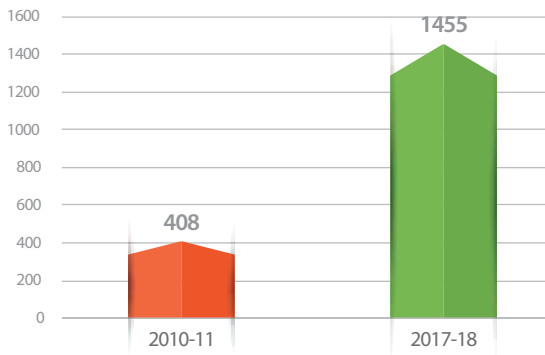
**Amount Spent towards Computerisation of Libraries (in ₹)**



- More than 2 times increase
- Greater thrust towards computerisation

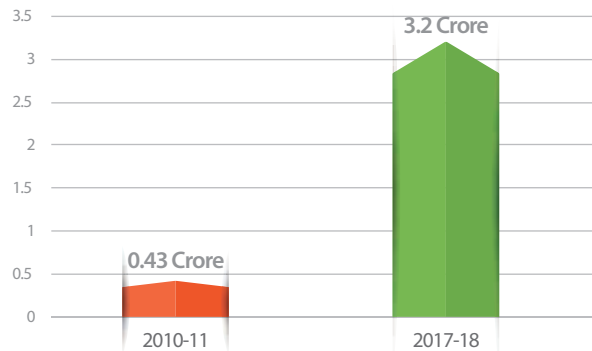
**Non -Govt. Non-Sponsored Libraries benefitted by Financial Assistance**

Libraries Benefitted



**Amount of Assistance to Non -Govt. Non-Sponsored Libraries (in ₹)**

Amount Released (In Rupees)





Significant  
Achievements

### Directorate of Mass Education Extension

- **Initiatives for students with disabilities and inmates of Social Welfare Homes:**
  - The scheme of e-learning of Indian Sign Language (ISL) based Grammar for normal and specially abled students has been sanctioned.
  - **Maintenance grant for the inmates of Social Welfare Homes under the administrative control of Mass Education Extension & Library Service Department has been enhanced from Rs. 1,250 to Rs. 1,600 per inmate per month.**
  - **The rate of scholarship for the students with disabilities and the family income of the students have been also increased.**
  - The norm of fixing upper age limit for staying of inmates in the Social Welfare Homes has been modified and as per modified order the inmates are allowed to stay in the Social Welfare Homes till they pass H.S. Exam or attain 18 years of age whichever is earlier.
  - **To meet the need of the districts, intake capacity of the Social welfare Homes has been increased from 6,995 to 7,587.**

- **New scheme to provide the School bag, School shoes to the inmates of Social Welfare Homes has been introduced.**
- **New scheme to provide reference books to the inmates of Social Welfare Homes has been introduced.**
- **Scheme of one-time grant for non-recognized and non-sponsored institutions has been introduced.**
- **Grant for Educational Tour has also been sanctioned for the students with disabilities and inmates of Social Welfare Homes.**
  - ✓ Construction of 100 bedded dormitory buildings for Bankura State Welfare Home has been completed.
  - ✓ Possession of 1.5 acres land has been taken up for construction of building for Contai State Welfare Home for Girls.  
State Level Sports Meet among the inmates of Social Welfare Homes has been organized in the year 2017-18.
  - ✓ Special Schools and S.W. Homes under the control of MEE & LS Deptt. have been plotted on the GIS map along with relevant data.
  - ✓ Greetings card on the eve of the New Year 2017 have been printed with the sketches drawn by the students with disabilities and inmates of Social welfare homes.
  - ✓ **Webel Mediatronics Limited has been roped in to provide free Braille Text books among the visually impaired students of Sponsored Special Schools.**
- **Initiatives for Sponsored Special Schools:**
  - ✓ **The management structure of Special Schools sponsored by the State Government has been revamped.**



## Significant Achievements

- ✓ **Hostel subsidy and contingency of the students of Sponsored Special Schools has been enhanced from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,600 per student per month and Rs. 400 to Rs. 700 per student per annum, respectively.**
- ✓ **School Education Department has been roped in to provide free text book, implementation of ICT and free mid-day meal among the students in Sponsored Special Schools.**
- ✓ **Health Department has been roped in to provide free health check up to the students and inmates of Sponsored Special Schools and Welfare Homes.**
- ✓ **Women Development & Social Welfare Department has been roped in for extending the benefits of Kanyashree Prakalpa for the Girl students of Sponsored Special Schools.**
  - ✓ Nabadwip APC Blind School, Nadia & Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mission for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Suryapur, North 24 Parganas have been upgraded up to Class X standard.
- **Saakshar Bharat Programme** is now under implementation in 9 (nine) districts of Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, Birbhum, Bankura and Purulia.
  - ✓ More than 49 lakhs non-literates were mobilized for undergoing Basic Literacy Course.
  - ✓ 20 Model Adult Education Centres under SBP have been set-up, sponsored by CONCORD under Corporate Social Responsibility in Saakshar Bharat districts.
- Regional office of Mass Education Extension Directorate at Malda has been inaugurated for better monitoring of the issues of 4 districts of Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and Murshidabad.

### Directorate of Library Services

- **Public Library Day in West Bengal for the year 2013-2014 has been observed in a befitting manner for the first time.**
- Public awareness has been made from the end of the Public Libraries towards implementation of 'Kanyasree Prakalpa' of Govt. of West Bengal.
- **Women's corners in different Govt. & Govt. sponsored libraries in the State have been opened to increase access to women readers including neo-literates in identified areas particularly in areas dominated by the minorities and other marginalized segments of population in the State.**
- Improvement of infrastructural facilities were given emphasis especially in the SC, ST, OBC, Minority Community concentrated areas of West Bengal and Hill Areas.
- There was a quantum jump in fund release amounting to more than Rs. 3 crore to more than 125 public libraries in Jangalmahal Areas.
- More than 135 libraries situated in Hill Areas of Darjeeling have received grant of more than Rs. 5 crore for building construction.
- Fund received by libraries situated in the SC/ST areas was more than Rs. 13 crore.
- **Steps have been taken for opening of study centres in 7 Govt. Public Library for availing the study materials of Netaji Subhas Open University.**
- **Materials regarding competitive examination were made available more and more among the library readers as well as examinees of various competitive examinations in Career Guidance programme of the libraries.**



Significant  
Achievements

- **A completely new initiative has been taken to open “Read your Own Book” section in State Central Library where anybody with little or no space to read at home may come to the library with own books.**
- Setting up of Information Centres in the District, Town/ Sub-divisional and some other libraries was one of the initiatives taken up.
- To improve library services of West Bengal, perspective planning has been almost completed. Final report has been submitted recommending the short term, midterm and long term measures to be taken up.
- More than 400 libraries were given computers with internet connection for the benefit of the readers.
- Disbursement of salaries of the employees of Government Sponsored Public Libraries has been ensured on the first day of the every month directly in the individual employee’s name through public sector Banks.



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- 1 Observance of 50th International Literacy Day on 8th September 2017
- 2 Newly constructed 100 bedded dormitory building of Bankura State Welfare Home
- 3 Greeting card printed with sketches by differently-abled students on the eve of New Year 2017
- 4 State level sports meet 2017 for inmates of Welfare homes in Kolkata
- 5 Evaluation of learners at Malda district under Saakshar Bharat Programme

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- 6 Public Library Day observations since 2013 have made huge impact on the public
- 7 Career Guidance in Libraries has been hugely popular with the unemployed youth
- 8 Information Corners in libraries are also popular among the readers
- 9 Inauguration of South 24 Pgs District Book Fair 2017
- 10 District Review meeting in Paschim Medinipur and Jhargram District at Midnapore on 15.03.2018