

Department profile: West Bengal Police (WBP) is the police force of the state of West Bengal in India. It was reorganized under provisions of the Police Act 1861 during the British Raj. Today, it is headed by an officer designated as the Director General and Inspector General of Police who reports to the State Government through the Home (Police) Department. Shri Naparajit Mukherjee IPS took over as the Director General & Inspector General of Police (DG & IGP) of West Bengal Police on August 31, 2010. West Bengal Police has jurisdiction concurrent with the eighteen revenue districts of the State (excluding the metropolitan city of Kolkata) and one police district. This comprises one of the two General Police Districts (GPD) of West Bengal as under the Police Act 1861. The other General Police District consists of the major portion of the metropolitan area of Kolkata, and has a separate police force (Kolkata Police) constituted and administered under the Calcutta Police Act 1866 & Calcutta (Suburban Police) Act 1866. This arrangement, unique in India, was conceived during colonial times when Calcutta was the capital of British India. The city police have been kept independent of the state police force.