Blast at cracker factory, 3 injured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 28

THREE PEOPLE including a woman were seriously injured during a blast at a cracker factory in Champahati on Saturday afternoon. All three injured were shifted to the nearby government hospital and are said to be in critical condition. The police informed that the cracker-manufacturing unit was operating from the house of one Pintu Mandal in the Sardar Para area of Haral village in Champahati under Baruipur police station.

A fire started from the explosion and burnt down the house, police said, adding that the blast may have occurred during the manufacture of 'socket crackers'.

A huge police force has been deployed in the area.

The police are investigating whether the factory had the requisite licence or not. Last month, a blast occurred at an illegal firecracker factory in Howrah's Uluberia, damaging more than 10 houses in the neighbourhood. Two days before that incident, three children died in another such blast at Gangarampur in Uluberia.

In May this year, a blast occurred at a Budge Budge house stacked with illegal firecrackers. Due to the blast, two women and one child died on the spot.

The police had arrested the owner of the house.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



Shaheed ASI Netrapal Singh
07-08-1971 To 29-12-2020
115 Bn

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE
29 December 2020

On 24 December 2020, a terrorist hiding in the crowd lobbed a grenade at CRPF troops of 115 Battalion on Naka duty at T Chowk, Dudherhama, Ganderbal. Despite the sudden attack, the troops displayed exceptional restraint to avoid civilian casualties. The terrorist fled, exploiting the chaos. ASI Netrapal Singh and Constable Mritunjoy Chutia sustained severe injuries and were evacuated to the hospital. Constable Mritunjoy Chutia attained martyrdom on 24 December, followed by ASI Netrapal Singh on 29 December. Their supreme sacrifice will forever inspire the nation.

NAME CHANGE

I, Minu Gazi wife of Late Md. Nizamuddin Gazi, residing at, 17, Satyen Park, P.O. Joka, P.S. Haridevpur, Kolkata-700104, District- South 24-Parganas, shall henceforth be known as MINU MUKHERJEE, as declared before the Ld. court of Judicial Magistrate, 1st class at Alipore South 24 Parganas, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 55280, Dated 29/08/2024 and the Conversion Certificate issued by Arya Samaj Calcutta vide Certificate no. 244, dated 9/9/2024. MINU GAZI and MINU MUKHERJEE both are same, one and identical person.

NOTICE

My Clients,(1) Nikhat Parveen,(2) Nabi Iman Ansari, had executed two registered Sale Deeds before A.D.S.R. Serampore, in the years 2008 and 2009 purchased from Renuka Biswas and others. vide Sale Deed No.1121 and 3967 which was performed by Power of Attorney Holder Manjiu Bikash Biswas appointed by Renuka Biswas and others, vide Power of Attorney Deed No. IV- 351/2006, A.D.S.R. Serampore Mouza -Mahesh , J.L. No. 15, R.S. Khatian Nos. 2390 and 2386, R.S. Dag Nos. 5118 and 5121, land measuring 02 Cottah 02 Chitack 29 Sq. ft. Basts. My client has applied for mutation of the aforesaid property in B.L. & L.R.O. Serampore. If anybody has any objection regarding this matter then he/she will contact in B.L. & L.R.O. Serampore within 21 (twenty-one) days. Prasun Kumar Gupta Advocate

Deptt. of Water Resources, Government of Odisha

"e" Procurement Notice No. ACEDC-CTC-02/2024-25

1. **Name of the Works:** Total 07 (Seven) nos. different Drainage works
2. **Estimated cost:** Rs. 101.34 lakh to 496.68 lakh
3. **Period of Completion:** 11(Eleven) months to 18 (Eighteen) months
4. **Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal:** From 11.30 hours of Dt. 01.01.2025 to 18.00 hours of Dt. 15.01.2025
5. **Last date/time for receipt of bids in the portal:** 18.00 hours of Dt.15.01.2025
6. **Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid:** Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Gandarpur, Cuttack-753003.
   e-mail id:- **sedrainagecirclecte@gmail.com**

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal of Odisha Government **https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** All information, notices, addendum, corrigendum, cancellation notice etc. if required, will be published in this portal.

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
Drainage Circle, Cuttack

OIPR 32518/11/0004/2425

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE FOR ELECTRICAL WORK

Tender Notice No. : Sr. DEE (RS & G) BSP/OTP/24-25-28, Dated: 17.12.2024.

Name of Work: Electrical portion of the work "Bilaspur Division: Center for development of differently abled wards of Railway employees under Sr. DEN/Settlement/BSP." **Tender Value (Approx.):** ₹ 12,18,557.69

EMD Amount : ₹ 24,400/-

Tender Closing Date & Time: 10.01.2025, 15.00 Hours.

For further details, eligibility criteria & complete details for the above work, please refer/ download tender document which is available on our website: **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engg.
CPR/10/396 (RS&G)/Bilaspur.

South East Central Railway @secrail

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Soma Chowdhuri, W/O-Shambhu Chowdhuri, residing at 5 No. Colony, Dakshin Rajyadharpur, P.O.- Mallickpara, P.S.- Serampore, Dist- Hooghly 712203. W.B. do hereby declare that my actual and correct spelling of my name and surname is Soma Chowdhuri which is recorded in my aadhar card vide No.4282 2976 6317& other valid documents. Due to a mistake in the E.C.H.S. card vide No. KL 0000 0796 0580 my name was written and recorded as Soma Chaudhury in place of Soma Chowdhuri. Shriram Chowdhuri court. 1st first class magistrate affidavit no.13105 date 26.12.24 declare that Soma Chowdhuri & Soma Chaudhury is the same and one identical person.

WATCH TOWERS SET UP TO MONITOR CROWDS

Security up in city after arrests of Bangla infiltrators: Kolkata Police Commissioner

'Strict watch on people coming from foreign countries & staying here or getting shelter'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA DECEMBER 28

SECURITY HAS been stepped up in Kolkata ahead of New Year revelry, following the arrest of two Bangladeshi infiltrators from the heart of the city, Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma said on Saturday. Verma said individuals arriving from foreign countries, as well as those seeking shelter in the city, would be strictly monitored.

Addressing a press conference at the Kolkata Police Headquarters, Verma said nearly 4,500 police officers would be deployed in the city on December 31 and January 1 to prevent untoward incidents.

Watch towers have been set up to monitor crowds and the traffic police would also maintain a strict vigil on reckless and drunk driving to prevent accidents and maintain road safety, he said.

Attention will be paid to ensuring the safety and security of women, children, and senior citizens and emergency services and patients will be given safe passage, Verma said.

He said, "Special teams in plain clothes will be there, also anti-crime measures team will be deployed and police assistant booths will be located at strategic locations and more than 50 naka points have been identified. With all kinds of inputs we have made arrangements. Kolkata police STF and other units have also been activated."

The Police Commissioner said personnel are also surveilling the city's hotels and guest houses and have asked the managements to verify the backgrounds of their employees also.



Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma addresses a press conference in Kolkata on Saturday. *Express*

"Because of the timely intervention of Kolkata Police, the recent arrests (of two Bangladeshi infiltrators) were possible," Verma said.

This comes days after the arrest of six persons in a fake passport case over the past few days. Two Bangladeshi nationals living illegally in the city were arrested with fake documents by personnel of the Park Street police station.

Addressing the concerns related to illegal Bangladeshi immigrants managing to secure Indian passports with fake documents, Verma said, "We are abiding by the guidelines of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and detailed discussions have been held with officers of different police stations."

"It is due to the surveillance that some people have been arrested. Detailed instructions have been given to the police department on what needs to be done and special surveillance is going on," said Verma.

Officers are visiting homes to verify the documents of passport applicants and the Kolkata Police are coordinating with the passport office to ensure there are no lapses, he added.

The West Bengal Police on Thursday night arrested a Bangladeshi national Mohammed Abidur Rahaman, 37, who has been illegally living in Kolkata for the past one year. He was produced in Bankshal court, which remanded him to police custody until January 6 for further questioning.

A fake Aadhaar card and PAN card have been seized from Rahaman, who is a resident of Narail district, Bangladesh, the police said on Friday. Rahaman claimed that he obtained the fake identity cards from an unknown place in North 24 Parganas, the police said.

Another Bangladeshi was arrested from Marquis Street near Park Street for living in Kolkata for years with fake documents. He was working at a lodge, police said.

Last month, former Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader Salim Matabbar, a resident of Bangladesh, was arrested last month for illegally staying in India.

Matabbar was living in Kolkata for the past two years as 'Ravi Sharma' and was arrested from Park Street on November 29 and all his fake documents were seized. The police filed a case against him under the Foreigners Act and have also charged him with sections related to cheating.

— WITH PTI

Fake passports: Verification process under scanner

TANUSREE BOSE
KOLKATA DECEMBER 28

THE PASSPORT verification process has come under the scanner of the Kolkata Police following the revelation that 73 Indian passports were issued to Bangladeshi citizens based on fake documents.

Sources said the police department had sought information from various municipalities and panchayats regarding the addresses provided in the documents, but they were informed that the addresses did not exist.

Among the local bodies, the police had sought information from Barasat Municipality, Bangaon Municipality, and Kadambagachi Gram Panchayat in Duttapukur, but all denied issuing any documents to attest the addresses.

It has also been learnt that fake West Bengal board mark sheets, admit cards, PAN cards, Aadhaar cards, and voter cards were used to get the passports in question, said sources.

Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma, said, "We have had a detailed discussion with passport department officers regarding the guidelines given by the Ministry of External Affairs...We have given a detailed briefing to our officers at police stations."

Till now, six people have been arrested in the passport case.

The Kolkata Police special investigation team and the Detective Department arrested one Moktar Alam from his home at Chhoto Jagulia in the Duttapukur police station area in the North 24 Parganas on Wednesday. Alam was arrested in a similar case by the Chinsurah police in 2021.

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

ZONAL OFFICE, SILIGURI
HILL CART ROAD, SILIGURI - 734001

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
DATE OF E-AUCTION: 30-01-2025

E-AUCTION will take place through portal named https://www.baanknet.com on 30-01-2025 between 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM with unlimited extension period of 10 minutes for each BID. LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS ON BEFORE 29-01-2025 UPTO 04:00PM

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the UCO Bank, the constructive/physical (mentioned in property details column against each property wherever applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of UCO Bank, will be sold on 30-01-2025 on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of Bank's dues.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE / MOVABLE PROPERTIES

SL. NO.	Name of the Branch & Account	Details of property & Name of the owner of the property	A. Outstanding Amount B. Demand Notice Date C. Possession Date	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Incremental Amount	Date of Inspection	Date/ Time of e-Auction
1.	**Branch:** Siliguri-Suri(0210) **Account Name:** Mr. Yadvender Kumar Mlnda **Co-applicant-** Mrs. Renu Mlnda **Account Number:** 02100610018910 **Branch Manager:** Dibash Majumder **Contact Number:** 9774443527	All that piece and parcel of residential flat No-E at 3rd floor of B+4 storied residential cum commercial building named as "ANJALI PLAZA" having super built up area of 1091 sq.ft along with undivided proportionate share of land in the name of Shri Yadvender Kumar Mlnda, S/o Shri Pawan Kumar Mlnda situated at Aslan Highway near Nawkaghat More, Ward No- XXXI (S.M.C), under Borough Committee no-IV(S.M.C), P.O Siliguri Bazar, P.S New Jalpaiguri, District- Jalpaiguri , Pin-734005, State-West Bengal, Title deed no. I-7125/2022 registered at the office of ADSR Bhaktinagar Dist Jalpaiguri dated 22.07.2022. **Boundaries of the Property - North:** Statutory open space **South:** Passage Flat of others. **East:** Statutory open space **West:** Flat of Others **(Property is under Bank's Symbolic Possession)**	A. ₹ 34,74,551.60 plus unapplied interest, charges, expenses & costs. B.15-07-2024 C.17-09-2024	₹ 42,12,000.00 ₹ 4,21,200.00 ₹ 10,000.00	21.01.2025 From 11:00 AM to 28.01.2025 04:00 PM	30.01.2025 from 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM With Unlimited 10 Minutes Auto Extension for each Bid.
2.	**Branch:** Raipur Birbhum(1710) **Account Name:** Mr. Kunal Sengupta **Account Number:** 17100610007396 **Branch Manager:** Mrinal Chandra Nag **Contact Number:** 8638964634	All that piece and parcel of land measuring 3.67 decimal along with single storied residential building in the name of Mr.Kunal Sengupta, S/O Late. Subhas Sengupta located at holding no-108/3/1, Kacharl Patty, Dutta Lane,Near Ranga Mati Hotel or Mangaldeep Lodge, Po+ P.S- Bolepur, Ward No-18, District-Birbhum, Pin-731204. State-West Bengal, Mouza- Bolipur, J.L. No-99, Khatian No-R.S-4708 L.R 21174, Plot No-R.S-8095 & L.R- 8139 having gift deed no)-532/2014 dated 29-06-2014. **Boundaries of the Property - North:** Building of Gokul Baurl **South:** Building of Bajar Majhi, **East;** Rail Property **West:** Building of Bimal Das & Road **(Property is under Bank's Symbolic Possession)**	A. ₹ 2,38,949.45 plus unapplied interest, charges, expenses & costs. B.15-07-2024 C.21-10-2024	₹ 9,63,000.00 ₹ 96,300.00 ₹ 5,000.00	21.01.2025 From 11:00 AM to 28.01.2025 04:00 PM	30.01.2025 from 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM With Unlimited 10 Minutes Auto Extension for each Bid.
3.	**Branch:** Burdwan Road (1706) **Account Name:** Mrs. Kanchan Jha **Co-applicant-** Mr. Santosh Kumar Jha **Account Number:** 17060610015636 **Branch Manager:** Manil Singh Rakhroy **Contact Number:** 7384162111	All that piece and parcel of residential flat measuring 800sq.ft(super buildup area) at 2nd floor and a car parking space measuring 135 sq.ft at ground floor along with proportionate share of land of a P+4 storied Residential building named as "KUBER SHREE" In the name of Smt. Kanchan Jha, W/o Shri Santosh Kumar Jha, located at Santosh Nagar, Ward No-V(S.M.C),under Borough Committee no-I(Siliguri Muncipal Corporation), P.O.-Siliguri Bazar, P.S-Siliguri, District-Darjeeling, Pin-734005, State-West Bengal recorded In R.S. Khatian No-178 or 2384(old), appertaining to and forming part of R.S. Plot No-2139/3654, Mouza-Siliguri, J.L.No-110(88), Pargana-Baikunthapur, within area of Siliguri Muncipal Corporation. Ward No-V bearing holding no-512/584/2 having deed no-I-606/2022 dated 18.02.2022 registered at office of Additional district Sub-Registrar Siliguri, Darjeeling. **Boundaries of Property - North-**25ft wide SMC **Road, South-**10Ft wide Road, **East-**14ft wide Road **West-**16ft Wide road and land and house of others **(Property is under Bank's Symbolic Possession)**	A. ₹ 22,77,142.00 plus unapplied interest, charges, expenses & costs. B. 16-02-2024 C. 09-05-2024	₹ 27,31,000.00 ₹ 2,73,100.00 ₹ 50,000.00	21.01.2025 From 11:00 AM to 28.01.2025 04:00 PM	30.01.2025 from 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM With Unlimited 10 Minutes Auto Extension for each Bid.

Terms and conditions;

1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and conditions of the sale is available/published in the following websites/web portal named **https://www.baanknet.com**
2. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**
3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the Information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
4. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, immediately and the remaining amount shall have to be paid within 15 days from the date of auction, In case of failure to deposit the amount within the time as stipulated, the amount paid will be forfeited by the Authorized Officer and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to cancel the auction and conduct a fresh auction.
5. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://www.baanknet.com on Dt. 30.01.2025** and starts at 01.00 PM.
6. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and to make self-bid and participate in the auction.

Date: 27.12.2024
Place: Siliguri

Chief Manager and Authorized Officer
UCO Bank (Secured Creditor)

NAME CHANGE

I, Sharmina Gazi daughter of Late Md. Nizamuddin Gazi, residing at, 17, Satyen Park, P.O. Joka, P.S. Haridevpur, Kolkata-700104, District-South 24-Parganas, shall henceforth be known as SHARMINA MUKHERJEE, as declared before the Ld. court of Judicial Magistrate, 1st class at Alipore South 24 Parganas, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 55281, Dated 29/08/2024 and the Conversion Certificate issued by Arya Samaj Calcutta vide Certificate no. 245, dated 9/9/2024. SHARMINA GAZI and SHARMINA MUKHERJEE both are same, one and identical person.

Form No.3
[See Regulation-15 (1)(a) / 16(3)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL KOLKATA(DRT 1)
9th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building,
42-C, J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071

Case No.: TA/954/2013

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Exh. No.: 5133

BANK OF INDIA
VS
SRI SANAT KUMAR BISWAS

To,
(1) SRI SANAT KUMAR BISWAS
D/W/S/O- LATE JITENDRA NATH BISWAS
RESIDING AT 17, MALLICK PARA LANE
SERAMPORE
Hooghly, WEST BENGAL-712201

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, TA/954/2013 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on **19/11/2024**.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.1646646/-** (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business, any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before **Registrar on 03/01/2025 at 10.30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 04/12/2024.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal No.-I, Kolkata

Day after CM's visit, Suvendu to visit Sandeshkhali on Dec 31

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA DECEMBER 28

DAYS AFTER Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that she will visit Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district to chair a public distribution programme on December 30, Leader of Opposition and BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari on Saturday said that he would hold a 'Jana Sanjog Yatra' in the area on the next day.

Pointing out that he stood by Sandeshkhali during difficult times, Adhikari said, "The Chief Minister is going. It is good, I will do a programme the next day (December 31). I may not be able to organise a big event like the Chief Minister's."

Taking a dig at the Mamata Banerjee government's distribution programme, he claimed, "Even if the CM goes and gives one crore rupees, the people of the SC, ST community will not vote for Trinamool!"

Adhikari also reminded that although the Trinamool Congress won Sandeshkhali by a large margin in the 2021 Assembly polls and also won in the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, the BJP was at one point ahead by 8,500 votes in that area.

Earlier this year, Sandeshkhali was in news due to widespread protests by people over alleged incidents of sexual assault and land grabbing against suspended TMC strongman Shahjahan Sheikh and his two aides, Shibu Prasad Hazra and Uttam Sardar.



CM Mamata Banerjee; LoP Suvendu Adhikari

The TMC strongman was arrested on February 29 this year after being on the run for around two months. He was on the run since January 5 after his supporters allegedly attacked three Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials in Sandeshkhali. The team had gone to Sandeshkhali to raid his residence in connection with the ration distribution 'scam'.

However, a video surfaced on social media in which a former BJP leader purportedly claimed that the whole episode was "scripted by the BJP".

The CM did not visit the region amid the unrest but during a Lok Sabha election campaign, she promised to visit the village after the election. "Our Chief Minister has always kept her promise. Hence, she is coming to Sandeshkhali on December 30. We are happy and the people of Sandeshkhali also will be happy," a local Trinamool Congress leader, Haladhar Ari, said.

Meanwhile, BJP leader Archana Majumdar, who led the movement in Sandeshkhali, alleged that the people in the area will not forget the fact the CM safeguarded the anti-socials who molested Sandeshkhali women.

"The CM is always welcome but she never came during the women's movement," she said.

Syria Parveen, who was in BJP during the time of the Sandeshkhali incident and movement, but joined the TMC just before the Lok Sabha elections, claimed that everyone knew that the BJP was behind the Sandeshkhali incident, which was why the BJP lost their support base in the region.

CPI(M) central committee member Sujan Chakraborty also raised questions about Mamata Banerjee's Sandeshkhali visit.

"When the people of Sandeshkhali needed the Chief Minister the most, she did not go. When people demanded punishment for the culprits, she was nowhere to be found. Now she is to stand up to the criminals," Chakraborty said.

Hitting out at the Opposition for "exaggerating" the Sandeshkhali unrest, TMC leader and spokesperson Kunal Ghosh, said, "There is peaceful environment, development work is going on at full speed. If there is injustice, it will be strongly condemned and action would be taken. But the exaggeration is uncalled for."

BANGLAR BARI SCHEME

Govt to launch toll-free number to curb graft

TANUSREE BOSE
KOLKATA DECEMBER 28

THE WEST Bengal government will launch a toll-free number next week for the beneficiaries of the 'Banglar Bari' scheme that was recently inaugurated by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to provide houses for the poor.

As per government sources, the toll free number – 18008899451 – is meant for the beneficiaries to lodge complaints or any grievances related to the scheme so that the 'Banglar Bari' scheme is free from favouritism and corruption.

The government has decided to launch this app as the state government has a 'zero tolerance' policy to any form of corruption, said a source. Under the scheme, each eligible family will get Rupees 1.20 lakh to construct a house, of which Rupees 60,000 will be disbursed as the first instalment. However, beneficiaries in some areas of Jangalmahal and Darjeeling Hills will get Rs 1.30 lakh.

The state government launched the 'Banglar Bari' scheme on December 17 after the Centre stopped funds to the West Bengal government under the PMAY. Sources stated that the panchayat department has given instructions that block-level officers will be monitoring the process of the houses under the 'Banglar Bari' scheme. Further, block level officers will be visiting each house for physical inspection.

In the first phase more than 8 lakh beneficiaries out of 12 lakh have received the first instalment from the state government. The remaining will receive the instalments by the coming week, the source said.

Another 18 lakh beneficiaries will be given 'Banglar Bari' scheme's benefit in 2025, it said. The total expenditure of the scheme will be approximately Rs 14,773 crore.

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