

Shri Adhikari Soumendu

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha

Kanthi, West Bengal

Bharatiya Janata Party



Shri Adhikari Soumendu is a Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Bharatiya Janata Party representing Kanthi in West Bengal. Currently, he is serving as Member, Committee on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development.

He is a former Chairman, Kanthi Municipality, and was earlier part of AITC. He is the brother of senior ex-TMC and current BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari.

Born in 1983, his highest qualification is M.A. English from Vidyasagar University.

I. Positions Held

Year(s)	Position/Role	Details
1995	Elected Councillor, Contai Municipality	Started political career with Indian National Congress before TMC formation
2000s	Joined Trinamool Congress (TMC)	Active in local governance and regional party activities in Purba Medinipur
2006	Elected Chairman, Kanthi Municipality	Oversaw urban governance, infrastructure development, municipal services, and welfare programs
2006 - 2020	Chairman / Board of Administrator, Kanthi Municipality	Led municipal affairs, development projects, and welfare schemes implementation
Late 2000s - 2010s	Influential TMC Regional Organizer	Consolidated TMC's base in Purba Medinipur, led electoral campaigns
2017 - 2019	Political Moderator within TMC	Helped maintain cadre loyalty amid factionalism and rising prominence of brother Suwendu Adhikari
Mid-2020	Distanced from Active TMC Politics	Abstained from party activities signaling differences
December 2020	Removed as Chairperson of Contai Municipality (TMC-led govt)	Political fallout leading to removal
	Joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	Defected with key local TMC leaders following brother Suwendu Adhikari
2020 - 2024	BJP Regional Leader & Organizer	Mobilized TMC councillors/workers to BJP; expanded party base in Purba Medinipur
June 2024 - Present	Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Kanthi Constituency	Elected in 2024 general elections; representing BJP

II. Parliamentary Activities (2024-Present)

- A. Adhikari Soumendu has maintained around 97% attendance in the Lok Sabha, participated in over 14 debates, and asked more than 5 questions.
- B. Major themes raised during debates:

1. Development and improvement of infrastructure in Kanthi and Purba Medinipur, including transport and urban amenities.
 2. Enhancement of employment opportunities and economic growth within the constituency.
 3. Expansion and effectiveness of social welfare programs, particularly related to health, education, and sanitation.
 4. Focus on environmental protection and sustainable disaster management measures in his region.
 5. Promotion of regional identity and culture, fostering local heritage preservation and cultural programs.
 6. Discussions on labour, textiles, and skill development as parts of national economic policies, reflecting committee memberships and specialization.
- C. Major Questions asked:
1. Specific issues of municipal governance, such as civic services and infrastructure challenges in Kanthi.
 2. Queries on public health facilities, drinking water, and sanitation improvements.
 3. Attention to agricultural support schemes and rural development initiatives relevant to his constituency.
 4. Questions related to law and order and public safety concerns in the region.
 5. Focus on education policies and youth welfare schemes aimed at skill-building and empowerment.

III. Social Work and Community Engagement

- A. Worked for improvement of urban infrastructure and water supply in Kanthi Municipality focusing on roads, sanitation, and clean drinking water.
- B. Organized health check-up camps regularly in Contai and nearby rural areas during his chairmanship (2006-2020) to address basic healthcare access.
- C. Promoted scholarships and educational support for economically weaker students in Kanthi region throughout 2018-2020.
- D. Led disaster relief efforts, providing food and clothing during floods in Purba Medinipur district in 2017 and 2019 monsoons.
- E. Led cleanliness drives aligned with Swachh Bharat Mission in Kanthi municipality areas.
- F. Advocated and facilitated vocational training programs for youth in Kanthi between 2018 and 2020 to boost employment.

- G. After becoming MP in 2024, continued social outreach by supporting rural electrification and road construction projects in Kanthi and adjoining villages (2024-2025).
- H. Supported farmers with awareness camps on crop insurance and bio-fertilizers conducted in Keshiapara block in 2024.
- I. Coordinated community mobilization for women empowerment initiatives and sanitation awareness in villages under his constituency from 2024 onwards.

IV. Views on Business and Industry

- A. Supports local economic growth through infrastructure improvement and job creation in Kanthi and Purba Medinipur.
- B. Advocates skill development programs aligned with national initiatives like Skill India to empower youth.
- C. Promotes ease of doing business to attract investment, focusing on SMEs and agro-industries.
- D. Emphasizes transparency and accountability in development projects to reduce corruption.
- E. Encourages use of modern technology and sustainable practices in agriculture and rural industry.
- F. Supports schemes for urban development, sanitation, and public health as key to economic progress.
- G. Endorses self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) emphasizing boost to local manufacturing and job creation.

V. Soumendu Adhikari Controversies

- A. Questioned for over 10 hours by Contai police in 2022 over alleged irregularities in street lighting and land use during his municipal tenure.
- B. Named in FIR related to alleged misappropriation of land and funds for shops at Rangamati Cremation Ground; protected by Calcutta HC from arrest in 2023.
- C. Accused of involvement in Cyclone Yaas relief theft case and flood relief material misappropriation in 2021; case challenged as political vendetta.
- D. Faced allegations of corruption and irregularities in Contai municipality projects during chairmanship, leading to police probes and media scrutiny.
- E. Filed plea against removal from Contai Municipality chairperson post, with Supreme Court dismissing state govt's challenge in 2021.
- F. Pressed for FIR against Mamata Banerjee in 2025 for alleged misinformation involving Delhi police incident video.

VI. Soumendu Adhikari Social Media and Media Presence Analysis

A. Social Media:

1. [Facebook](#) - 7.1k+ followers; very good consistency, and very good traction; Content type - party activities, tribute posts, constituency activities, people outreach, personal highlights, packaged reels, leadership meets etc.
2. [Twitter](#) - 613+ followers; account active since Lok Sabha 2024 elections; good consistency and very good traction; Content type - party activities, tweets on issues of political, regional and national importance, personal highlights, packaged reels, leadership meets etc.

- B. **Electronic & Print Media:** Adhikari Soumendu has garnered notable national media coverage in platforms such as NDTV, Indian Express, News18, and The Times of India, featuring his complaint against Mamata Banerjee for sharing an allegedly fake Delhi police video in 2025, allegations and FIRs over alleged flood relief material misappropriation during Cyclone Yaas, and legal proceedings related to his removal from the Contai municipality administration. His parliamentary activities and statements criticizing rival political parties also frequently make national headlines. Regionally, Soumendu Adhikari receives extensive coverage in West Bengal's leading print and digital media such as The Telegraph Kolkata, Anandabazar Patrika, Bartaman, and Ei Samay, along with television channels like Kolkata TV and ABP Ananda. Key coverages include his intense political rivalry with the Trinamool Congress, including electoral battles in Kanthi, his municipal governance controversies, and grassroots development initiatives. His role in mobilizing local BJP cadres and his family's dominant political presence in Purba Medinipur are regularly highlighted in regional news narratives.