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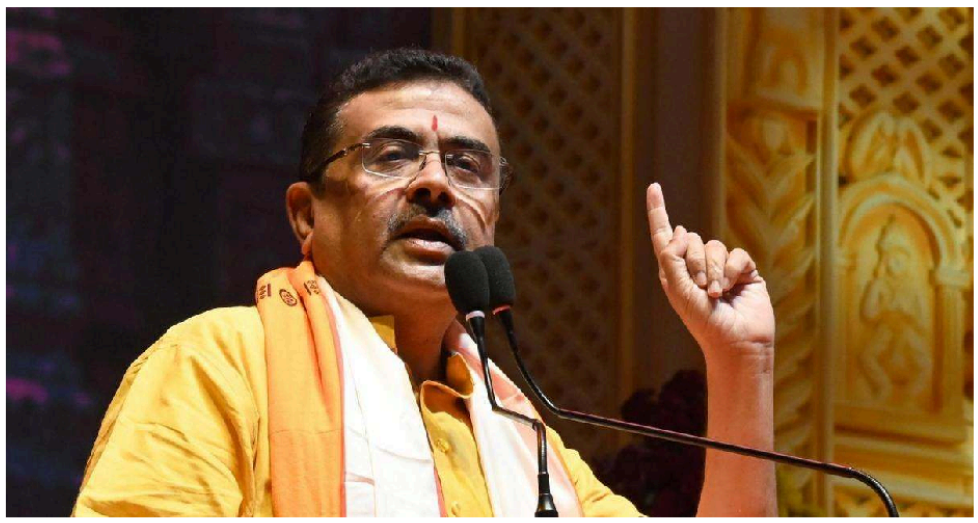

CHENNAI – 25 Nov, 2026 The story so far: On November 23, 2026, West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari said that the State will be referred to as 'Paschim Banga' in all languages including English.

Adhikari said the State Cabinet had passed the proposal and a new resolution to the effect would be tabled in the Assembly on December 9. "West Bengal will be known as 'Paschim Banga' in English as well. The name must be written exactly as 'Paschim Banga'. We will introduce a resolution in the Assembly on the 9th. After its passage, it will be sent to the Government of India for the necessary parliamentary and legal procedures," the Chief Minister told presspersons.