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Chief Minister of West Bengal arrives in the Netherlands, will  showcase award winning Government scheme in UN Conference on Public Service Delivery, meet Dutch business leaders and investors

Ms. Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of the Indian state of West Bengal arrived in the Netherlands yesterday, June 19, 2017 on a visit during which she will attend the United Nations Public Service Forum entitled “The Future is Now: Accelerating Public Service Innovation for Agenda 2030”. Ms. Banerjee will participate in the Ministerial Roundtable on ‘Accelerating Innovations in Public Service’. Her delegation will make a presentation on Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme and a stall will be set up by the West Bengal Government in the event’s Innovation Fair.

Ms. Banerjee will also participate in a Business Meet on West Bengal organized jointly by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), and VNO-NCW, the leading employers’ association in the Netherlands. She will have a meeting with the Royal Dutch Football Association (KNVB), the governing body of Football in the Netherlands on the promotion of Football in West Bengal.

For further updates on the Chief Minister’s visit, follow “India in Netherlands” on our facebook, twitter and instagram accounts.

West Bengal is the biggest state in Eastern India and the 5th largest contributor to India's net domestic product. It is India's fourth-most populous state, with over 91 million inhabitants (as of 2011). Manufacturing industries constitute an important part of its economy, including engineering products, electronics, electrical equipment, cables, textiles, and automobiles, among others. It is also a major agricultural state.

Kolkata, the state capital, is the seventh-largest city in India and one of the major centres for football in India. It is home to top national football clubs such as East Bengal and Mohun Bagan.

Mamata Banerjee has been Chief Minister of the state since 2011. The ruling TMC party has an absolute majority of 211 seats in a house of 294 during her second 5 year tenure at the office.

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