

Agency to pay royalty to state govt for sand and silt extraction

New tender for Karala dredging

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Raiganj: The ruling BJP government of Bengal has initiated a new tender for dredging the Karala riverbed in Jalpaiguri after cancelling the one floated during the Trinamool Congress regime

Under the new arrangement, the selected agency will have to pay royalty to the state irrigation department for the material extracted from the river. The Bengal finance department will soon determine the royalty rates per cubic foot or cubic metre.

Dredging is likely to begin by late November or December, although it may be delayed, an irrigation department source said. The work is scheduled to be completed within six months of commencement.

The proposed project will cover a 15-kilometre-long stretch of the river, from within Jalpaiguri town to its con-



The Karala river in Jalpaiguri town. File picture

fluence with the Teesta. The irrigation department said around 1,27,730 cubic metres of sand and silt, equivalent to around 45 lakh cubic feet, is likely to be removed.

The dredging project has been delayed earlier. The first tender, floated last year during the Trinamool government's tenure, failed to attract bidders.

A second tender for dredging was issued in January to avoid incurring direct expenditure. Under that model, the agency

would hand over a portion of the extracted material to them.

However, this raised concerns about storage, transport and sale of the silt and sand.

The department then cancelled this tender before Durga Puja and invited fresh bids under a royalty-based system. Under the revised mechanism, the selected agency will pay the department a specified amount for every cubic foot or cubic metre of material extracted from the river.

"This arrangement will reduce administrative complications for the department, improve the river's carrying capacity and generate revenue for the state government," said Krishnendu Bhowmik, chief engineer of the irrigation department's northeast division.

The Karala river, often described as the lifeline of Jalpaiguri town, carries domestic wastewater and rainwater from several parts of the city.

The river has lost much of its depth over the past decades and resembles a shallow drain during the dry season, with water levels sometimes falling below the knee in winter.

During monsoon, the overflowing river inundates low-lying areas, including parts of Samajpara, Paresh Mitra Colony, Pabitrpara, Hospitalpara, Dinbazar, Senpara and Babupara..

The final project will cover the stretch from near NH27

Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College, passing through Aravinda, Paharpur, Kharia and Mondalghat gram panchayat areas and the Jalpaiguri municipality.

Bhowmik said the dredging would improve drainage, reduce waterlogging and minimise the risk of flash floods caused by heavy rainfall in parts of Jalpaiguri town.

Environmental expert Raja Raut said sediment accumulation had reduced the river's depth and carrying capacity, leaving nearby areas vulnerable to flooding even when water levels rose slightly.

Bhowmik said the department would sign an agreement with the selected agency once the finance department approves the royalty rates.

Irrigation department engineers will supervise the work and ensure that dredging is carried out properly at designated locations.

Sikkim to host adventure fest

BIRESWAR BANERJEE

Siliguri: The Sikkim government's tourism and civil aviation department will organise the Sikkim Adventure Tourism Fest 2026 from November 1 to 7 at Linkhim Tar in Namchi district.

Linkhim Tar, around 6,500 feet above sea level, is about 45km from Gangtok. The department selected the site because of its scenic mountain valleys and suitability for adventure tourism.

"The festival is the first of its kind in Sikkim. It will help boost the state's economy and attract more visitors by showcasing its diverse outdoor experiences," said Tenzing Geley, additional director (adventure) of the tourism and civil aviation department.

An official source said the week-long festival aims to position Sikkim as a leading adventure tourism destination by showcasing more than 20 activities across air, land and water in all six districts.

The initiative aims to promote sustainable tourism, en-



The Sikkim Adventure Tourism Fest 2026 poster

courage local participation and create livelihood opportunities.

Major attractions include zip-lining, river rafting, paragliding, hot-air ballooning and obstacle challenges. The festival will also feature trekking expeditions and nature-based activities across different districts, the official said.

Manoj Chettri, deputy director (adventure) in the department, highlighted paragliding as a key attraction.

He said the participating

teams had been trained and registered under the 'Sikkim INSPIRES' programme. Participants would also receive insurance coverage, he added.

An official said the festival would also promote cycling and trekking routes, including the Heart of Sikkim Trek and the Dzongri-Singalila Round Trek. Tour de Sikkim will feature a mountain biking expedition covering approximately 253km along the historic Silk Route, reaching an altitude of around 14,000 feet. Bicycle rentals will also be available, he said.

The festival will also promote birdwatching experiences in east and west Sikkim.

Nangyal Lepcha, under-secretary in the tourism and civil aviation department, also revealed the roadmap for the Gangtok Adventure Relay and said the participation fee would be ₹7,500 per person.

Registration will be available on the official festival website — <https://adventurefest.sikkimtourism.co.in>. An offline ticketing counter will be set up at MG Marg in Gangtok.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.				
Date/Time of E-Auction: 03.12.2026, 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM and Last Date of Deposit of EMD: 03.12.2026 till 3:00PM ARMB, Malda, Mr Rahul Singh, Chief Manager (Authorized Officer), Mobile No.- 9119938461 E- Auction Collection A/c Details: Account Name- SUNDRY NPA SARFAESI, AUCTION RELATED , A/c 827500317118A (IFSC- PUNB0827500)				
SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS				
Lot No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1.	Kaliachak (029320) M/s PARSA ENTERPRISE Borrower: M/S PARSA ENTERPRISE Proprietor & Mortgagor: Md. Shahinwaj S/o Saifuddin Guarantor & Mortgagor: 1. Mrs. Israt Jahan Begum W/o-Md. Shahinwaj 2. Mr. Nuhul Islam S/o Late Saifuddin Address for Proprietor & Guarantor: Village+P.O- Chaspara, P.S Kaliachak, District- Malda, WB-732206 Guarantor/Mortgagor & legal heirs of deceased guarantor/mortgagor Mr. Hedayetullah S/o Majru Sekh : 1.Mst. Ruksana Begum W/o Mr. Hedayetullah, 2. Suhana Sabnam D/o Mr. Hedayetullah (legal heir), 3. Mr. Hemayetulla S/o Mr. Hedayetullah (Legal heir) Address: Village+P.O- Chhoto Sujapur, P.S Kaliachak, District- Malda, WB-732206	Property-1 1.All that part and parcel of property situated at J L No. 122, L.R Khatian No. 2177, 2256 & 2259, R.S Dag No. 315 & 316 Mouza-Chaspara , P-S-Kaliachak, District-Malda, measuring 2.083 decimal under plot no. 315, Classification-Godown (as per ROR) & 0.625 decimal under plot no. 316, Classification-Bastu . Total land area measuring 2.708 decimal, in the name of Israt jahan begum W/o Shahinwaj, mortgaged through registered sale deed bearing deed no. 6775/2011 dated 24.05.2011 . Boundary as per deed: East-Sadek Ali ,West-Pond,North-Shanjawaj, South-Sajed Ali & Nurul 2. All that part and parcel of property situated at J L No. 122, L.R Khatian No. 2555, Dag No. 315 Mouza-Chaspara, classification- Godown (As per ROR), P-S-Kaliachak, District-Malda, measuring total land area 01(83/250) decimal i.e 1.332 decimal, in the name of Israt jahan begum W/o Md. Shahinwaj, mortgaged through registered gift deed bearing deed no. 6672/2007 dated 26.07.2007.Boundary as per deed:East-Sadek Ali & Sekhu,West-Nurul islam and other,North-Shanjawaj, South-Israt Jahan Begum 3. All that part and parcel of property, situated at J L No. 122, R.S Khatian No. 396, L.R Khatian No. 2567, Dag No. 315 Mouza-Chaspara, classification-Bastu, P-S-Kaliachak, District-Malda, measuring total land area 1(2/3) decimal i.e 1.67 decimal, in the name of Israt jahan begum W/o Shahinwaj, mortgaged through registered sale deed bearing deed no. 14138/2009 dated 25.11.2009 Boundary as per deed :East-Babu biswas,West-Johar ali Biswal,North-Road, South-Nurul Biswas and Sajed ali, 4. All that part and parcel of property situated at J L No. 122, R.S Khatian No. 396, L.R Dag No. 315 Mouza-Chaspara, classification-Bhita, P-S-Kaliachak, District-Malda, measuring total land area of 1 (2/3) decimal, i.e 1.67 decimal, in the name of Israt jahan begum W/o Shahinwaj. mortgaged through registered sale deed bearing deed no. 8323/2006 dated 05.10.2006. Boundary as per deed: East-Sadek ali and seku,West-Nurul islam and other,North-Sahanjweaj, South-Sahanjweaj & Nurul islam & others 5. All that part and parcel of property along with Small House measuring 425 sqft, situated at J L No. 122, R.S Khatian No. 396, L.R Khatian No. 596 & 2173, Dag No. 315, Mouza-Chaspara, Classification-Bansh, P-S-Kaliachak, District- Malda, measuring total area 3.02 decimal (land measuring 2045 sqlink & Small house measuring 425 sqft) in the name of Shahinwaj S/o Late Saiyuddin Mohammad mortgaged through registered gift deed bearing deed no. 1154/2005 dated 03/02/2005 Boundary as per deed: Boundary of Land (Area 2045 Sqlink): East- Shanjawaj,West-Johar ali biswas,North-Shanjawaj,South-Alenur Khatoon & Shanjawaj & small house with baranda measuring 425 sqft, Boundary of Small House (Area 425 sqft): East-Shanjawaj,West-Johar ali biswas,North-Road,South-Shanjawaj & Alenur Khatoon Note-1: Total mortgage area as per deed stand 10.40 decimal, however enforceable area stands 9.44 decimal for that sale is scheduled. Property-2 1.All that part and parcel of property situated at J L No. 128, R.S & L.R Dag No. 560 L.R Khatian No. 229, Mouza-Purba Hosenabad, Classification-Bansh , P-S-Kaliachak, District-Malda, measuring 10.5 decimal, in the name of Most. Ruksana Begum W/o Md. Hedayetullah, mortgaged through registered sale deed bearing deed no. 1256/2012 dated 15.03.2012. Boundary as per deed: East-Property of Hedayetullah,West-Road,North-Property of Nuhul islam,South-Property of Khabiruddin sekh & others 2. All that part and parcel of property situated at J L No. 128, R.S & L.R Dag No. 599 & 560 L.R Khatian No. 229, Mouza- Purba Hosenabad, classification-	A) 20.03.2025 & Published in newspaper dated 21.04.2025 B) Rs.11,78,59,564.62 (Rupees eleven crores seventy eight lakh fifty nine thousand five hundred sixty four and paise sixty two only), with further interest, less recovery, if any w.e.f. 01.03.2025 for CCOth & 28.09.2024 for term loan + Other charges . C) 19.07.2025 D) Symbolic	Property-1 A) Rs. 122.31 B) Rs 12.231 C) Rs 1.00 Property-2 A) Rs. 24.10 B) Rs 2.410 C) Rs 0.20

2.	Netaji Market (067820) M/s SHARMA STEEL 0678250307628 Borrower: M/S SHARMA STEEL Address: 21/27, Rabinra Avenue, English Bazar, Malda WB-732101, ,Proprietor & Mortgagor: Sri Pabitra Kumar Sharma S/o Late Ganga Prasad Sharma, ,Guarantor: Nandita Sharma W/o Sh. Pabitra Kumar Sharma Address for both : 2 No Govt Colony, PS: English Bazar, PO & Distt: Malda-732101	Property-1: Schedule-A- Undivided and unspecified proportionate share over all that part and parcel of land measuring altogether more or less (3.87 +4.38)=8.25 decimal at District: Malda, P-S-English Bazar, Registry Office-A.D.S.R- Malda, Mouza-Pirojpur, J.L.No. 69, Khatian No. R.S-671, L.R-P- 1917, 1918, P-1919, Plot No. R.S-619, L.R-4010 & 4009, classification -Bastu, under English Bazar Municipality, ward No. 06, Holding No. 70/29, and over the said land a building situated which is popularly known as " DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY"Boundary as per deed (DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY): North-House of Nita Bhagat, South -Anik Sangha, East-Municipal Lane,West-House of Chitlangia Family, Schedule-B: All that part and parcel of a Residential flat bearing Flat No. 1-D at First Floor consisting of 2 bed room, 1 kitchen, 2 toilets, 1 balcony, 1 dining cum living room, measuring 713 sq.ft including super built area, situated on the North-West side of the building named as DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY, in the name of Mr. Pabitra Kumar Sharma S/o Late Ganga Prasad Sharma, together with undivided and unspecified proportionate share of land as described in the schedule-A, , mortgaged though deed no. 09322/2014, registered on 01.09.2014.Boundary of Flat as per deed: North-Common Space, adjacent the House of Mrs. Bhagat,South -Stair Case & Lift,East-Flat No. 1A ,West-Common Space Property-2: Schedule-A- Undivided and unspecified proportionate share over all that part and parcel of land measuring altogether more or less (3.87 +4.38)=8.25 decimal at District: Malda, P-S-English Bazar, Registry Office-A.D.S.R- Malda, Mouza-Pirojpur, J.L.No. 69, Khatian No. R.S-671, L.R-P- 1917, 1918, P-1919, Plot No. R.S-619, L.R-4010 & 4009, classification -Bastu, under English Bazar Municipality, ward No. 06, Holding No. 70/29, and over the said land a building situated which is popularly known as " DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY"Boundary as per deed (DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY):North-House of Nita Bhagat, South -Anik Sangha,East-Municipal Lane,West-House of Chitlangia Family Schedule-B: All that part and parcel of a Residential flat bearing Flat No. 1-B at First Floor consisting of 2 bed room, 1 kitchen, 2 toilets, 1 balcony, 1 dining cum living room, measuring 835 sq.ft.including super built area, situated on the south-east side of the building named as DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY, in the name of Mr. Pabitra Kumar Sharma S/o Late Ganga Prasad Sharma, together with undivided and unspecified proportionate share of land as described in the schedule-A, mortgaged though deed no. 9328/2014,Boundary of Flat as per deed : North-Common passage & stair case,South -Anik Sangha & Common passage ,East-Municipal Lane and Common Passage, West-Flat No. 1 C Schedule-C: One Covered Garage measuring 135 Sq Ft on the North-East side of the Ground Floor (Garage No. 1) of the building named as DWIJENDRA RESIDENCY, Mr. Pabitra Kumar Sharma S/o Late Ganga Prasad Sharma , together with undivided and unspecified proportionate share of land as described in the schedule -A, mortgaged though deed no. 9328/2014, registered on 01.09.2014.Boundary of Garage as per deed: North-Common Passage adjacent the house of Mrs. Bhagat,South -Garage No. 2,East-Municipal Lane & Common Space,West-Common Space (Parking Place) Property-3: All that part and parcel of land & building (Three Storied) situated at, J L No. 69, Khatian No. R.S 780, Plot No. R.S 1060,2 No. Government Colony, Mouza- Pirojpur, P.S- English Bazar, ADSR & District- Malda, measuring total area of 2 katha 10 chhatak, classification-Bastu, in the name of Mr. Pabitra Kumar Sharma S/o Late Ganga Prasad Sharma , mortgaged through Patna No. 2/1 (L.O.P 221/B), dated 31.05.2006,Boundary as per deed/patta: East-Existing colony road, West-National Highway 34,North-LOP no: 221/A, South-LOP No: 222,Boundary as per NEC dated 23.08.2010: East-Municipality road,West-National Highway 34,North-Prasanta Kumar Sharma, South-Tapan Chakraborty	A) 20.02.2026 B) Rs. 91,52,176.36 (Rupees ninety-one lakh fifty two thousand one hundred seventy six and paise thirty six only) as on 31.01.2026 with further interest wef 01.02.2026, less recovery if any + charges, as mentioned in Demand Notice, C) 08.05.2026 D) Symbolic For Property-1 A) Rs. 23.56 B) Rs 2.356 C) Rs 0.20 For Property-2 A) Rs. 31.42 B) Rs 3.142 C) Rs 0.20 For Property-3 A) Rs. 163.87 B) Rs 16.387 C) Rs 0.50
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