



Government of West Bengal
Information & Cultural Affairs Department
Nabanna (9th Floor) Howrah-711 102

No. 4194-ICA(N)

Date 13.08.26

ORDER

Subject: Withdrawal and annulment of Banga Bibhushan conferred upon Shri Nagendra Ray alias Ananta Maharaj

Whereas Shri Nagendra Ray alias Ananta Maharaj was conferred the **Banga Bibhushan** by the Government of West Bengal on **21st February, 2026**;

And whereas the said honour is conferred in recognition of distinguished and exemplary contribution to the State and its people and carries with it a high degree of dignity and prestige;

And whereas, subsequent to the conferment of the honour, certain facts and circumstances which have arisen/subsequently come to the notice of the Government are considered to be of such nature and seriousness as to raise a question as to the continued retention of the aforesaid honour by Shri Nagendra Ray alias Ananta Maharaj and as to whether such continued retention is consistent with the dignity, prestige and purpose of the honour;

And whereas the material available on record, has been duly considered by the competent authority;

And whereas, upon such consideration, the competent authority is satisfied that the continued retention of the Banga Bibhushan by Shri Nagendra Ray alias Ananta Maharaj is inconsistent with the dignity, prestige and purpose of the honour;

Now, therefore, the Government of West Bengal hereby withdraws and annuls the Banga Bibhushan conferred upon Shri Nagendra Ray alias Ananta Maharaj on 21st February, 2026 with immediate effect.

Consequently, Shri Nagendra Ray alias Ananta Maharaj shall cease to be entitled to represent himself as a recipient of the Banga Bibhushan and shall not hereafter use, claim or derive any recognition, privilege or benefit specifically arising from such conferment.

All concerned are hereby directed to take necessary action for deletion of his name from the relevant official records/lists of recipients of the Banga Bibhushan and for consequential action in accordance with this order.

This order shall take effect from the date of its issue.

 13.8.26
(Kausik Basak, IAS)
Special Commissioner &
Director Culture