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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Cooch Behar Planning Authority

And

Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar

Memo No.: Estt/985/23

Date: 16.03.2023

### NOTIFICATION

#### Public Notice under section 36(1) of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979

WHEREAS the provisions of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 (West Bengal Act XIII of 1979) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), have come into force in the area described in the following Schedule, vide Notification No. 205-T&CP/C-2/2C-34/2019, dated 24.01.2020 (hereinafter referred to as the said area) and the said area has been declared as a Heritage Planning Area.

#### Schedule

District	Police Station	Gram Panchayat/ Municipality	Name of the Mouza	J.L No.	Full/ Part	Area (Acre)	Population 2011
Cooch Behar	Kotwali Police Station	Cooch Behar Municipality	Sahar Cooch Behar	130	Full	1385.989	77935
			Khagrabari	89	Part	0.315	
			Kharimal akhagrabari	125	Part	63.143	
			Khagrabari	89	Part	42.349	
			Kharmalakhagrabari	125	Part	410.521	
			Guriahati	126	Part	145.153	
			Chhat Guriahati	129	Part	1.03	
		Total				2048.5	

AND, WHEREAS in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (4) read with sub-section (1) of Section 11 of the said Act, the Cooch Behar Planning Authority is constituted for the said area and the Cooch Behar Municipality is declared as Cooch Behar Planning Authority in respect of Heritage Planning Area , vide Notification No. 207-T&CP/C-2/2C-34/2019, dated 24.01.2020 .

AND, WHEREAS the Land Use Map and Register provisions of section 28 of the West Bengal Town & Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 has been prepared and notified vide No. Estt/1624/21 dated 28.08.2021.

AND, WHEREAS Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP) has been prepared as per section 31 of the Act for the entire Cooch Behar Heritage Planning Area as given in the Schedule and Draft LUDCP has been discussed at length in the District Heritage Committee in its earlier Meetings and the State Government in the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department has approved u/s 35 of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 vide memo no. 2404-T&CP/C-2/2C-11/2017 dated 29.12.2022 for its publication.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section(1) of Section 36 of the said Act, Notice is hereby given that the said Land Use and Development Control Plan ( LUDCP) may be inspected in the following office address on any working days during office hours:

1. The Office of the Cooch Behar Municipality at Sagar Dighi Square, P.O. Cooch Behar, PIN-736101
2. The SDO Office, Cooch Behar, PIN- 736101
3. The Office of the District Magistrate at PO: Cooch Behar, Cooch Behar, PIN-736101

The soft copy of present Land Use Development and Control Plan is available at the following websites

1. <https://www.wburbanservices.gov.in>
2. <https://www.coochbehar.nic.in>
3. <https://www.coochbehannunicipality.com>

Any person may within 60(sixty) days from the date of publication of this notice file objection in respect of the Land Use and Development Control Plan in writing to the Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority.

Sd/-

(RABINDRA NATH GHOSH)  
Chairman

*Cooch Behar Municipality*  
*On behalf of Cooch Behar Planning Authority*

**Tourism Management Plan**  
for  
**Cooch Behar Heritage Town**

Cooch Behar Planning Authority  
&  
Cooch Behar Municipality

# Approach and Methodology

- i. Analysis of Tourism Potential**
  - a) Town and hinterland Level
  - b) Regional Level
  
- ii. Analysis of Existing Tourism Scenario**
  - a) Tourism infrastructure, connectivity
  - b) Tourist Profile study (400 in number)
  
- iii. Tourism Proposals**
  - a) Town and hinterland Level
  - b) Regional Level

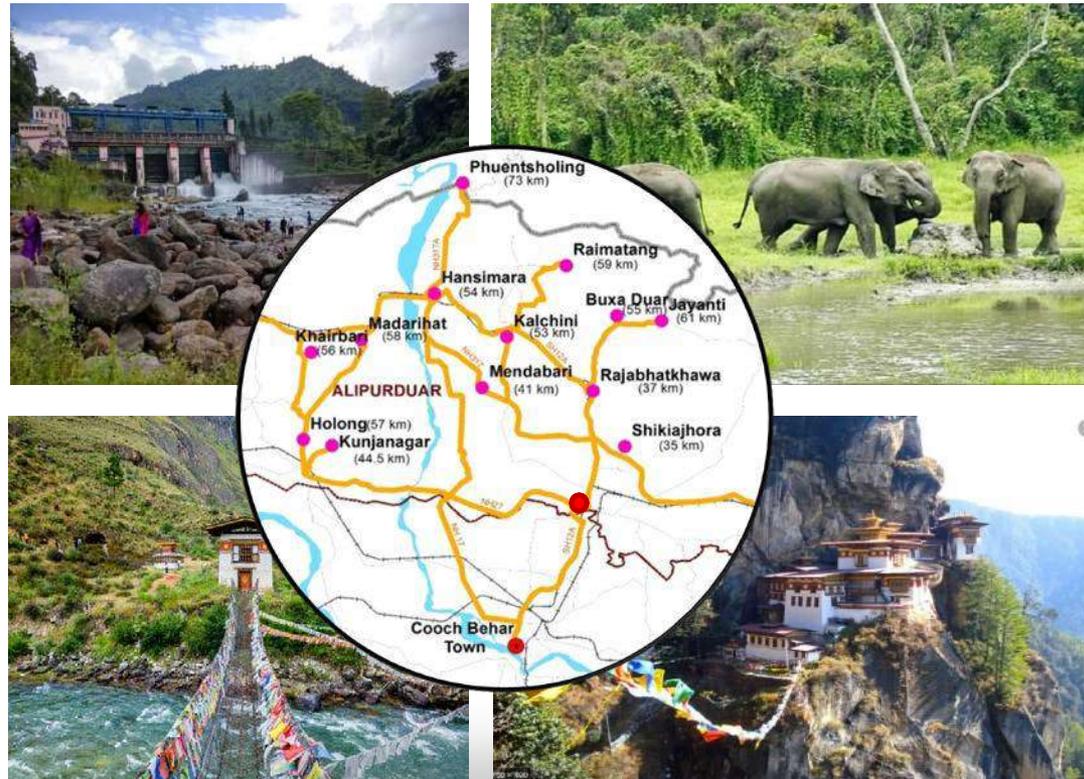
# Vision

**Brand Cooch Behar** -  
In light of the newly  
acquired status of  
Cooch Behar as  
Heritage Town  
augment Tourism  
Activities in the town  
and Hinterland

**Integrated Circuits** -  
Link Cooch Behar and  
Alipurduar to the  
existing tourist  
destinations of Eastern  
Duars and Bhutan



COOCH  
BEHAR  
HERITAGE TOWN



# Objectives

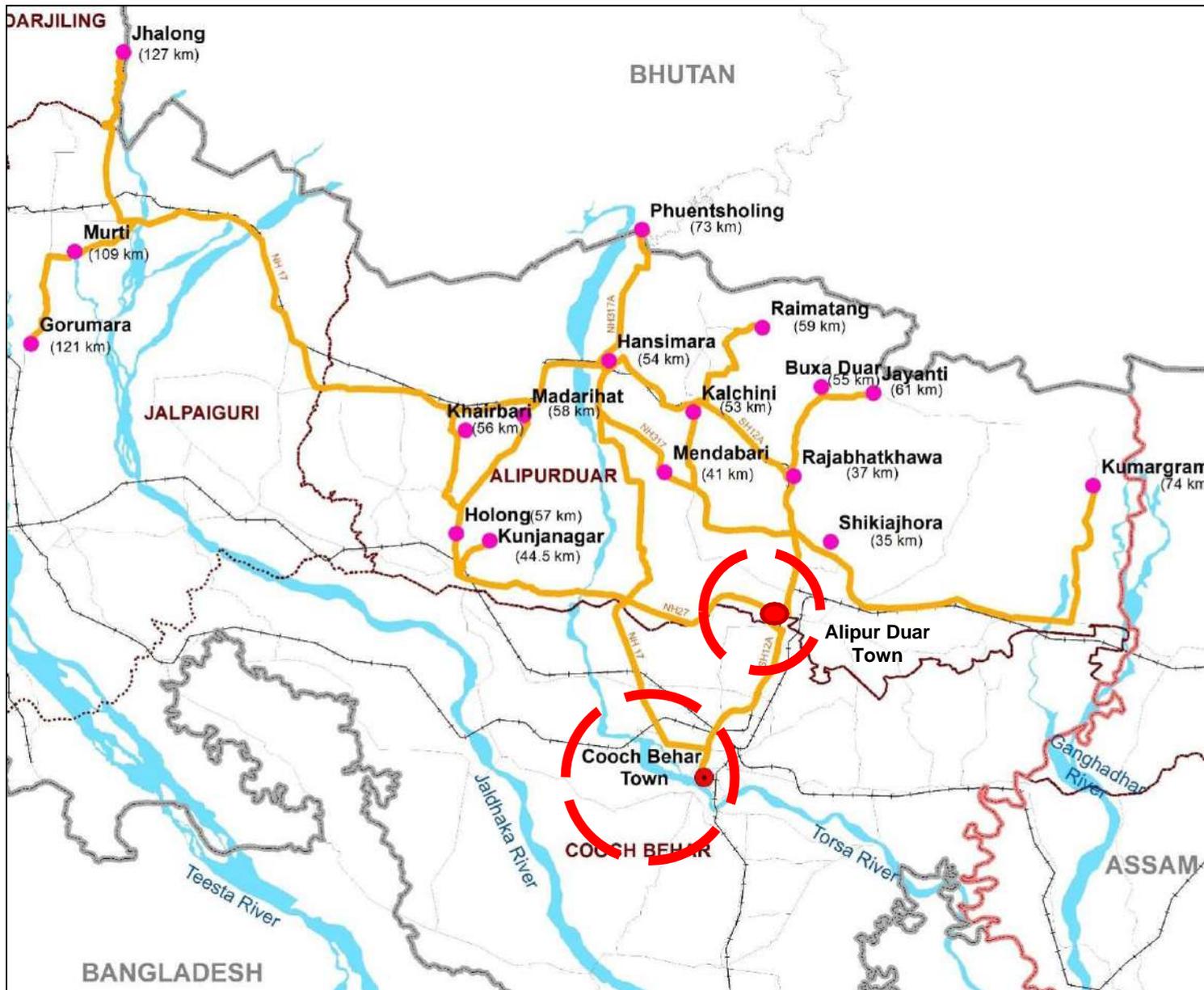
- i. To propose optimum strategies for boosting tourism **without disrupting the urban entity** by tourists
- ii. To **protect cultural and historical** heritage of the town
- iii. To **improve connectivity** with nearby airport and railway junction
- iv. To improve **intra- city movement by de-congesting** core town
- v. To provide appropriate **infrastructure and amenities**
- vi. To propose **round the year events** and activities for residents of the town providing a **steady generation of revenue** and making tourism infrastructure **financially sustainable**
- vii. To incorporate tourism development into **local self-government's action plans** and projects.
- viii. To take strategic actions for **capacity building**
- ix. To develop **branding strategies** for 'Heritage Town of Cooch Behar'

# **Analysis of Tourism Potential**

# Analysis of Tourism Potential

- i. Understanding the geographical location of Cooch Behar and its **regional connectivity**
- ii. Assessing the current **status of Cooch Behar tourism in the context of North Bengal Tourism**
- iii. Preparing an exhaustive **inventory of the tangible and intangible heritage** of Cooch Behar including assessment of these assets from tourism perspective
- iv. Assessing **current tourist profile from secondary and primary sources** along with Tourist's perception survey
- v. Assessing **existing tourism infrastructure** of Cooch Behar

# 1. North Bengal Tourism Circuit



- Murti,
- Bindu,
- Jhalong,
- Samsing,
- Suntalekhola,
- Gorumara National Park,
- Lataguri,
- Tilabari
- Chapramari Sanctuary.
- Buxa Tiger Reserve,
- Jayanti,
- Rajabhatkhawa,
- Raimatang,
- Raidak,
- Hatipota,
- Chilapata,
- Totopara

## 2. Existing tourist destinations in Cooch Behar town



**i) Cooch Behar Raj Bari**



**ii) Madan Mohan Bari**



**iii) Sagar Dighi**



**iv) Keshab Ashram and Brahma Mandir**

### 3. Existing tourist destinations in Cooch Behar region



**i) Baneswar Siva Temple**



**ii) Madhupur Dham Temple**



**iii) Siddheswari Kali Bari**



**iv) Rasik Beel**

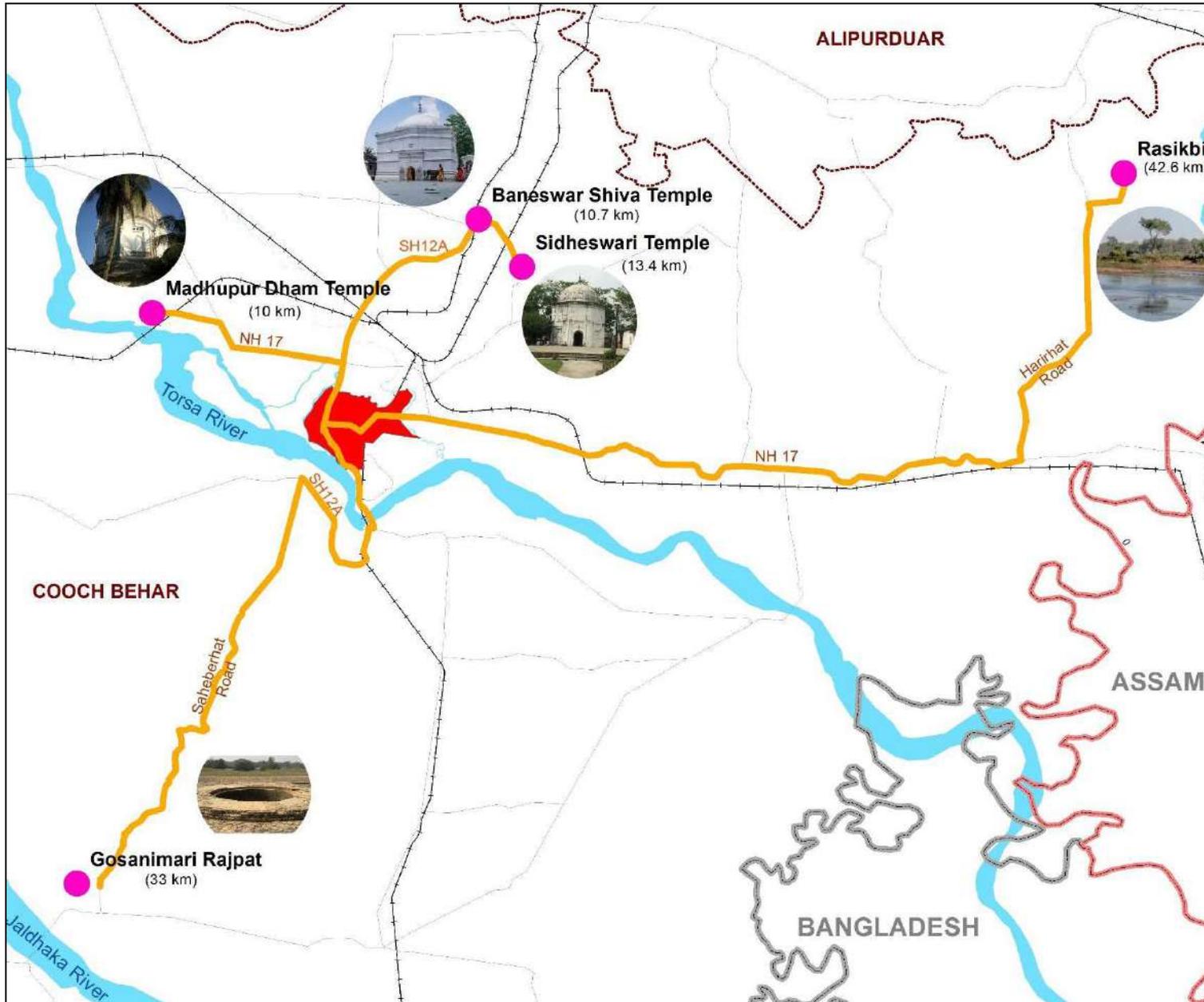


**v) Gosanimari Rajpat**



**vi) Eco Heritage Park  
(upcoming)**

### 3. Existing tourist destinations in Cooch Behar region



- Madhupur Dham Temple
- Baneswar Shiva Temple
- Sidheswari Temple
- Rasikbil
- Gosanimari Rajpat

## 4. Art and Handicrafts of Cooch Behar

- Bamboo and cane products
- Shitalpaati
- Kantha
- Jute products
- Shola-pith



Dhamas&Chalunis



Madur



Shola-pith



Shitalpaati

## Performing arts of Cooch Behar

- Bhawaiya : A genre of North Bengal folk song

## 5. Fairs and Festivals of Cooch Behar

- RaasMela (November - December)
- RathYatra (June - July)
- Baradebi Mela
- Sri PanchamiMela (August)
- Dol Purnima
- Hujur Saheb Mela at Haldibari (February - March)
- Muharram (March)
- AstamiSnanMela (March-April)
- Baneswar Shibaratri Mela (February - March)
- Agricultural Fair
- Flower & Fruit Shows



Raas-Chakra

# Inferences - Tourist profile study

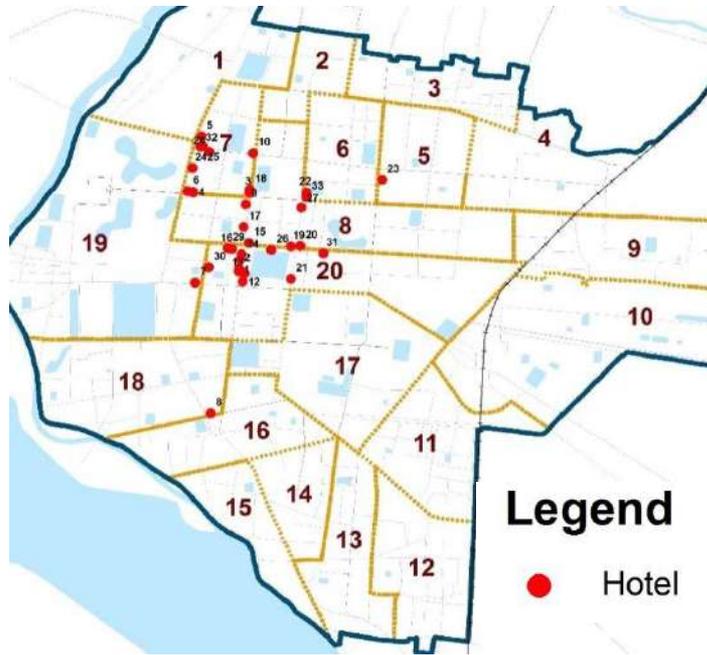
- **Increase in number of tourists and tourist revenue**



(Source: WB Govt. CB District portal)

- **80% visit Cooch Behar for Rajbari.**
- **Major transport** used for visiting – Train (64%)
- **96 % domestic tourist in Cooch Behar** – 81 % from Eastern India viz. West Bengal (54%) and Assam (27%) - 35% from Kolkata/ Howrah, 33% from Darjeeling/ Jalpaiguri district.
- Majority (40 %) tourist of **age group 35-50** years
- Main occupation of the tourist – **Service (41%), Business (38 %)**
- Most of the tourist (59 %) prefer an **affordable accommodation**
- Most of the tourist (59%) **stay for 1 night**

# Inferences – Tourism Infrastructure and Events calendar



Events/ Festivals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Raas Mela												
Rath Yatra												
Baradebi Fair												
Sri Panchami Mela												
Dol Purnima												
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Baneswar Shibaratri Mela												
Agricultural Fair												
Durga puja												
Annapurna Puja												
Shibratri Mela												



Summer in Cooch Behar



Monsoon in Cooch Behar



Festivals in Cooch Behar

- No. of tourist hotels in Cooch Behar Municipal area - 43  
Hotels with both fooding and lodging- 14; only lodging- 29
- Total lodging capacity of all the hotels - 829
- All hotels are centrally located in the town mainly in wards 20, 8, 7.
- Majority of hotels are of category 'B' (48%) with tariff range from approx. INR 300 to 800

# SWOT Analysis

## STRENGTH

- i. Existence of remnants of different **layers of history**
- ii. Existence of a **Royal Legacy** which attracts tourists
- iii. Presence of sites of Heritage and **Religious** significance
- iv. Presence of various intangible heritage which include **performing arts and handicrafts**
- v. Famous **fairs and festivals**
- vi. **Strategic location** of the city near the popular tourist circuit of Dooars

# SWOT Analysis

## WEAKNESS

- i. Poor tourism infrastructure (**pedestrian path, star hotel, quality shopping area, amenities at tourist sites**)
- ii. Lack of **efficient tourism promotion**.
- iii. Poor regional connectivity particularly with major transport nodes like New Jalpaiguri Station / Bagdogra Airport.
- iv. Less points of interest to attract diverse group of tourists
- v. **Lack of trained tour guides**, travel agents, tour operators, tourist help centre and tourist help line.
- vi. **Lack of proper branding** is required to increase the popularity of Cooch Behar as a tourist destination.

# SWOT Analysis

## OPPORTUNITIES

- i. Potential for Cultural Tourism
- ii. Potential for **Slow Tourism**
- iii. Potential for development of **tourism circuits** like Cooch Behar-Dooars and Cooch Behar- Bhutan.
- iv. Tourism has potential for **employment generation** to local youths
- v. Cooch Behar has potential for **school summer camps** attracting children from adjacent towns considering the continuous good brilliant performance of schools in Cooch Behar.

## THREATS

- i. Proximity to Alipurduar discourages tourists to stay in Cooch Behar.
- ii. Proximity to existing more popular and more attractive tourist spots like Murti, Bindu, Gorumara National Park, Buxa Tiger Reserve, Jayanti et-cetera pull a large number of tourist away from Cooch Behar. This however can be **converted to opportunity**.

# Proposals

# Possible tourism activities in Cooch Behar

	Type	Purpose	Possible (high /medium/low)	
			Town	Adjacent
1	Eco tourism	Traveling to places that are renowned for their natural beauty and social culture, while making sure not to damage ecological balance	Low	Medium
2	Wild-life tourism	Watching beautiful and exotic species of wildlife and birds.	Low	Medium
3	<b>Heritage tourism</b>	Experiencing tangible (built and natural) and intangible heritage	High	High
4	<b>Religious tourism</b>	attend the religious duties and visit places of religious importance	High	High
5	<b>Cultural tourism</b>	Gaining knowledge about People's lifestyle, culture, fare, festivals, performing arts	High	High
6	Village tourism	Village stay, home stay	Low	Medium

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7	Adventure tourism	Exploring remote areas and exotic locales and engaging in various activities like trekking, rock climbing, river rafting	Low	Low
8	Wellness tourism	Traveling to pursue activities that maintain or enhance personal health and wellness or for specialist treatment	Medium	Low
9	Meetings, Incentives Conferences Exhibitions (MICE)	Conduct business transactions like visiting a client, contract negotiations. Attending a conference, exhibition or event associated with business.	Medium	Low
10	<b>Niche tourism</b>	Specific tourism product be tailored to meet needs of particular audience/market segment	High	Medium
11	<b>Sports tourism</b>	Spending leisure time for sports	High	Low
12	<b>Educational tourism</b>	Students participating in summer camps, science fare, exhibitions	High	Low

# Regional Tourism – long duration

1. **Improved connectivity** : Development of en-route facilities on roads connecting Cooch Behar to other spots and also with Bagdogra and New Jalpaiguri.
2. **Regional level Tourism circuit**
  - i. Cooch – Behar – Dooars Circuit
  - ii. Cooch – Behar – Bhutan Circuit
  - iii. Cooch – Behar – Alipurduar integrated circuit – flexible



# Town & hinterland – medium duration

## Cooch Behar Town and around- 1 night

### Day – 1:

- 10:00 – 11:30 hours - Raj Bari and interpretation centre
- 11:45 – 12:45 hours - Gunjabari and Rajmata Mandir
- 13:00 – 13:30 hours - Church at Sunity road
- 13:30 – 14:30 hours - Lunch at Cooch Behar house
- 14:30 – 15:30 hours - Heritage Drive (refer map)
- 15:30 – 17:00 hours - N.N. Park and Cooch Behar museum (existing press)/ [Keshab Ashram and Torsa River front Park (proposed)]
- 17:00 hours - Drop at Sagardighi for independent exploration of Sagardighi marine drive walk / Rajbari Light and sound show



# Town & hinterland – medium duration

## Day – 2 (option 1):

07:30 – 13:00 hours - Visit to the archaeological sites of Gosanimari

13:00 – 14:30 hours - Lunch at Cooch Behar house

15:00 – 17:00 hours - Heritage Walk (refer map)

17:00 – 18:00 hours - Sandhya Arati at Madan Mohan bari

18:00 hours - Independent exploration of Bairagi Dighi cultural precinct/ shopping

## Day – 2 (option 2):

09:30 – 10:30 hours - Madan Mohan bari

10:30 – 16:00 hours - Visit to archaeological site of Gosanimari and nearby temples

16:00 hours - Leave for Rasik bill Eco- resort and night stay - leave next morning



# Town & hinterland - medium duration

## Heritage Walk



# Town Tourism – short duration

## Cooch Behar Town – 1 day tour

9:30 – 10:30 hours - Madan Mohan bari

10:30 – 12:30 hours - Raj bari and interpretation centre

12:45 – 13:15 hours - Church at Sunity road

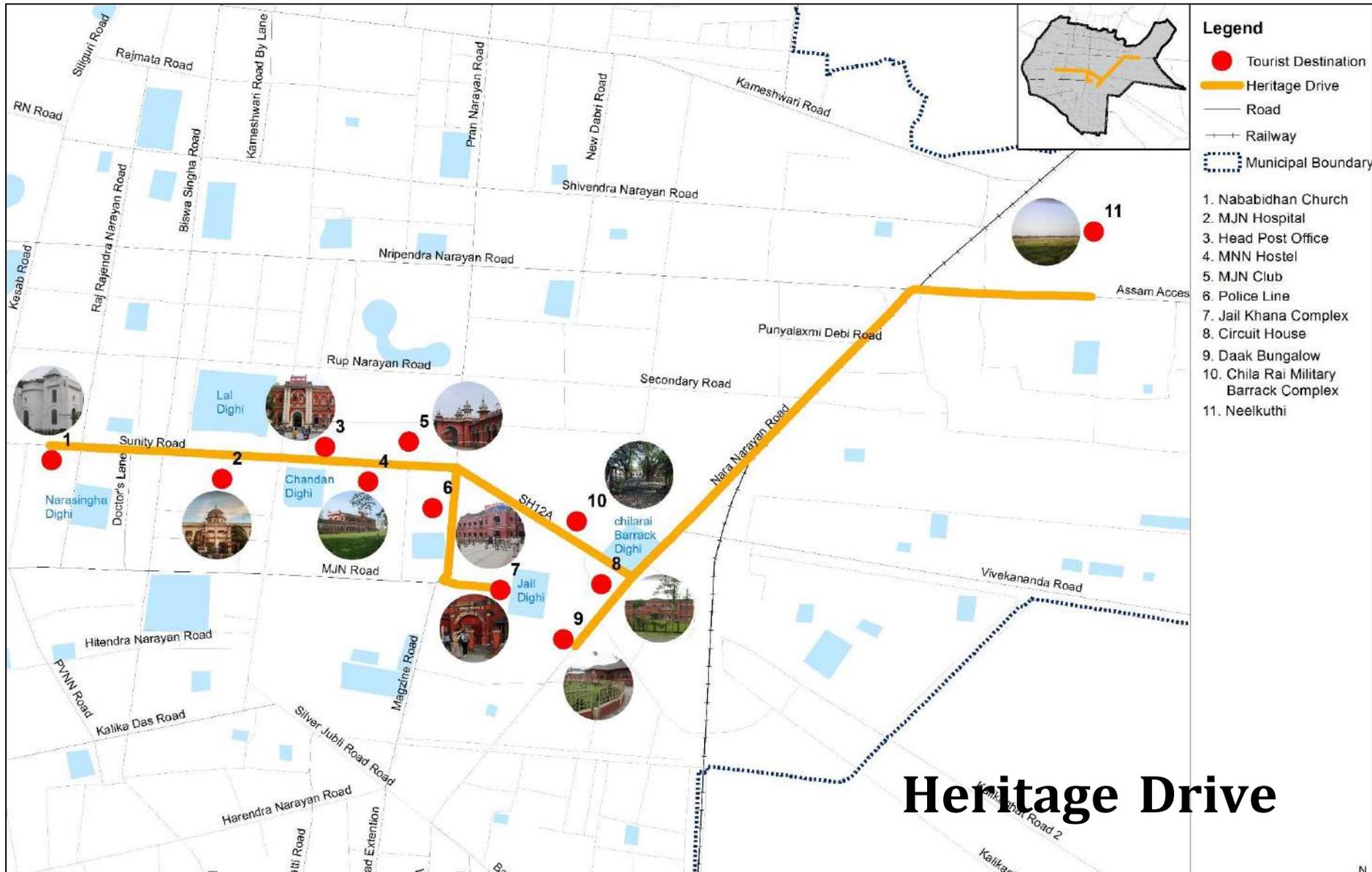
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# Town Tourism - short duration



**Heritage Drive**

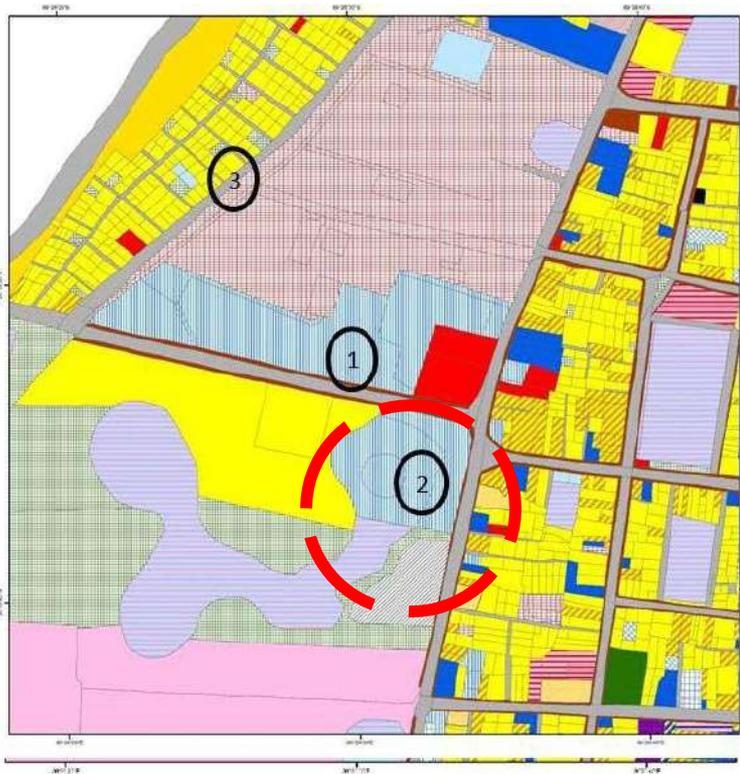
# Town level projects

- 1. Torsa river front development - River front park with facilities-**
  - Picnic spots
  - Landscaped areas with seating
  - Temporary food stalls
  - Proper illumination
  - Public infrastructure like toilets, dustbins etc.
- 2. Weekly Art and craft haat – Arcade provided near Bairagi Dighi for craftsmen to sit (on chargeable basis) on weekends**



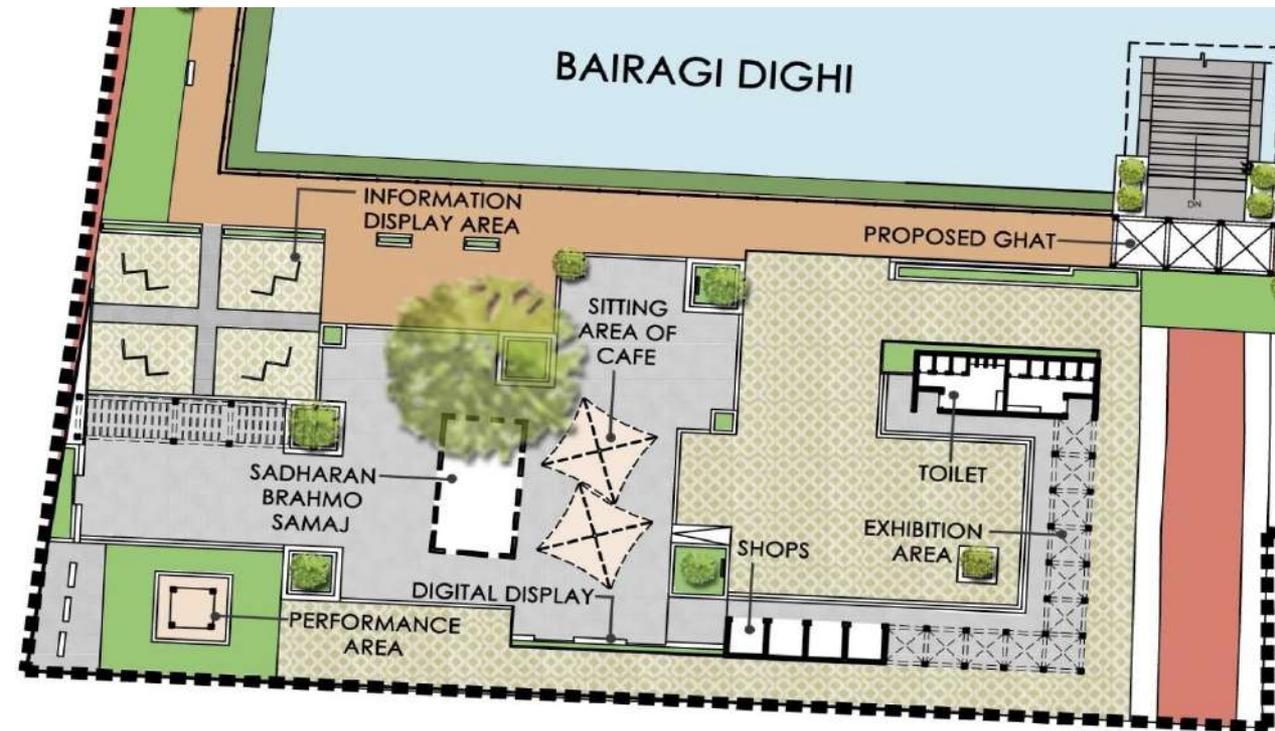
# Town level projects

2. **Cooch Behar Town Museum** – Exhibits the history of Cooch Behar and life of indigenous tribes. This can be developed by adaptive reuse of the **Cooch behar press**.
3. **Heritage Accommodation** - structures to be identified for developing as heritage lodges through adaptive reuse . Proposed heritage hotel adjacent to the Rajbari.



# Town level projects

4. **Exhibition ground** - Semi-permanent structures at Raas Mela ground for round the year exhibitions accommodating traditional products, food, local craft, automobile.



# Town level projects

5. **School camping ground** - Dedicated spaces for holding school science camps or summer camps with facilities like halls with computer and internet facilities, open ground for outdoor activities and accommodation.
6. **Tourist facilities** - Improvement of public facilities near the sites of tourist attraction and heritage walk. Provision of tourist information kiosks and help booths at the entry points and near tourist destinations.
7. **Skill Development Centres** - Institution or centres providing courses on hotel management, hospitality and catering services – capacity building for employment generation

# Events and Activities

1. **Cultural activities** - Cultural evenings on proposed floating decks in Sagar dighi to showcase art forms like Bhawaiya



# Events and Activities

2. **Food festivals** - Space for holding food festivals promoting local seasonal delicacies within the proposed pedestrianized zone of Sagar dighi along with necessary public facilities.



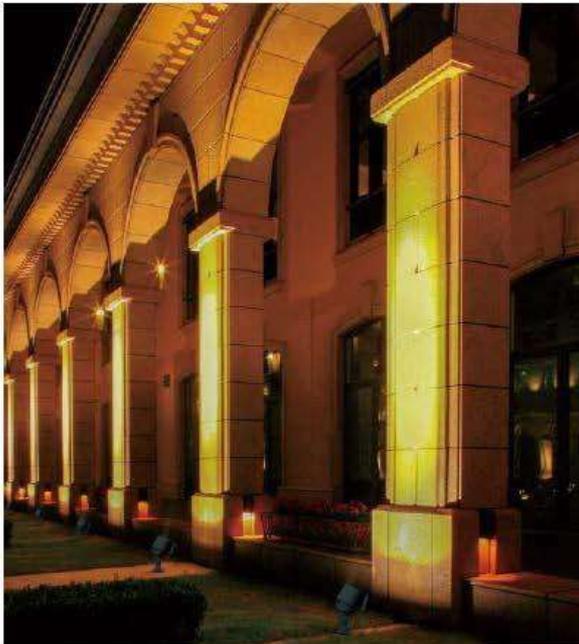
# Events and Activities

3. **Children's competition** - 'Sit and draw' competition for children with heritage theme or themes like 'My Cooch Behar' as a part of the Extra Academic Activities for the schools of Cooch Behar to increase their awareness and bondage for their native town at a very early level.



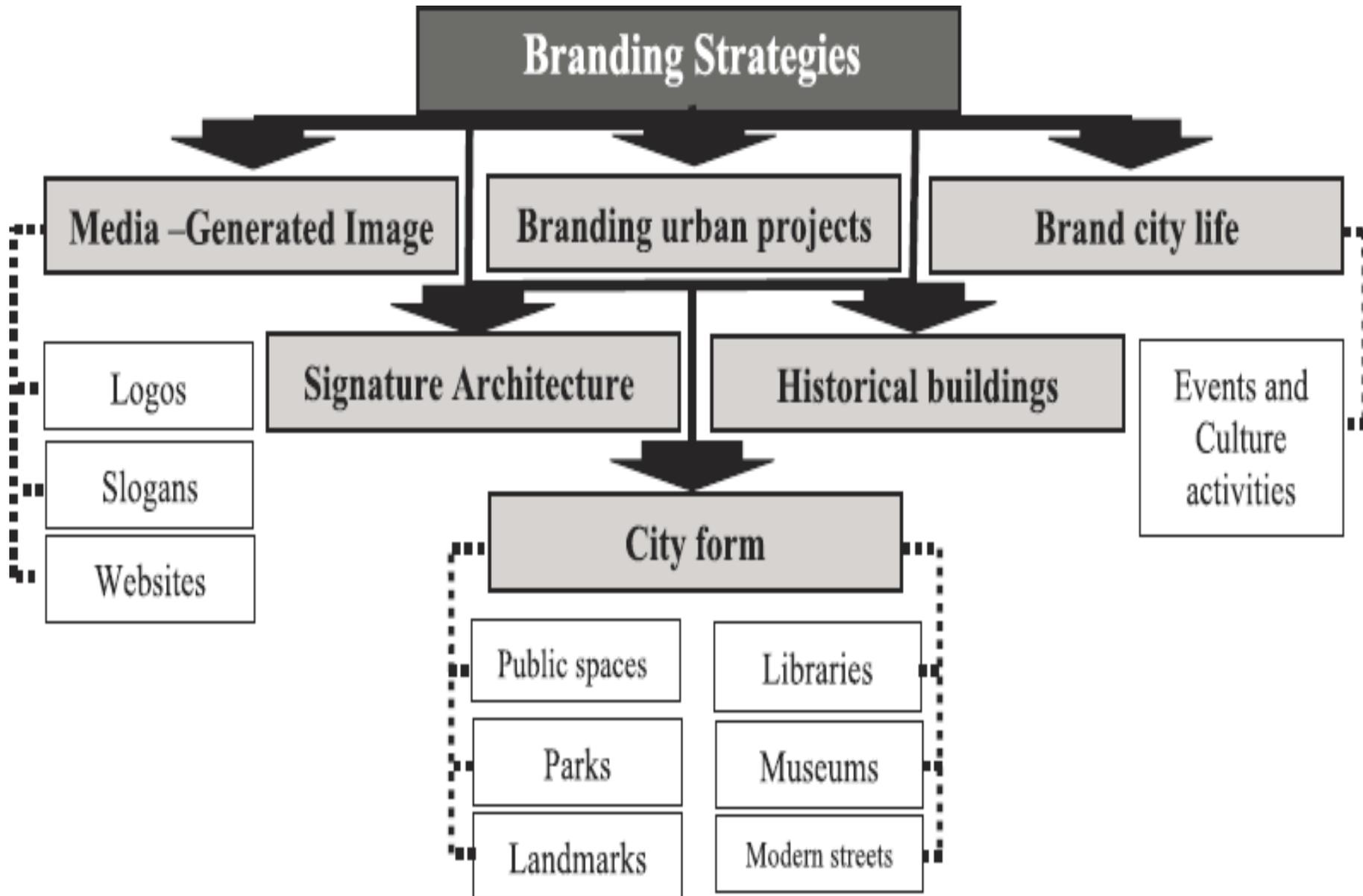
# Events and Activities

4. **Promoting Night Life** - Intelligent lighting of heritage buildings and precincts, light and sound show at Bairagi Dighi, cultural festivals at Sagardighi to increase the evening and night time footfall.



# **Brand Cooch Behar**

# Promotional Activities



# Promotional Activities

**1. Maharaja Experience:** An element of grandeur through food, music, colour and an ethnic mélange of unique experiences with all contemporary comfort.

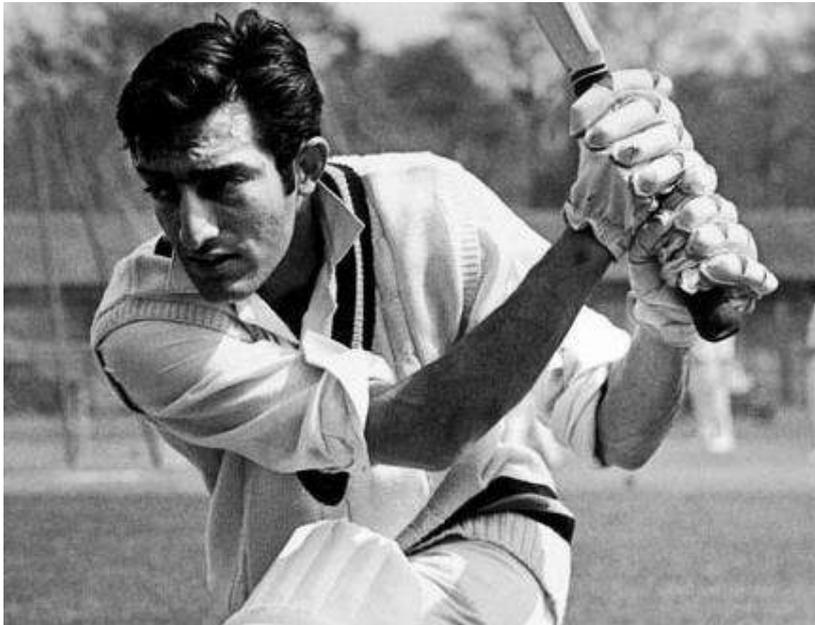
2 day package - exposed to a royal lifestyle:

- Stay in a portion of Rajbari (adapted as luxury rooms)
- Royal cuisine
- Musical evening by the side of the Sagardighi
- Special light & sound shows within Rajbari complex
- City tour in horse chariots.



# Promotional Activities

1. **Cricket Match- Inter-district cricket matches** in the Rajbari stadium to keep the legacy of cricket alive (**Cooch Behar Trophy**). Generation of revenue from ticket selling and advertisement.
2. **Cooch Behar walk- Walks and marathon races** to celebrate the recent heritage status conferred to the town. (government officials, NGOs, school children, senior citizen, intellectuals from outside)

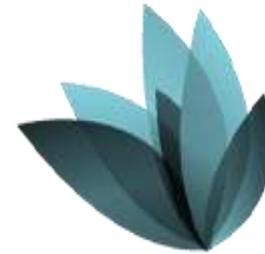


# Promotional Activities

## 5. Barrier free Tourism - Accessible Cooch Behar

The following actions are recommended:

- Ramps with hand rails
- Barrier free parking facilities
- Seating facilities for elderly and disabled
- Tactile tiles
- Braille signage
- Barrier free toilets
- Battery driven carts for fully pedestrian zones
- Barrier free web-site giving information on tourist spots
- Audio visual information system at tourist spots.



BARRIERFREE  
TOURISM



# Promotional Activities



ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ADAPTIONS



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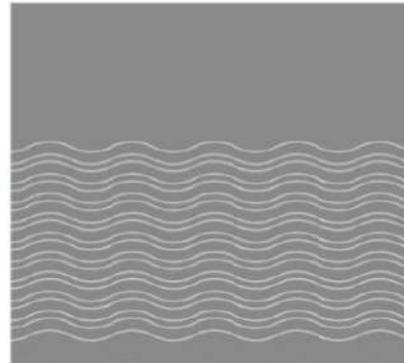
MADAN MOHAN TEMPLE



TEMPLE ELEVATION



DIGHI (COMMUNITY WATERBODIES)



WAVE-FORM ELEMENT

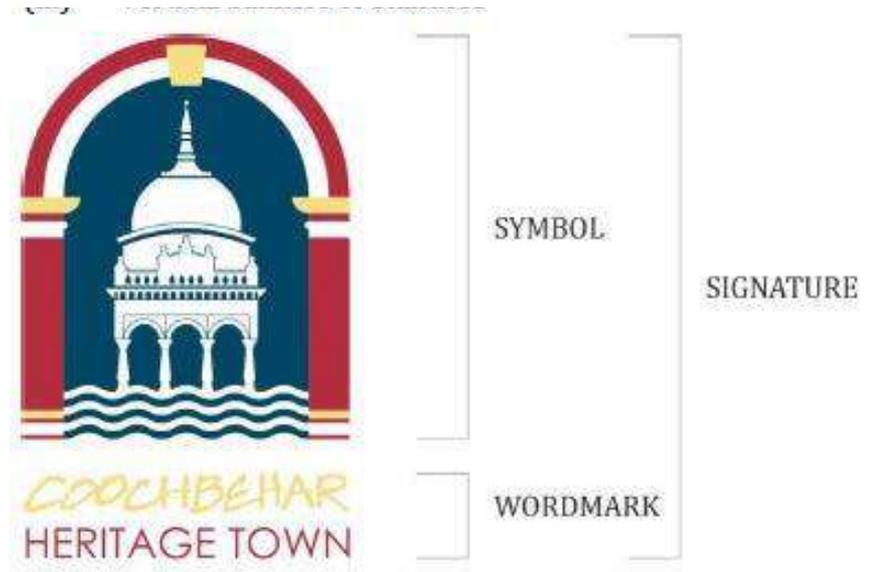
## The Logo

# Promotional Activities

## Primary Logo



## Alternate Logo



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	C5 M10 Y60 K0	#F6DF80	R246 G223 B128
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	CMYK	HEX	RGB

# Promotional Activities

## Other forms of Logo



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■	K60	#898989	R137	G137	B137
■	K30	#C5C6C6	R197	G198	B198
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CMYK	HEX	RGB

Figure 8.7: Logo options rendered in black/single tone, and inverse

Figure 8.6: Logo options rendered in grayscale

# Promotional Activities

## Application

- i. As banners at entry points to Cooch behar like Bagdogra and new Jalpaiguri
- ii. As banners at Alipurduar, Kolkata
- iii. Website and apps
- iv. All advertisements of Cooch Behar tourism in Cooch Behar
- v. As banners along the proposed tourism corridors

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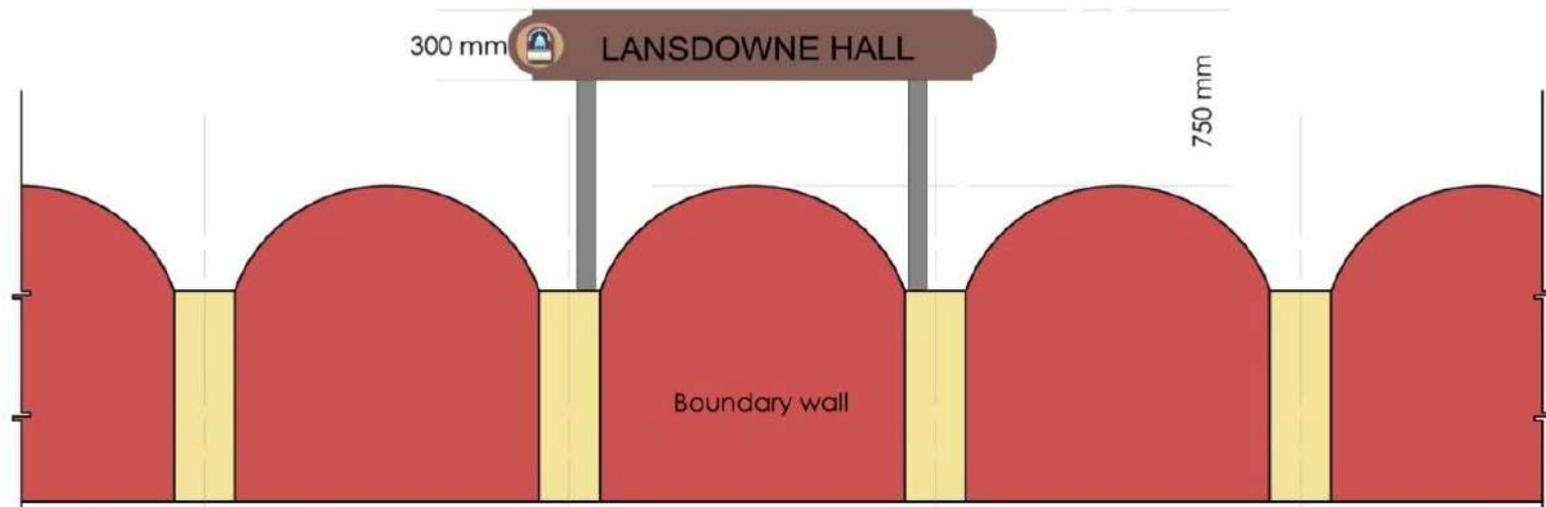
- i. Standard representation
- ii. Publication usage requiring horizontal formats
- iii. Website display
- iv. Horizontal banners
- v. Small spaces

Alternative logo is suitable for:

- i. Publication usage requiring vertical formats
- ii. Mobile applications
- iii. Vertical banners or standees

# Promotional Activities

## Signage, Heritage Plaques and maps



**Thank you!**

Cooch Behar Planning Authority  
&  
Cooch Behar Municipality

# **Action Area Plan: Bairagi Dighi**

Declaration of Cooch Behar as a Heritage Town

**Submitted: November 2019**



**Cooch Behar Planning Authority  
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## 1| Introduction: Background and Context

Bairagi Dighi is one of the significant tanks which are strongly associated with the heritage of Cooch Behar town. Bairagi Dighi derives its name from the Bairagis, who used to stay on the west bank of the tank. It is also known as Sunity Dighi. Dug in 1875, it has an area of 3.75 acres, and is surrounded by seven ghats. During 1940-1945, water polo was played

The Bairagi Dighi achieves its sacred value because of its proximity and association with the renowned Hindu temple of Madan Mohan, situated to the north of the Dighi. During the Rash Mela and Rath Mela, a major part of the cultural ritual takes place beside the Bairagi Dighi. Thus, the tank is of great socio-cultural significance in Cooch Behar.

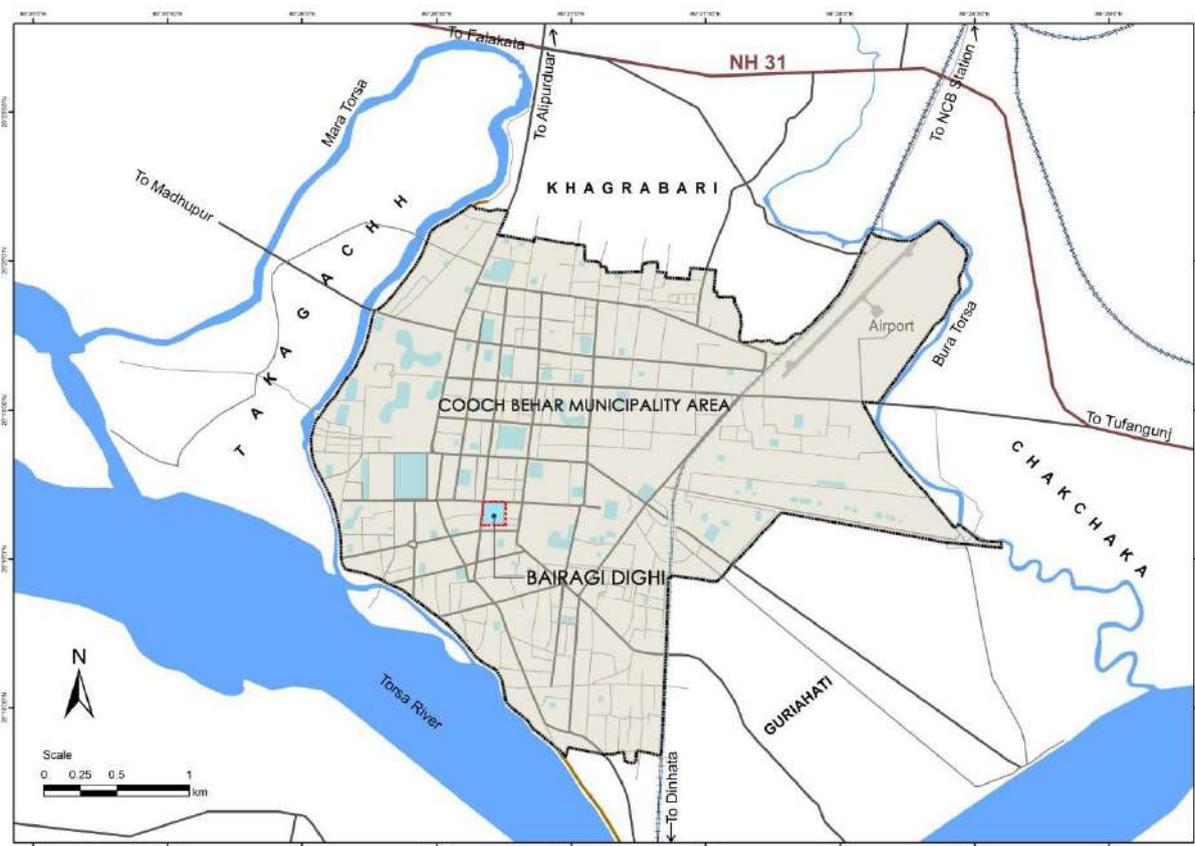


Figure 1: Location of Bairagi Dighi

### 1.1. Existing Built Environment

The Bairagi Dighi is situated at the junction of two roads, viz. Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road, to the north of the tank, and Biswa Singha Road, to the west. Thus, the continuity of activities and functions of the dighi and the temple gets disrupted by motorised vehicular traffic. Other than the Madan Mohan Temple, several heritage buildings are situated on the banks of the dighi, like the Anandamayee Dharmashala to the north; the P.W.D office to the east; the Cooch Behar Club and the Sadharan Brahmo Samaj to the south; and the Bhola Ashram (now the residence of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Roads) and the Kedar Kutir to the west. The predominant landuse abutting the tank is public-semi-public.

The north and south ghats of Bairagi Dighi, the gateway to the Dighi and the gate of Madan Mohan complex are aligned along a north-south axis, which offers a significant potential for creating a vista.

### 1.1.1. Existing Structures in and around the Dighi

A number of structures are present around the Dighi, including an elegant gateway with three multifoil arches that provides access to the Dighi from the north. Two pavilions on either side of the gateway are used for selling items for the pilgrims, like sweets, flowers, artefacts, and souvenirs. Two new non-descript, boxy kiosks have come up beside the pavilions, occupied by the Debuttor Trust Board and Bengal Tourism, which spoils the visual harmony as well as hinders the visual connection between the dighi and Madan Mohan. The boundary wall to the east of the Dighi has religious murals in maroon and white grit plaster, while MS railings mark the edges of the property on the other sides. Additionally, a shabby green-coloured cloth surrounds a major part of the southern perimeter of the property. The waters of the dighi may be accessed through seven ghats, finished in Indian Patent Stone, but there is no defined physical connection between them.

The presence of the Sadharan Brahmo Samaj adjacent to the dighi is notable instance exemplifying social inclusion which permeates Cooch Behar's cultural history.



Figure 2: Existing Structures around the Dighi. A: Gateway, B: Wall mural, C: Ghats, D: Pavilion shops and new structures (clockwise from top left)

### 1.1.2. Street Furniture and Illumination

The Dighi has an installation of a musical fountain eccentrically located to its south-western side. This was developed as a ticketed attraction, but has failed to generate expected revenues as it is reasonably visible from the surrounding public realm. Two rows of iron benches are arranged to the south-west of the dighi, for the paying visitors to sit and enjoy the musical fountain by evening. In addition, there are concrete benches scattered along the banks, which are mostly in a dilapidated condition (refer fig. 3).



Figure 3: Existing Street Furnitures. A: Iron benches near fountain, B,C & D: dilapidated concrete benches scattered around the dighi (clockwise from top left)

The illumination system is not standardised. There are 6m high light masts as well as 2.5-3m high street lights. 1.2m high lamps are installed all along the tank (refer fig. 4). There is no system of façade-lighting for highlighting the heritage structures.

Exposed electric lines add to the negative image of the place. However, a recent project initiated by the Government of West Bengal promises to ameliorate this condition by channelizing all cables under the ground.



Figure 4: Existing Illumination and electric cables around Bairagi Dighi. A: low height lights along the tank, B, C & D: street lamps (clockwise from top left). Note the overhead cables in image C.

### 1.1.3. Traffic and Parking

Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road is a busy two way lane. Due to the presence of the Madan Mohan Temple in front of Bairagi Dighi, a large number of people visit this place every day. These visitors currently park their four wheelers/ two wheelers/ cycles by the side of the abutting roads (refer fig. 5).



Figure 5: Existing Parking Facilities  
A: in front of Madan Mohan Temple, B: in front of Anandamayee Dharmashala

The on-street parking contributes to congestion at peak hours and needs to be regulated. The crowd gets bigger during festivals like Rash Mela and Rath mela and vehicular movement on the road is restricted. However, the level difference of the driveway and the pavement hinders safe movement under very crowded conditions.

#### 1.1.4. Signage and Hoardings

Although few important hoardings relating to Bairagi Dighi, Government buildings such as Office of District Library, Anandamayee Dharmashala, Cooch Behar N.H. Subdivision, etc and Bengal Tourism are present, there is a significant lack of directional signage, or road names.



Figure 6: Existing Hoardings and Signage lacking any standardization

Due to lack of any guideline for signage and hoardings, there has been chaotic and insensitive installation of commercial advertisements and info-graphics, leading to a visual clutter which spoils the character of the place (refer fig. 6). There is a need for controlling commercial hoardings, and informational signage needs to be standardized.

## 2| Action Area Delineation

The Action Area for Bairagi Dighi is considered to extend to the depth of one plot abutting the roads bounding the tank. The action area boundary is shown in fig. 7, along with the significant heritage properties included within.

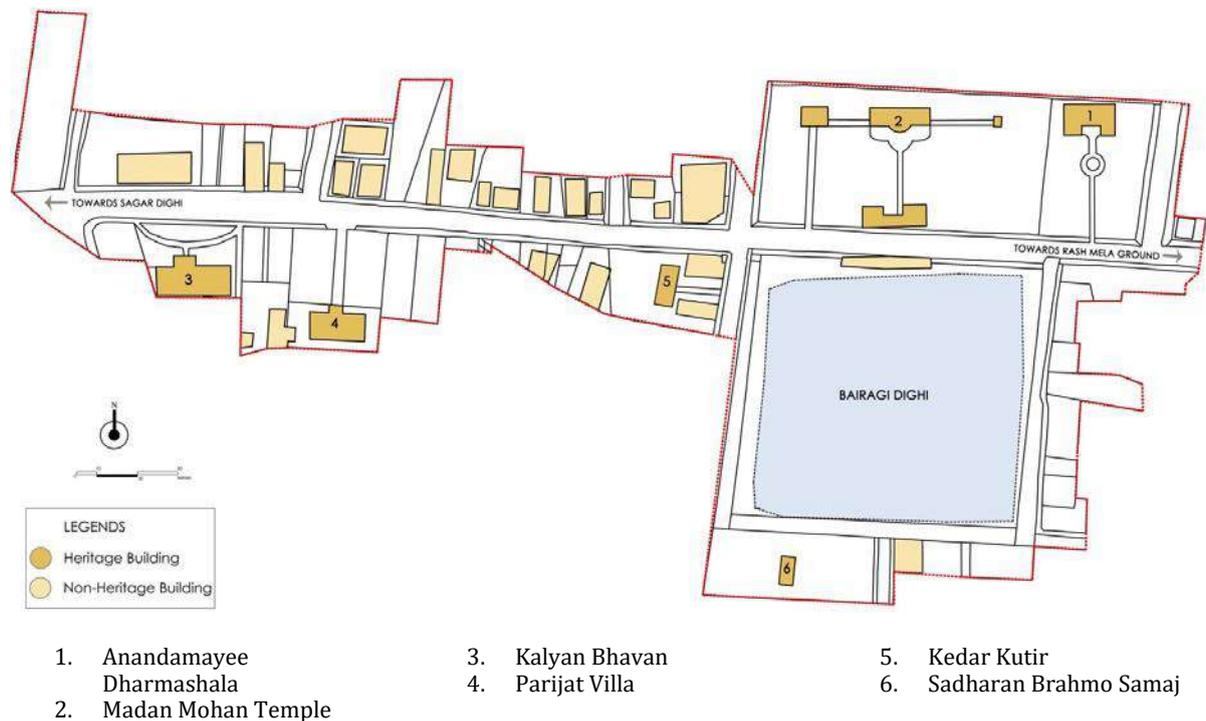


Figure 7: Bairagi Dighi Action Area

## 3| Objectives

The Bairagi Dighi precinct is a socio-culturally vital node of Cooch Behar, having significant heritage value. The main objectives of Bairagi Dighi Action Area Plan are as follows:

- i. To enhance and celebrate the existing cultural, historical and natural environment
- ii. To create an exciting public place that shall allow people to connect and experience the space and the built environment
- iii. To develop a socially and culturally inclusive environment
- iv. To propose strategies for revenue generation which would contribute towards the maintenance of the precinct
- v. To promote pedestrian safety, accessibility, mobility, and convenience
- vi. To create a seminal node that shall emphatically contribute to the heritage character of Cooch Behar town

## 4| Proposals

The recommendations may be articulated in terms of:

- I. Street level interventions
- II. Property level interventions

### 4.1. Street Level Interventions

These interventions are meant for the demarcated portion of the action area plan along Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road. The following section presents detailed description about parking, floorscape, illumination and signage along this stretch.

#### 4.1.1. Parking

- i. On-street parking shall be allowed only at the designated area in the Bairagi Dighi precinct, proposed along the northern edge of Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road, in front of Madan Mohan Temple (refer fig. 8).
- ii. Further, the open drains along the southern edge of the road are to be covered and parts of this may be used for on-street parking at other parts of the action area (refer fig. 9).

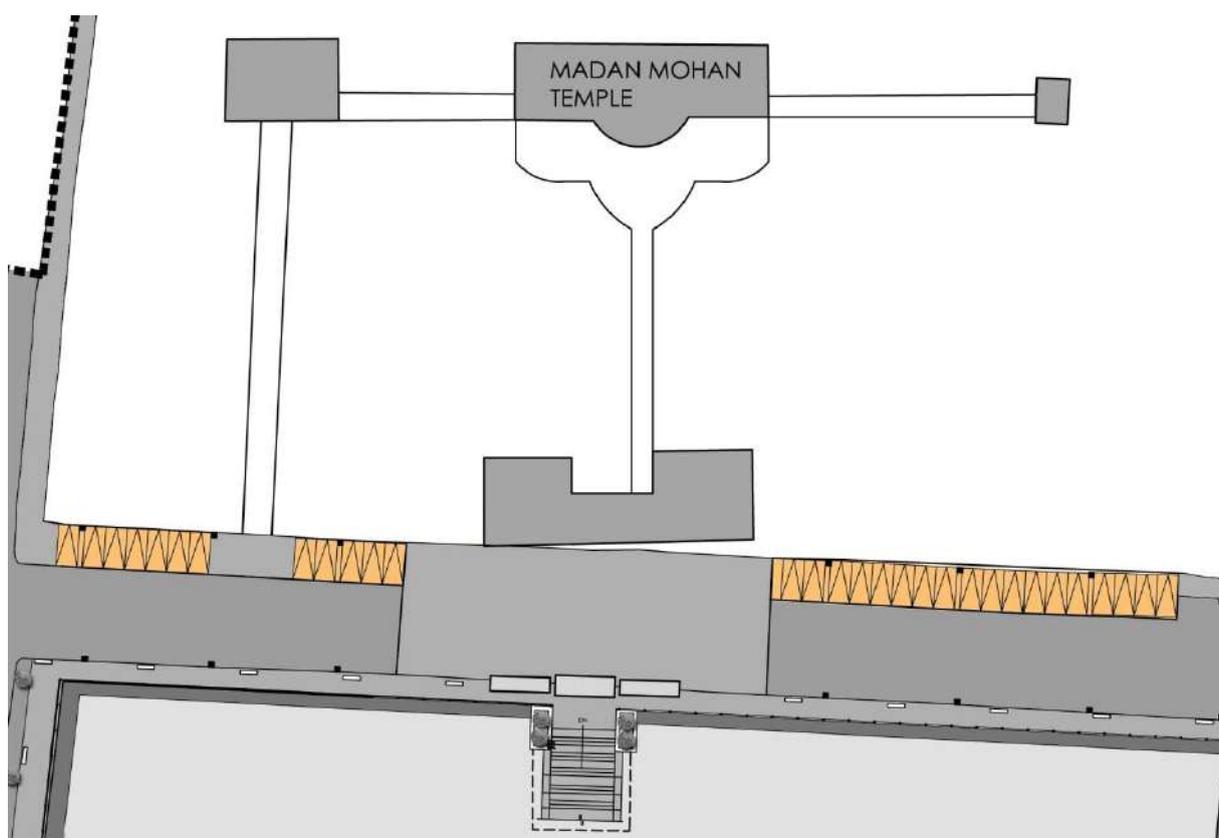


Figure 8: Parking in front of Madan Mohan Temple

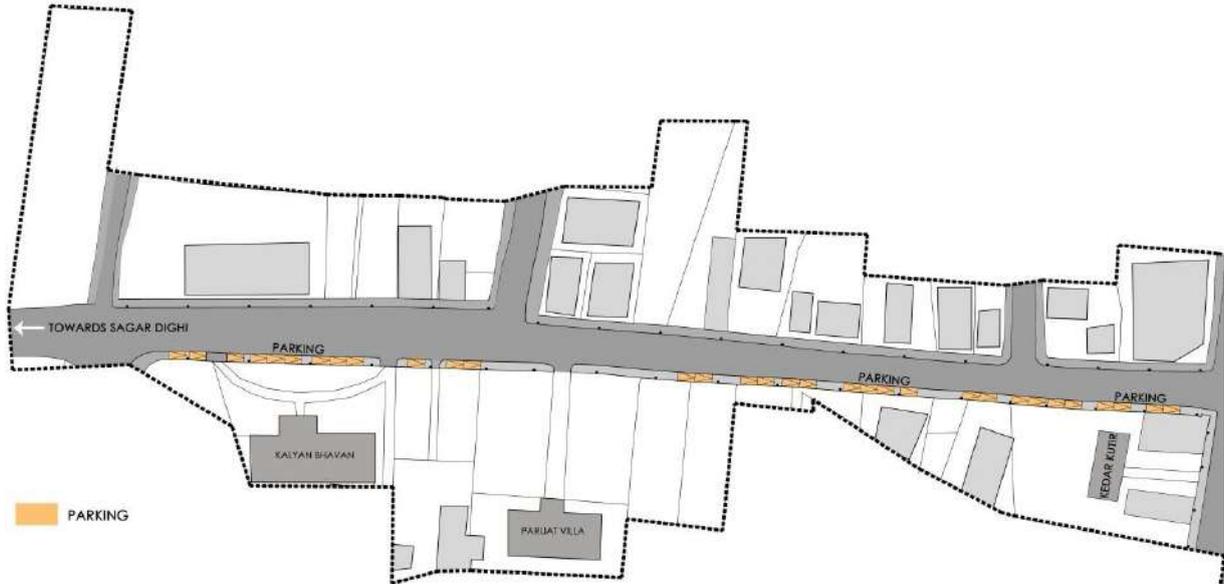


Figure 9: Parking Zone on Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road

#### 4.1.2. Floorscape

To make the precinct pedestrian friendly and inclusive, pavement at the Bairago dighi precinct are to be levelled with the road. This would especially help to ensure safety during crowded situations. For regular days with vehicular flow, the distinction between the at-grade pedestrian and vehicular flows has been facilitated through material variations in the floorscape.

- i. Separate coloured granite cobblestone is proposed to differentiate between the vehicular and pedestrian pathways. Replacing the black top finish would uplift the visual character of the place (refer fig. 9).
- ii. A section of the vehicular road in front of the Madan Mohan Temple will be similar to that used for the pedestrian pathway in order to privilege seamless pedestrian movement from the dighi to the temple, and vice-versa (refer fig. 8).

#### 4.1.3. Illumination

The specification detail of illumination system is given below:

- i. VICTORIA - IP65 (Havells - Outdoor LED Luminaires-landscape light) at 5m height, at a distance of 18m centre to centre, have been proposed on both the sides of Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road.
- ii. BAMBOO - IP65 (Havells - Outdoor LED Luminaires-landscape light) may be used for bollard lighting in the parking areas in front of the temple.



Figure 10 Proposed Illumination System  
Source: Havells

#### 4.1.4. Signage

At present no proper signage system is available in Bairagi Dighi area. The standard signage developed for the Cooch Behar Heritage Town shall be used (refer fig. 11).



Figure 11: Typical signage

#### 4.2. Property Level Interventions

Some design interventions are required to make the Bairagi Dighi a lively public place that would allow experiencing and appreciating the heritage environment. The following section present specific proposals about pedestrian movement, types of activity areas, floorscape, illumination, utilities and services, and greenery, for the areas immediately surrounding the tank and the Sadharan Brahma Samaj (refer fig. 12).



Figure 12: Delineation of area for property level interventions

#### 4.2.1. Pedestrian Movement

A 3.5m wide paved pathway has been proposed all along the banks of Bairagi Dighi, connecting all the ghats, with proper landscape and furniture. This would encourage a continual movement of visitors across the precinct, leading up to the special activity area around the Sadharan Brahma Samaj.

#### 4.2.2. Adaptive Reuse

The Sadharan Brahma Samaj has been proposed to be adapted for reuse as a café, without disturbing the heritage structure. A central island kiosk would serve packed food and beverages, with a 1.8 m wide circulation space all around (refer fig.13). The inner wall surfaces of the structure shall be used for displaying information panels and graphics showcasing the heritage significance of the precinct. Additionally, two tensile structures have been proposed that shall provide shade to the outdoor sitting area of the café (refer fig.14). These shall be made of steel and fabric, and may be easily dismantled, without hampering the structural integrity of heritage elements of the precinct.

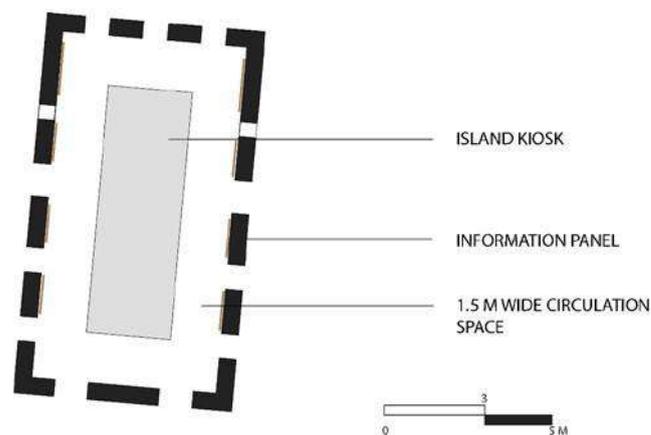


Figure 13: Proposed plan for the Sadharan Brahma Samaj



Figure 14: Proposed design for the Sadharan Brahma Samaj Area

#### 4.2.3.Types of Outdoor Activity Areas

- i. A sloped edge of the dighi should be properly graded and dressed with a resultant width of 1.5 metre, and seating overlooking the water provided all along this (refer fig.15). The three major ghats are to be properly developed for giving direct access to the water of the dighi (refer fig. 16). New pergola structures with arched openings inspired from the heritage gateway are proposed for the western and southern ghats(REFER fig.17 & 18). This arcade would serve as the unifying design element for the entire precinct.

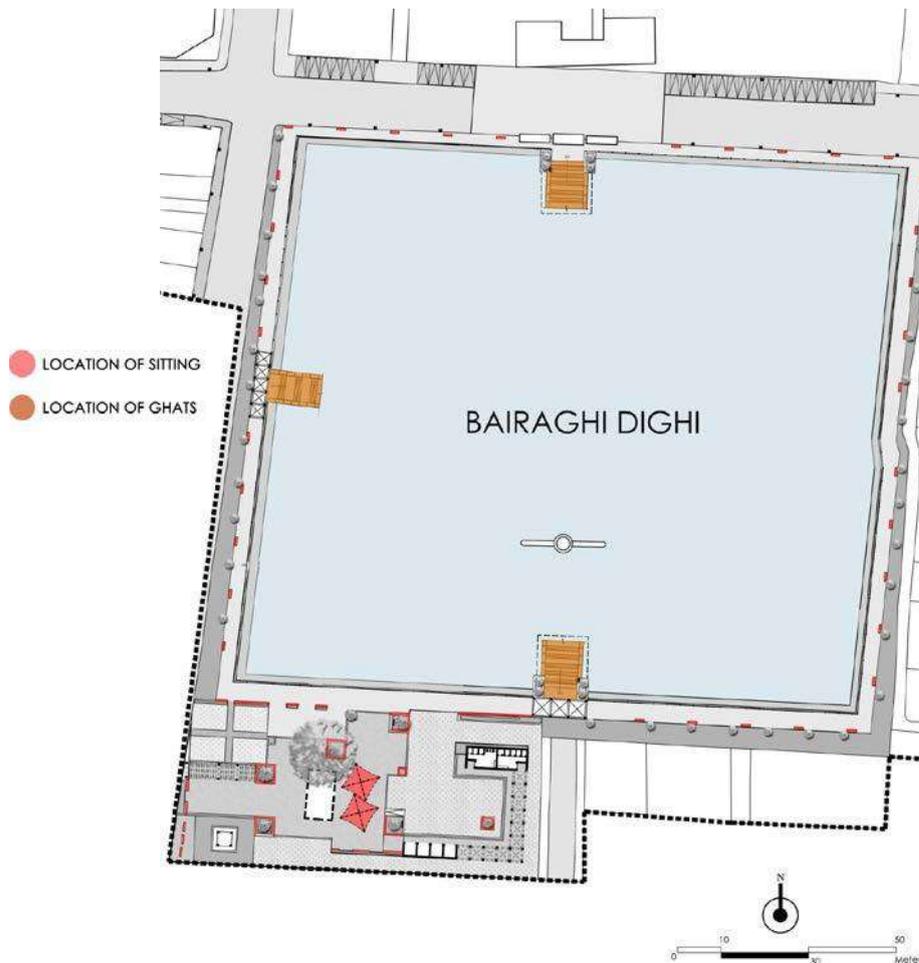


Figure 15: Location of Seating and Ghats

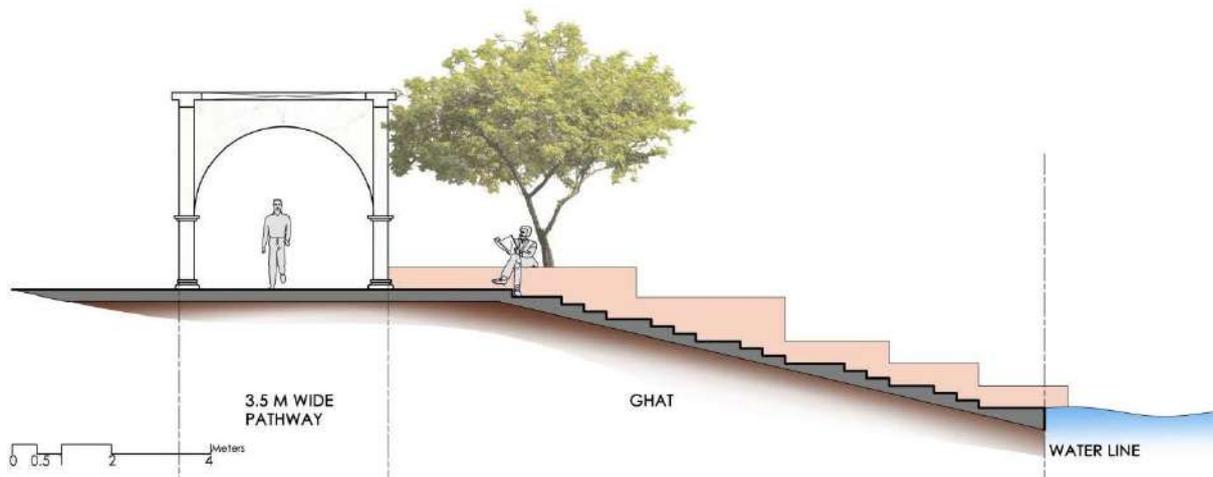


Figure 16: General Section of Ghat



Figure 17: Ghat at the west of the Bairagi Dighi, with integrated seating and pergola



Figure 18: Proposed arcaded form of the pergola that becomes the unifying design element

- ii. The space around Sadharan Brahma Samaj (about 0.367 acres) has been designed in the form of multiple paved and green courts with built-in seating, illumination, and information display mechanisms (refer fig. 19 – 25). This is expected to encourage various public activities of different scale and types, such as open-air exhibitions, performances, children-centred events, souvenir shopping, and food vending. A total number of four shops can be accommodated in the proposed design, and the new kiosks existing beside the heritage gateway are proposed to be relocated here.



Figure 19: Proposed development around Sadharan Brahma Samaj



Figure 20: Tensile structures to provide shade to the outdoor sitting for heritage cafe. Note the seating provisions integrated with plantation beds, subtle level differences and floorscapes articulating different activity zones, and porous green-crete paving promoting sustainable environment



Figure 21: Bigger multipurpose court to the east of the cafe, enclosed by the unifying arcaded pergola. The arcade can host food carts of vendors, temporary shops, or even occasional exhibitions and events for children, while the court can have performances and small fairs.



Figure 22: Smaller Charbagh-inspired court to the west of the cafe with information panels. Seen beyond the high pergola is the smaller performance area with gazebo as a central element. Variety of floorscape design is consistently used to segregate and define different activity zones.



Figure 23: View of the high pergola and Charbagh-courtyard from the gazebo. Note the variation of the base plane with elevations, depressions, and surface alterations that articulate the overall area into distinct zones.



Figure 24: Bairagi Dighi viewed from the heritage cafe area. Note the integrated seating under the canopy of trees, and the variety of landscape lighting fixtures.



Figure 25: Sectional elevations of the activity area around the heritage cafe

#### 4.2.4. Illumination

Illumination has been proposed along the banks of the Dighi, as well as the activity area around the heritage cafe:

- i. Facade lighting shall be provided to highlight the heritage structure of Sadharan Brahmo Samaj by evening.
- ii. The fountain with light and sound shall be relocated to the centre of the dighi, maintaining the visual axis developed by the northern and southern ghats.
- iii. VICTORIA - IP65 (Havells - Outdoor LED Luminaires- landscape light) at 3m height, shall be employed for area lighting.
- iv. Havells Crabtree Athena 4M LED Footlight shall be incorporated in the integrated seating, steps, and posts of the arcaded structures.
- v. BAMBOO - IP65 (Havells - Outdoor LED Luminaires- landscape light) placed at a distance of 1.5 metre centre to centre shall be used for bollard lighting along the proposed pathway around the dighi.

#### 4.2.5. Utilities and Services

A number of utilities have been proposed at the activity zone near the heritage cafe, outlined as follows:

- i. Drinking water fountains at the cafe
- ii. Mobile charger/ charging points installed with the integrated seating
- iii. Stainless steel garbage bins at regular intervals along the bank of the dighi, as well as near the cafe, for both bio-degradable and non-bio-degradable waste
- iv. Public toilets for ladies and gents combined within the arcaded exhibition structure, with universally accessible cubicles (refer Fig. 19)

#### 4.2.6. Greenery

Basic design principles for the vegetation around Bairagi Dighi are mentioned below:

- i. Existing trees shall be retained, and a few new plants may be introduced, in accordance the general layout. Recommended species for new plantation include *Plumeria alba*, *Plumeria rubra*, *Mimusosp elengi*, *Lagerstroemia specioca*, *Cassia fistula*, *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis*, and *Bauhinia*.
- ii. All branches and canopy shall be trimmed to provide a clear height of 2100 mm.
- iii. Low height plantation (Shrubs / hedges) shall be limited to 900 mm height for better view angle.
- iv. Integrated seating to be provided around tree trunks

#### 4.2.7. Signage

Proper signage would be required in the Bairagi Dighi precinct for interpretation of its heritage, as well as dissemination of relevant public information. These should include:

- i. Infographics including maps and plans of heritage precinct

- ii. Electronic Signage consoles relaying historical significance of the site and structures, interspersed with private advertisement which would generate a continuous flow of revenue
- iii. Modular outdoor display boards for Charbagh area

#### 4.2.8. Unifying Features

To visually integrate the Bairagi Dighi precinct with the Madan Mohan temple complex, the following strategies are proposed:

- i. The colour of all new structures shall be white, to resonate with the temple.
- ii. The existing MS grille boundary is to be replaced with a low height wall (1200mm) the design of which is inspired by the rhythm of the boundary wall of the temple complex (refer fig. 26).

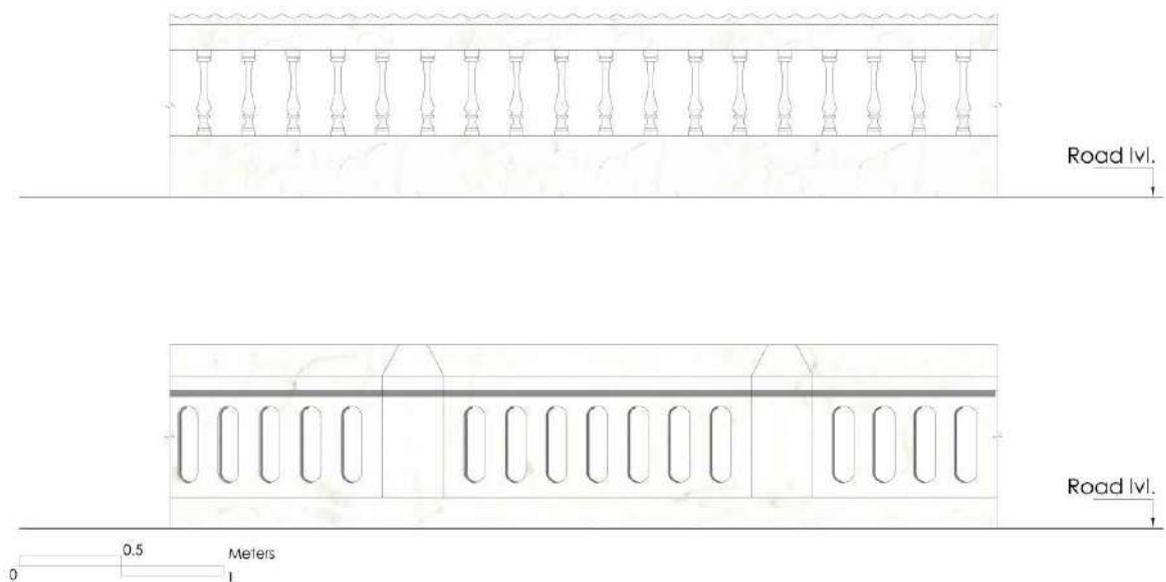


Figure 26: Boundary Wall designs  
A: Bairagi Dighi precinct, as proposed, B: Madan Mohan Temple complex, as existing



Figure 27: Bairagi Dighi seen across the boundary wall

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## 1| Introduction: Background and Context

Sagar Dighi is significant for its historical and cultural association with the heritage of Cooch Behar town. Located at the heart of Cooch Behar town, this tank is one of the ‘Great Ponds’ and a significant heritage precinct. The name Sagar Dighi means an ocean-like pond. This has been also termed as ‘Medini Sagar’ in many historical documents and archives. It was created as a source of drinking water for the people of Cooch Behar by Maharaja Harendra Narayan, in 1807 CE. Soon after, in order to maintain the quality of the water, in around 1865 CE, bathing and washing activities in the Dighi were discontinued, along with the construction of two ghats. Later, during the reign of Maharaja Nripendra Narayan, in 1867 CE, the area of Sagar Dighi was increased from 795 ft X 560 ft to 890 ft X 610 ft. This was followed by some associated road work along its periphery during 1871 to 1872 CE.

The water-body acts as a niche for migratory birds during the winter season and is an attraction for the tourists. But in recent times, it has been deteriorating fast due to increase in pollution and lack of maintenance of the water. There were many rare trees in this area like *Holarrhena antidysenterica* (Kutraj/Kurchi), *Musea ferrea* (Nagkesar), *Murraya paniculata* (Kamini), *Pithecellobium dulce* (Jungle jilipi), *Ficus benghalensis* (Bott), *Ficus religiosa* (Asathya), *Bougainvillia* sp. (Bagan bilash), et cetera. At present, *Polyalthia logifolia* (Asoka), *Delonix regia* (Gulmohar), et cetera, are the most predominant trees of this area.

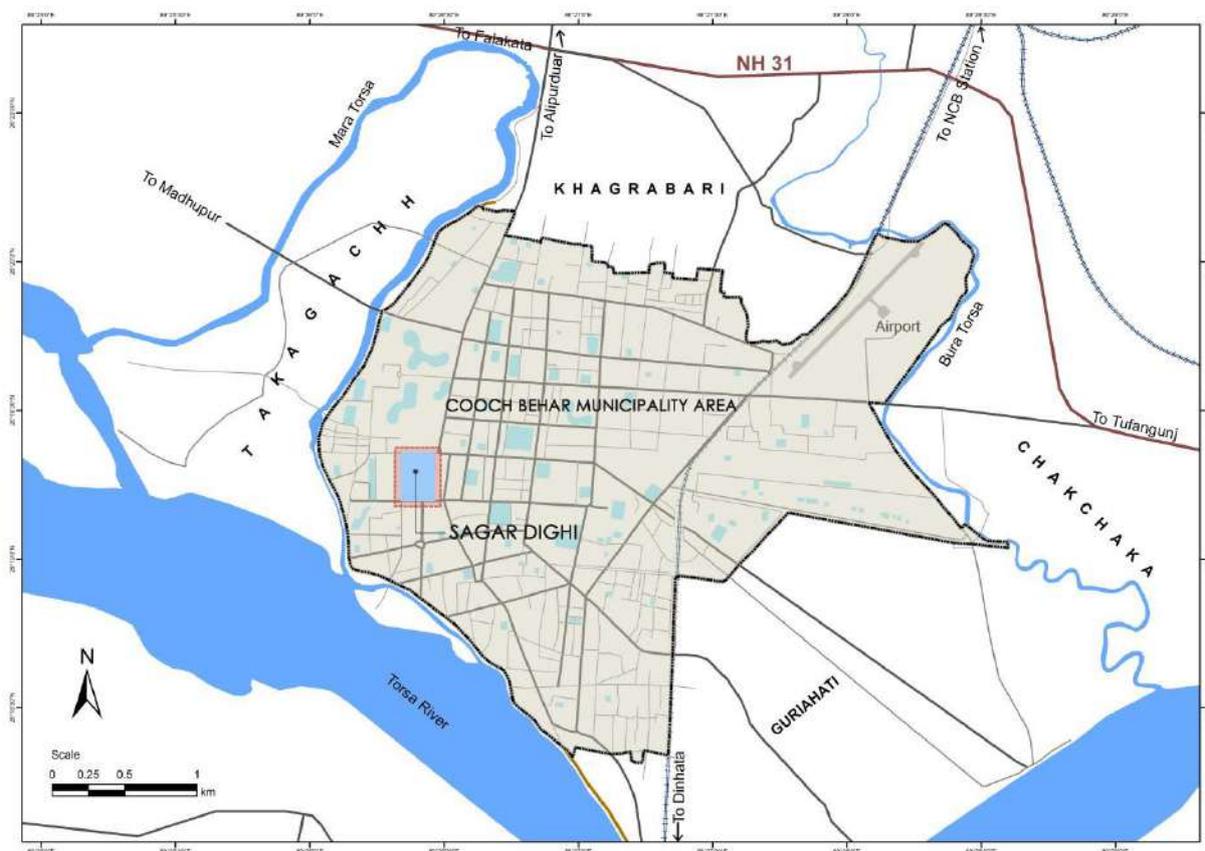


Figure 1: Location of Sagar Dighi

## 1.1. Existing Built Environment

Sagar Dighi is located to the south of Cooch Behar Raj Bari, adjacent to the Raj Bari Stadium. This place, also known as Sagar Dighi square is having an area of 13.58 acres (41 Bigha). It is situated at the junction of two roads, viz. Kesab Road (previously known as Puranabas Road) and Sunity Road (previously known as Hospital Road), while the Maharaja Jagadwipendra Narayan road runs along its South.

Predominantly, Sagar Dighi square falls under the 'Public-semi-public' landuse zone and consist of maximum number of the major Government Administrative Offices of the entire district. Several heritage buildings are situated on the banks of Sagar Dighi like the District Judge's Court and Bar Association at the north side; the S.D.O. Office, Office of the Additional District Magistrate and District Land and Land Reforms Office, the Treasury Building, the District Election Office, the Uttar Banga State Library towards the east; the S.P. Office, the Revenue Inspector Office, the District Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation Office towards the southern side; and the Hiranyagarbha Shiva Temple, the Lansdowne Hall, and the Victor Palace at the west side of the Dighi.

The heritage buildings represent a mixed style of architecture, but the dominance of Neo-Classical Italian Renaissance and Indo-Saracenic style may be noted. In comparison to the width of the Dighi, the surrounding buildings appear to be of a humble scale, thereby not creating a very strong sense of enclosure. Though the buildings present in the first layer have maintained their original character, in the subsequent tiers, many newly constructed multi-storeyed buildings have appeared. This disturbs the skyline and the character of the place when viewed from various locations.

### 1.1.1. Street Furniture and Illumination

Initially there were iron benches during the time of Maharaja Nripendra Narayan that were replaced by concrete benches in 1973 CE. Semi-circular sitting spaces with plastic sheds were created on one side of Sagar Dighi in 1987 CE. The latest addition during 1996-97 CE has been the iron fencing, which obstructs the view of the Dighi to the visitors.

Earlier, decorative cast iron lamp-posts with ornamental hanging lamps were installed along the Dighi. At present, light towers can be seen at its four corners and circular light posts run along the footpaths. The illumination system is not standardised. There are 6m high light masts as well as 2.5-3m high street lights (Refer fig. 2). There has been no genuine endeavour on façade lighting for highlighting the buildings except for a few spherical fixtures on the boundary walls that draw more attention towards the disgraceful walls than the commendable buildings.

Exposed electric lines also add to the negative image of the place. However, a recent project initiated by the Government promises to ameliorate this condition by channelizing all power connections under the ground.



Figure 2: Existing Illumination System

### 1.1.2. Signage and Hoardings

Due to lack of any guideline for signage and hoardings, there has been chaotic and insensitive installation of commercial advertisements and info-graphics, leading to a visual clutter which spoils the character of the place (Refer fig. 3). Many a times, the placement and size of these hoardings restrict the view of the heritage structures.

There is a significant lack of directional signage, or road names. Also, essential signage relating to the heritage precinct and the buildings are missing.

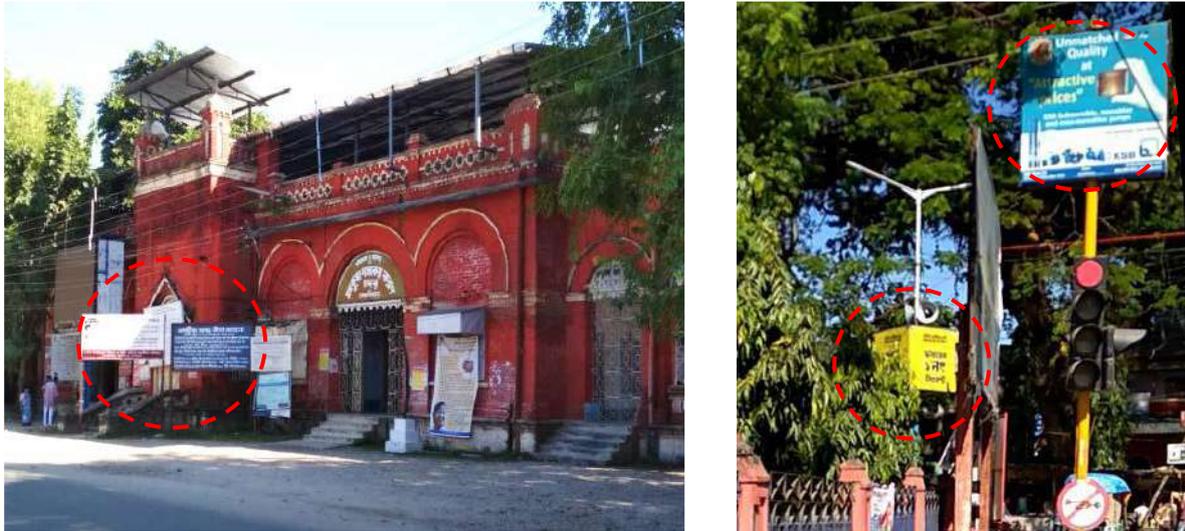


Figure 3: Existing Hoardings and Signage

### 1.1.3. Traffic and Parking

Due to the predominance of important government offices of the town being around Sagar Dighi, immense number of people visits this place every day. These visitors currently park their four wheelers/ two wheelers/ cycle by the side of the abutting roads (Refer fig. 4). This results in congestion at peak hours and also contributes to the noise and air pollution of the area.



Figure 4: Existing Parking Facilities  
A - near Hiranyagarbha Shiva temple, B - in front of SBI, C - in front of Court Building

### 1.1.4. Pollution

Various migratory birds used to come to Sagar Dighi every winter, but, unfortunately, their number has started decreasing over the past few years. One of the primary reasons is the noise generated from motor vehicles, air horns, and loudspeakers, along with activities like swimming and fishing in the water. In response to the same, Sagar Dighi area was declared as a 'Silence Zone' in 2015. The team of consultants had measured the sound level in the Sagar Dighi area and it was observed to be 60 to 70 dB (A) during the daytime and 40 to 50 dB (B) during night – noticeably above the respective recommended values of 50 dB (A) and 40 dB (B) respectively, as stipulated by the Central Pollution Control Board.

Unregulated human activities like washing and bathing with soaps and detergents, has made the water of the tank unsuitable for drinking, and generally of poor quality for human use.

## 2| Action Area Delineation

The Action Area for Sagar Dighi is considered to extend to the depth of one plot abutting the roads bounding the tank. The action area boundary is shown in fig. 5, along with the significant heritage properties included within.



Figure 5: Location of Sagar Dighi

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### 3| Objectives

Sagar Dighi precinct is a dynamic urban square of Cooch Behar, having significant heritage value. The main objectives of Sagar Dighi Action Area Plan are as follows:

- i. To enhance and celebrate the existing cultural, historical and natural environment
- ii. To create an exciting public place that shall allow people to connect and experience the space and the built environment
- iii. To develop a socially and culturally inclusive environment
- iv. To propose strategies for revenue generation which would contribute towards the maintenance of the precinct
- v. To promote pedestrian safety, accessibility, mobility, and convenience
- vi. To create a seminal node that shall emphatically contribute to the heritage character of Cooch Behar town

### 4| Proposals

The recommendations may be articulated in terms of:

- I. Street level interventions
- II. Property level interventions

#### 4.1. Street Level Interventions

These interventions are meant for the portion between the water line of the Dighi and the individual properties. The following section presents detailed description about traffic movement and parking, pedestrian movement, floorscape, types of activities area, signage, illumination, utilities and services and greenery.

##### 4.1.1. Traffic Movement and Parking

Vehicular traffic will be restricted for the entire Sagar Dighi square to provide better pedestrian facility. The proposals regarding traffic movement and parking are as follows:

The four roads surrounding the Sagar Dighi are classified into two categories (Refer fig 6, 7 & 8):

- a. Roads with controlled vehicular access: Vehicles will be allowed on these roads only during office hours, say 10 am to 5 pm.
- b. Pedestrian walkways (roads with limited vehicular access): These roads have been designated for pedestrian movement only. Vehicles may be allowed through these roads only for any emergency purpose.

The distinction between designated pedestrian walkways and roads allowing controlled or limited vehicular access has been articulated with floorscape. Also, they are segregated with a string of design street fixtures such as bollard lights, lamp posts, digital display screens, exhibition walls, sculptures, and topiaries with in-built waste bins (Refer fig. 7, 8 & views 1, 2, 3, 4). On-street parking shall not be allowed at the precinct. Two designated parking areas have been proposed in front of the Court and near the Municipality Office (Refer figs. 9 & 10 and views 3 & 4).



Figure 6: Roads around Sagar Dighi

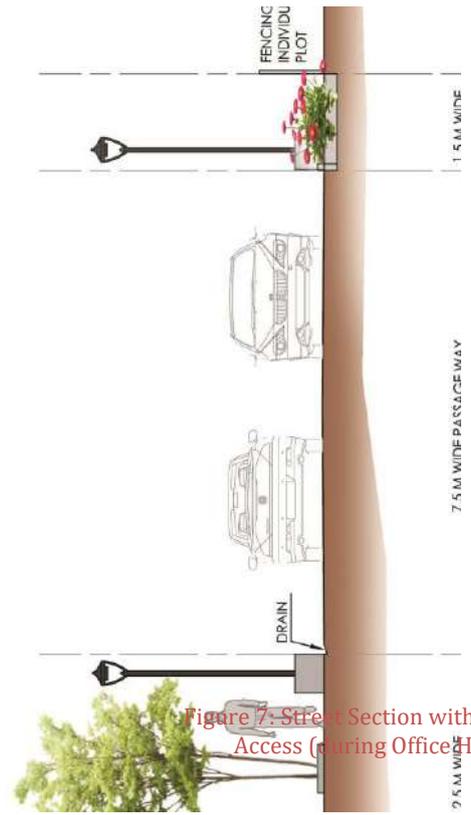


Figure 7: Street Section with Vehicular Access (during Office Hours)

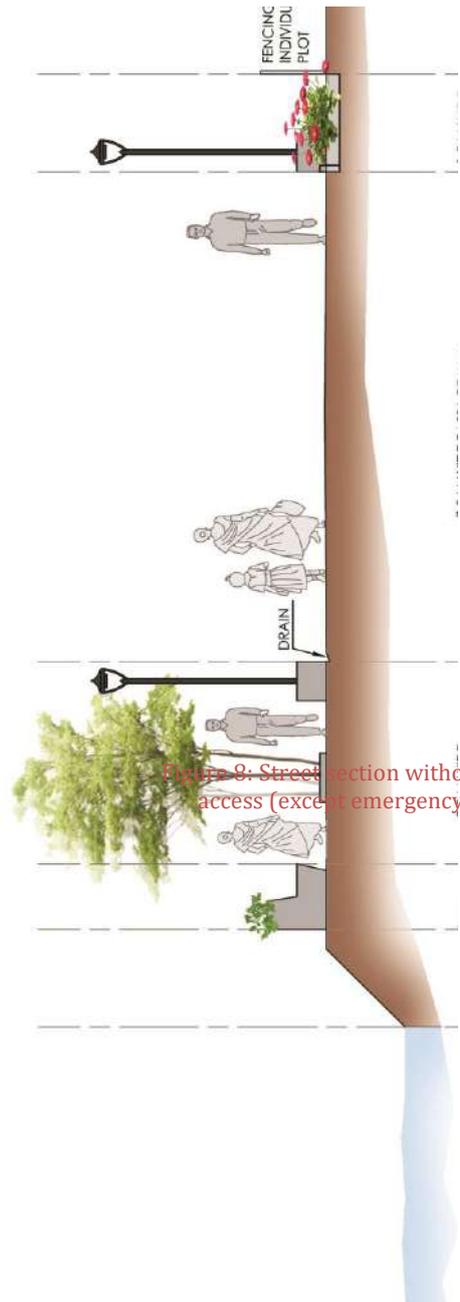


Figure 9: Street section without vehicular access (except emergency vehicle)



View 1: Street view showing pedestrian movement and the exhibition wall that distinguishes the designated pedestrian walkway and the road



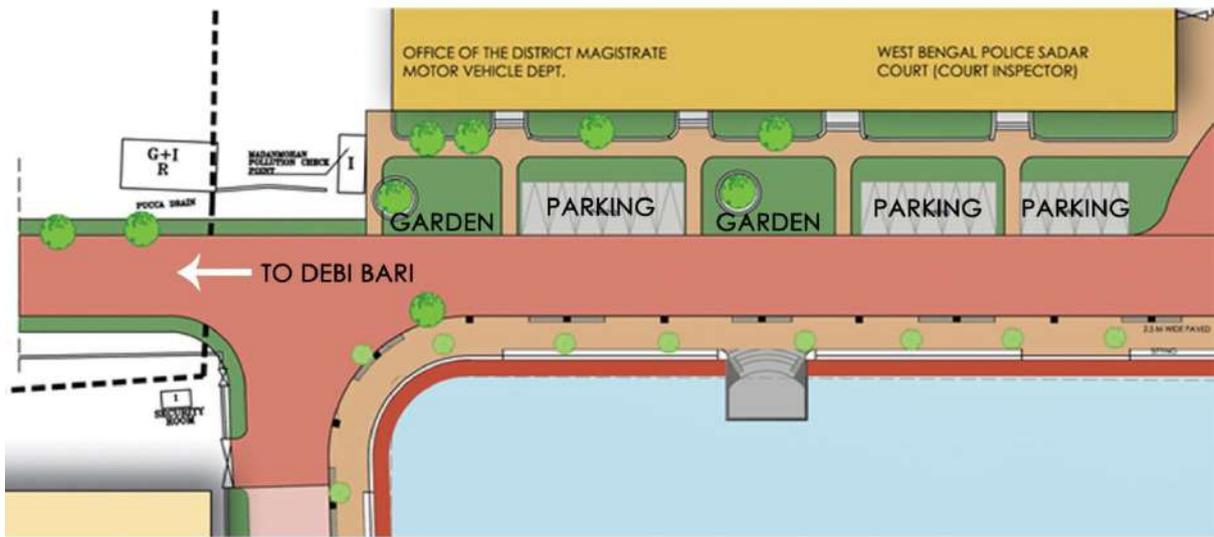
View 2: Street view showing different activities by the pedestrians and the segregation of the designated pedestrian walkway and the road by bollards



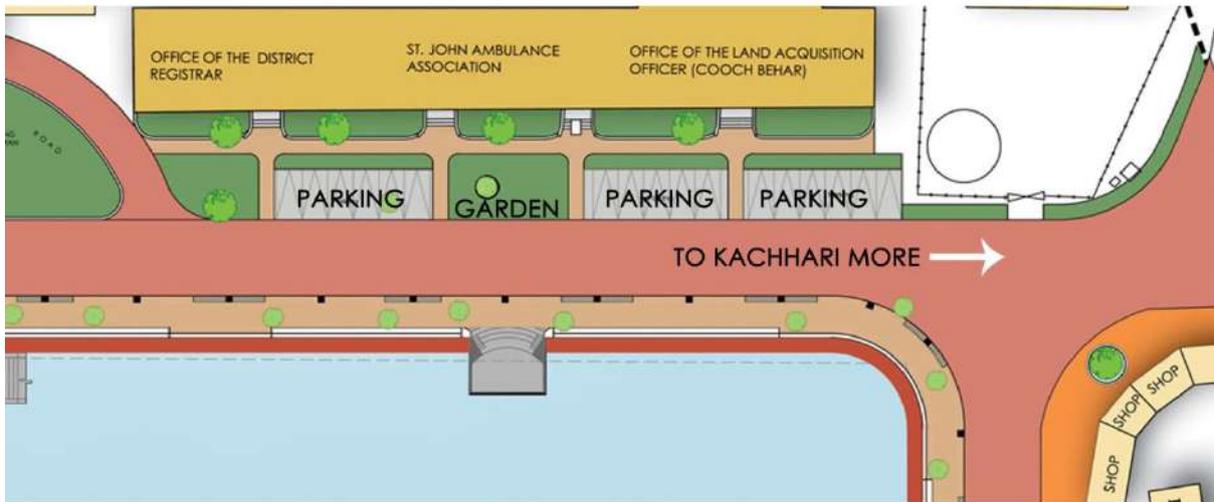
View 3: Street view showing the segregation of the designated pedestrian walkway and the road by topiaries and bollards and the parking in front of the western wing of District Court Complex



View 4: Street view showing the segregation of the designated pedestrian walkway and the road by featured modules such as sculptures and the parking in front of the western wing of District Court Complex

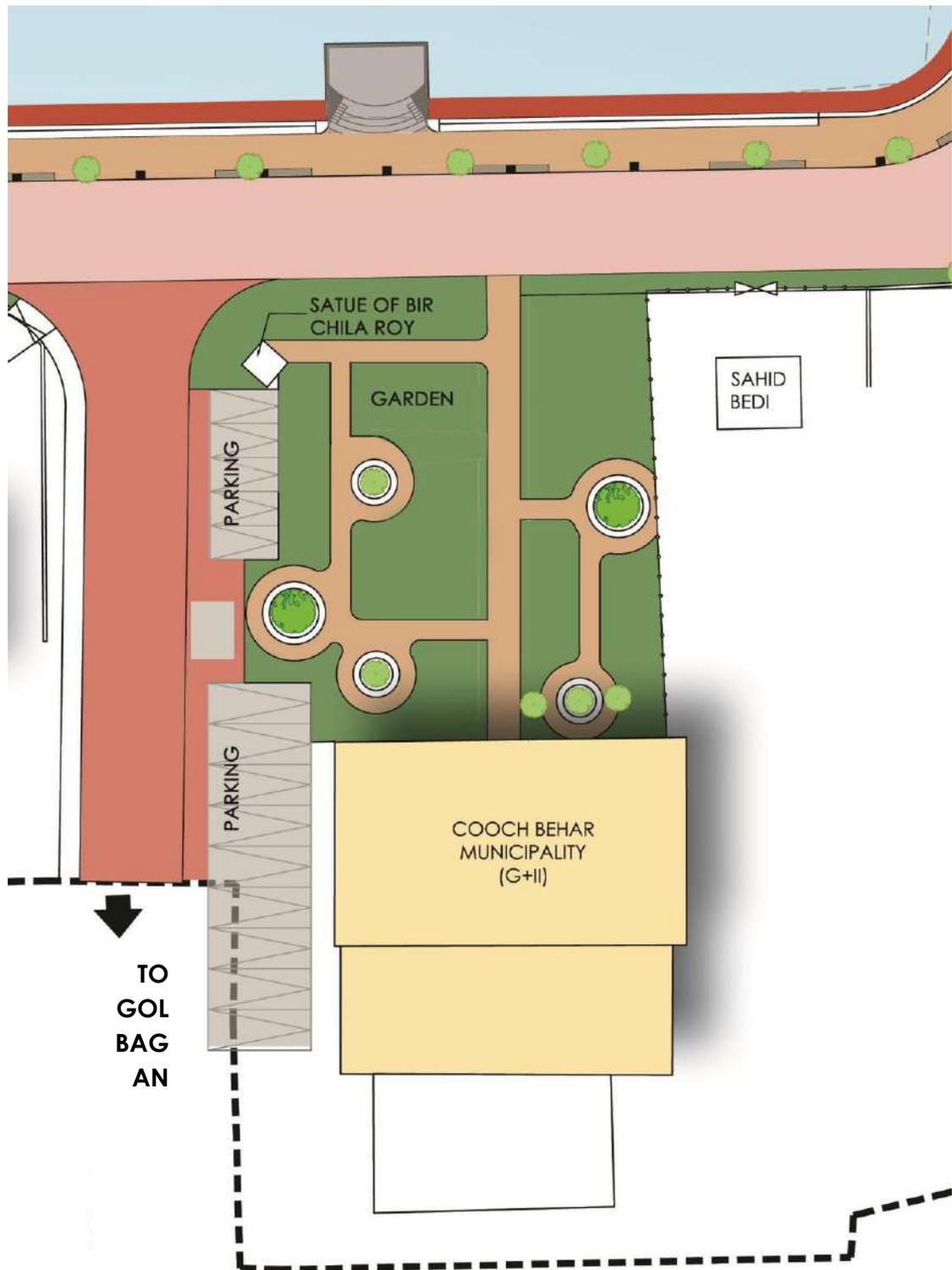


A



B

Figure 9: Parking Zone and Garden to the Northern Side of Dighi (A- Western Part, B- Eastern Part)



LEGEND :

-  Pathways (with vehicular access during office hours)
-  Pathways (without vehicular access)
-  Hawker's Corner
-  Heritage building
-  Non - Heritage building

Figure 10: Parking Zone (for car and LCV) to the Southern Side of Dighi, and Garden in front of the Municipality Office



View 5: Street view showing the at-grade separation of pedestrian walkway and road and the different activities around Sagar Dighi



View 6: View of Sagar Dighi and the activities along its bank

#### 4.1.2. Pedestrian Movement

- i. Pedestrian movement is encouraged instead of vehicular traffic, and streets are designed accordingly to support pedestrian activity. (Refer view 5 & 6)
- ii. The peripheral pathway is to be distinguished into two zones: one of 2.5 metre width, solely meant for pedestrian movement, and the other of 7.5 metre width, for pedestrian movement with restricted vehicular access. (Refer fig. 6, 7 & 8)

#### 4.1.3. Floorscape

The distinction of the two at-grade zones in the pedestrian paths and roads has been achieved through material variations in the floorscape. Some green patches are also introduced in this context.

- i. The material used for both pedestrian and vehicular pathways is granite cobblestone with different colour shade instead of black top finish to uplift the urban character of the place. (Refer fig. 11 & view 5)

#### 4.1.4. Types of Activity Area

Public activity zone is a significant element for any urban square and here Sagar Dighi is the main urban zone for interaction within the Cooch Behar town. Seating arrangements and various activity zones with the help of majestic water front view of Sagar Dighi in the backdrop of some important heritage buildings shall induce huge influx of tourists and thereby make the place rejuvenated.

- i. A sloped threshold from the water line of Dighi with 1.5 metre width has been proposed for protecting the water line.
- ii. Seating space has been designed along this threshold line. (Refer fig. 12 & 13 & view 5)
- iii. Some specific spaces have been created for public activities and programmes. General seating arrangement like open air theatre has been included for staging both small and large performances such as cultural festivals, display and trade fair, etc. that shall encourage traditional local crafts, folk culture, etc. to flourish. (Refer fig. 17 & 19 & view 9 & 10)
- iv. Total number of proposed Ghats is four as per its existing location. (Refer fig. 12 & 14 to 16 for typical design of Ghats)
- v. Some free walls have been provided where school children can display their paintings or express their thoughts through graffiti. (Refer fig. 20-C & view 1)
- vi. The roads can be used for various activities in off-peak hours like 'sit and draw completion' where school children would be asked to draw the most imageable building of Cooch Behar, or quiz completion with the theme of 'know your town' et cetera. Through this, the students would appreciate, learn to understand the importance of heritage and in the process discover unique ways of protecting and promoting local heritage.

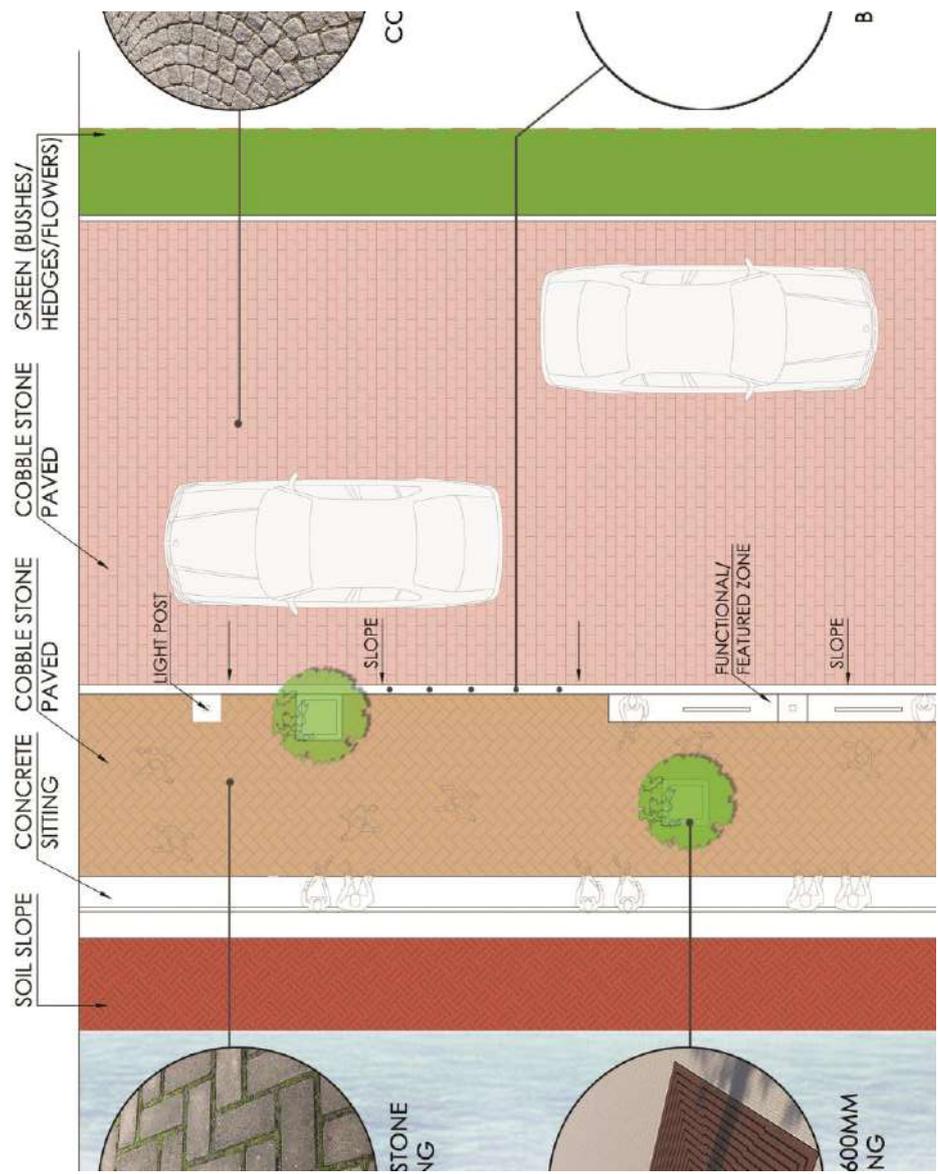


Figure 11: Floorscape of Pathway

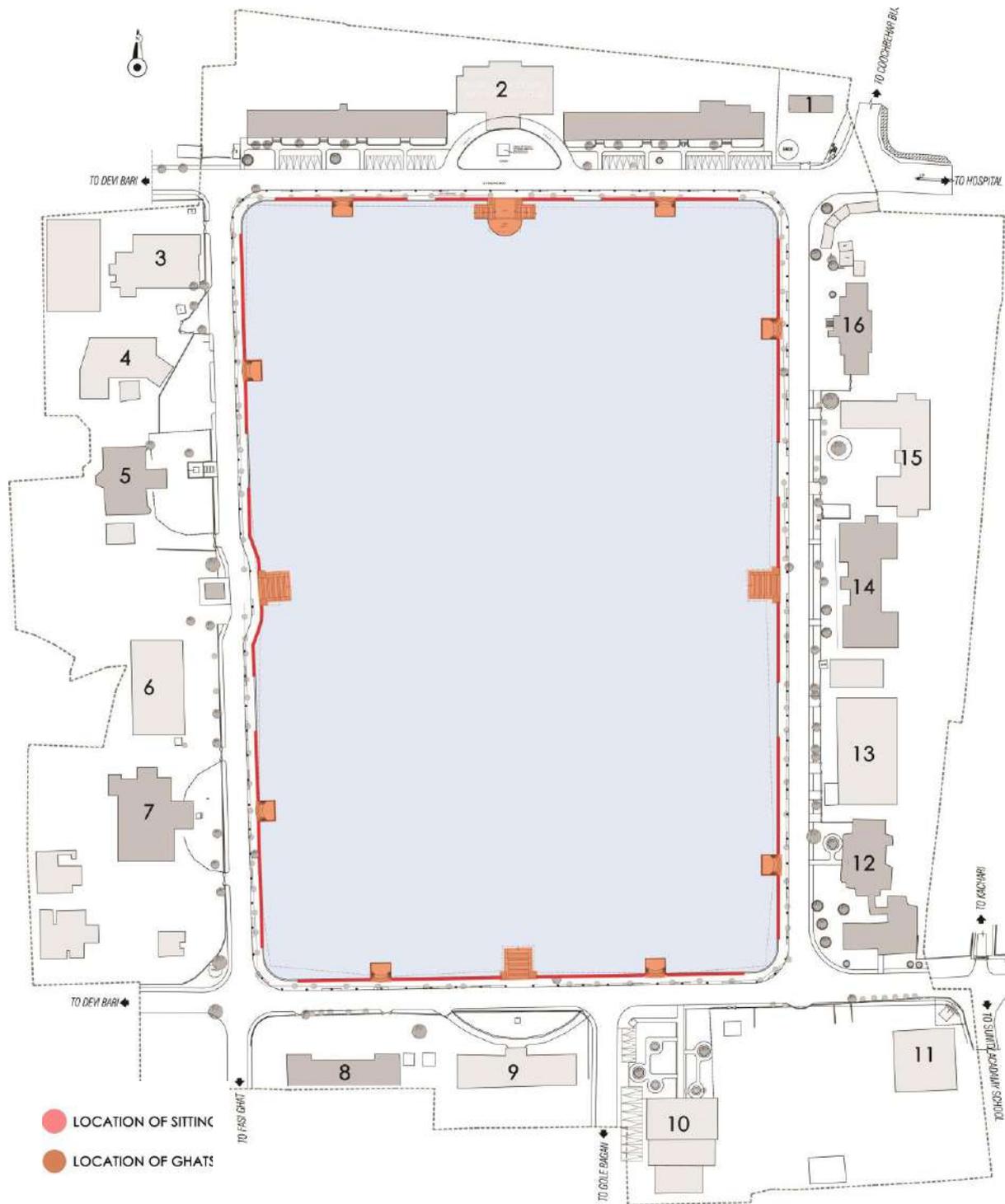


Figure 12: Location of Seating, Ghats and Decks

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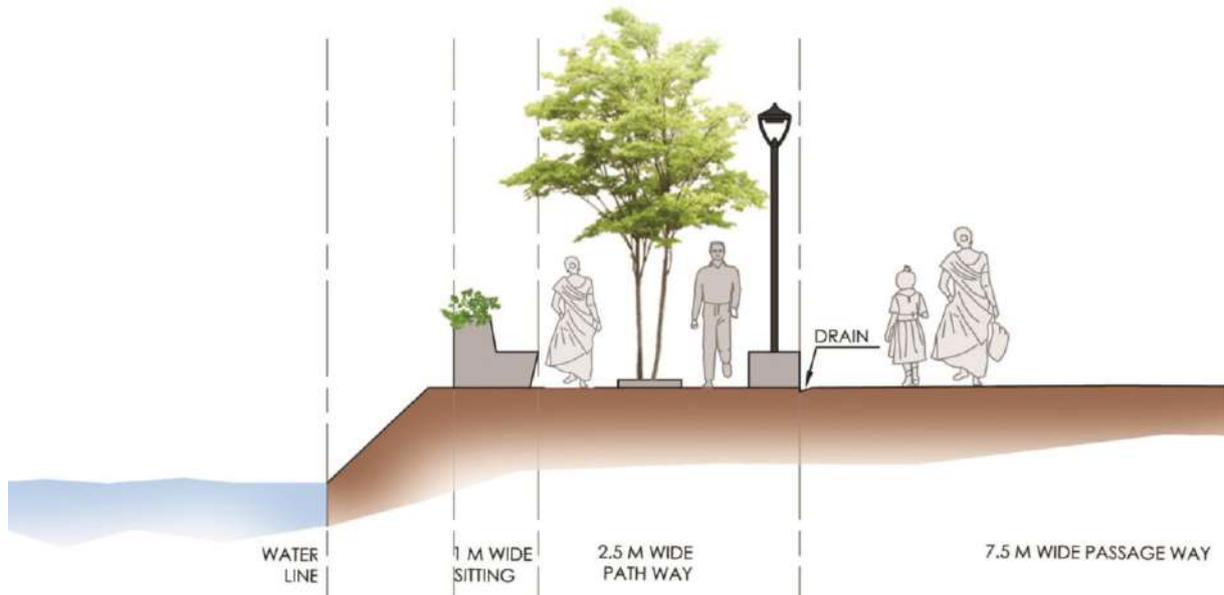


Figure 13: Seating and Walkway

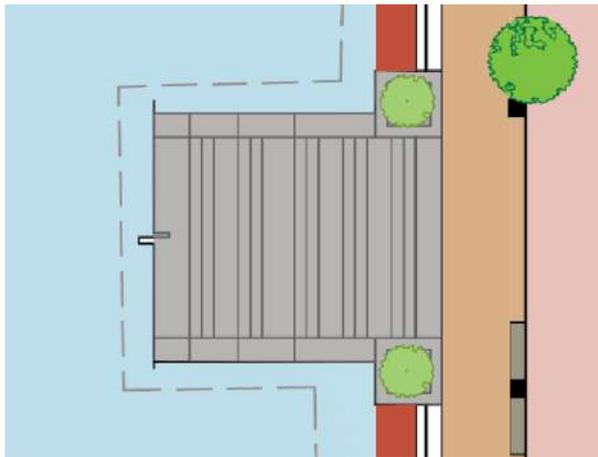


Figure 14: Details of Ghat

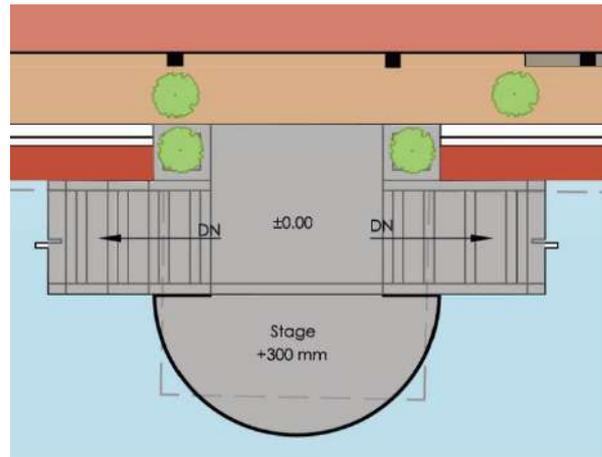


Figure 15: Details of Ghat at Northern Side



Figure 16: General Section of Ghat

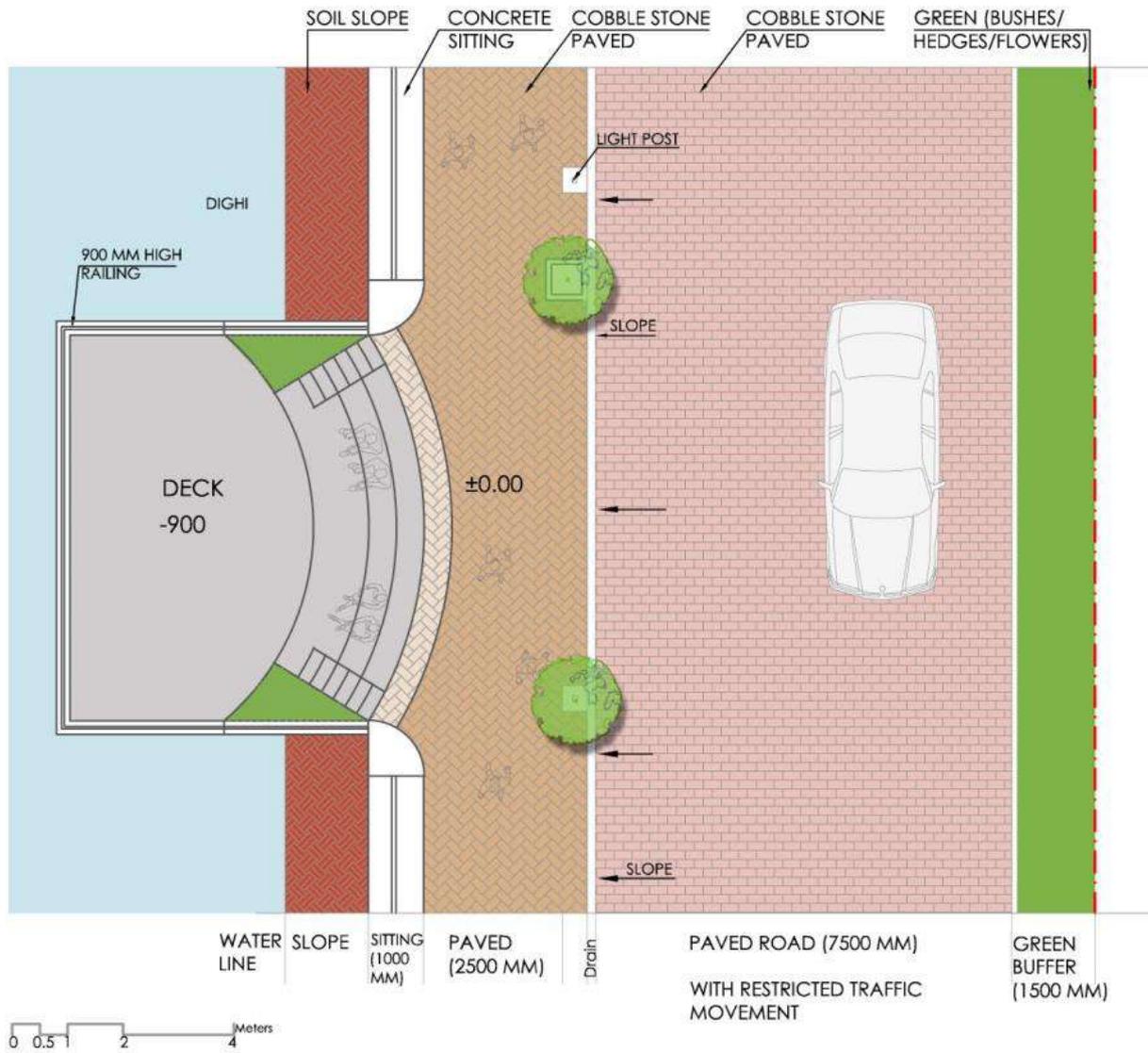


Figure 17: Details at Deck Area



View 7: Typical Ghat



View 8: Street view showing the ghat in front of Hiranyagarbha Shiva Temple where the road has been widened to maintain the same width of the pedestrian walkway and the road throughout



View 9: Deck Area



View 10: Stage Area

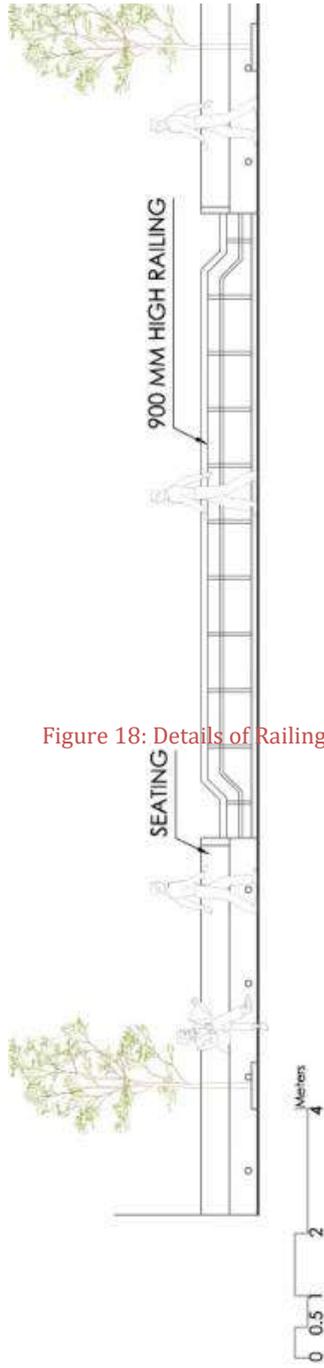


Figure 18: Details of Railing

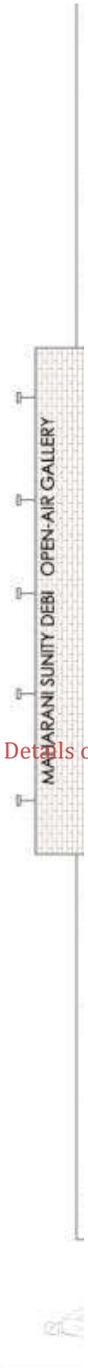


Figure 19: Details of Open Air Gallery

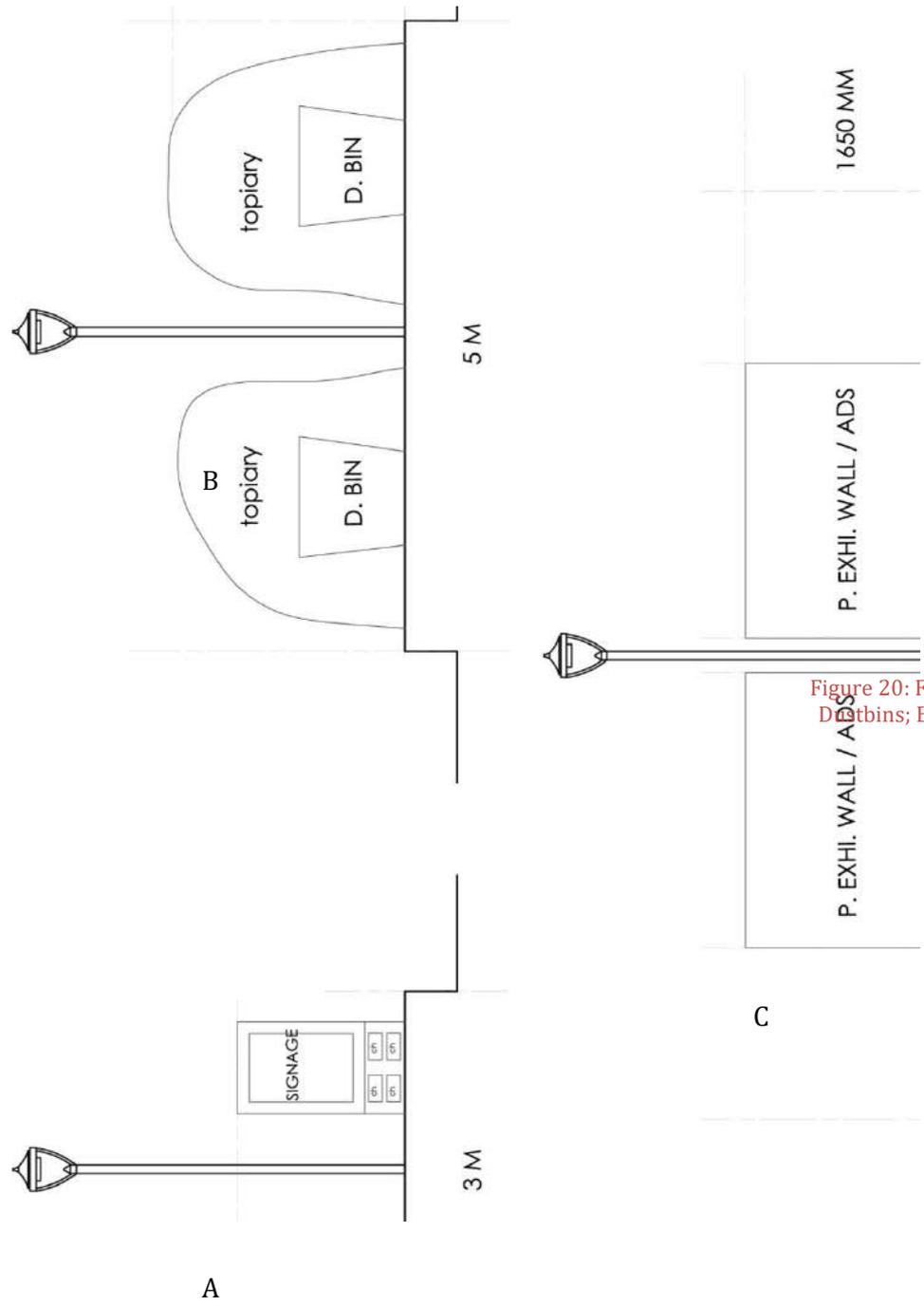


Figure 20: Featured Module  
Dustbins; Exhibition/Advertisement



View 11: Digital Display Boards are placed between the pedestrian walkway and road



View 12: Exhibition walls are placed between the pedestrian walkway and road

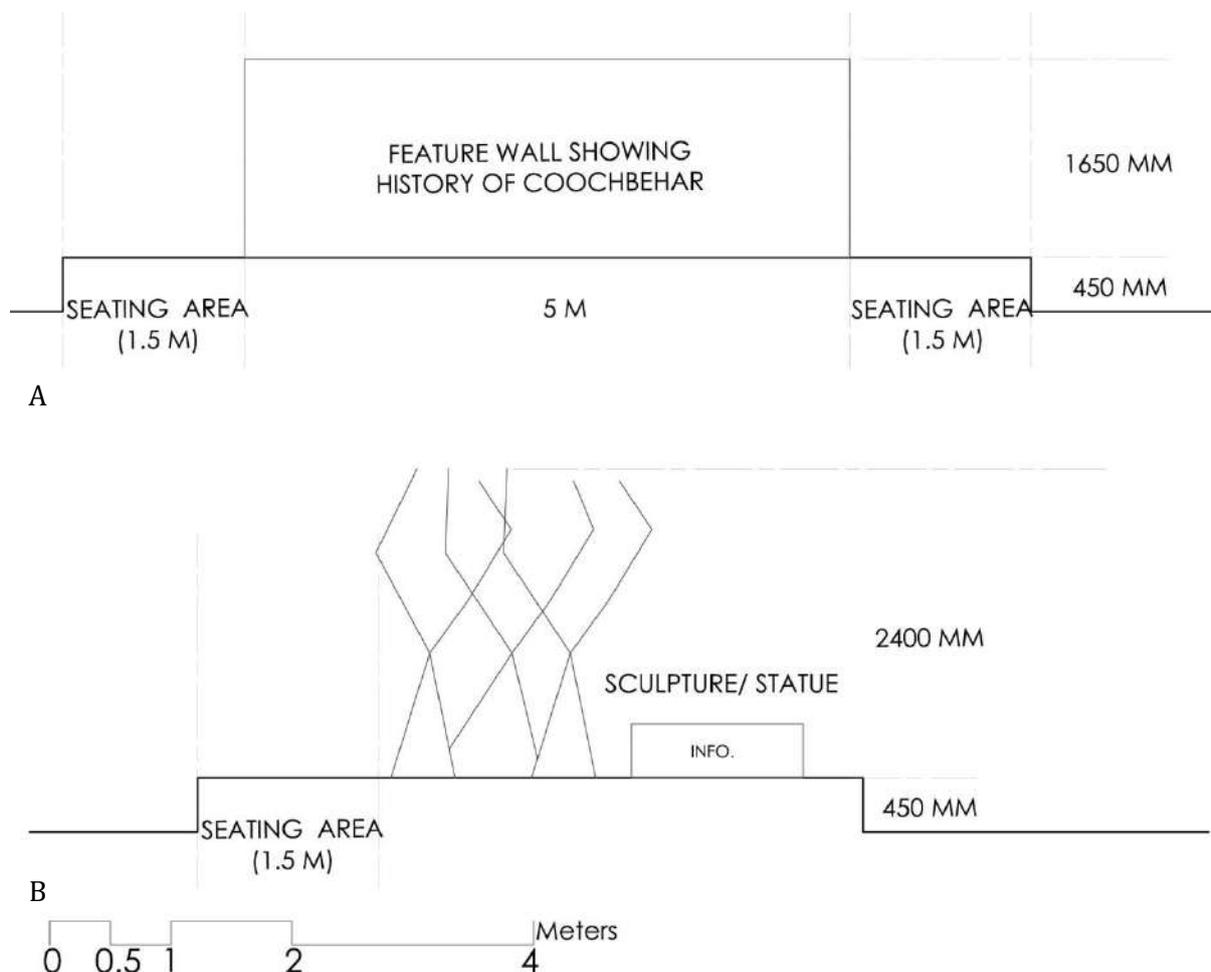


Figure 21: Featured Modules (Wall showing History of Cooch Behar; Sculpture)

#### 4.1.5. Signage

At present no proper signage system is available in Sagar Dighi square area. Thus, it is required for the proposed Cooch Behar Heritage Town and Tourist Management Plan.

- i. Signages for heritage map and details of action area map have also been designed. Attempt shall be made to advertise Brand Cooch Behar using the logo prepared by the consultants (Refer fig. 22 & 23).
- ii. Electronic Signage console has been proposed for brief historical significance of the heritage buildings around the Sagar Dighi and private advertisement to encourage revenue generation from it and this signage module will be fixed in front of every heritage building around the Dighi. (Refer fig. 20-A & view 11)
- iii. All major signage shall be located along the line between 7.5 metre pathway and 2.5 metre pedestrian walkway.
- iv. Some sculpture / statue can be introduced along this line related to heritage and history of Cooch Behar. ( Refer fig.21 & view 4)
- v. Signage has been designed for the heritage building name and details and street name around the Dighi. (Refer fig. 23 & 24)
- vi. Signage zone has also been designed for public information. (Refer fig. 22)
- vii. Old road signage/'folok' has to be retained as heritage element.



Figure 22: Public Information Signage Design



Figure 23: Typical Signage for Roads/Directional Signage

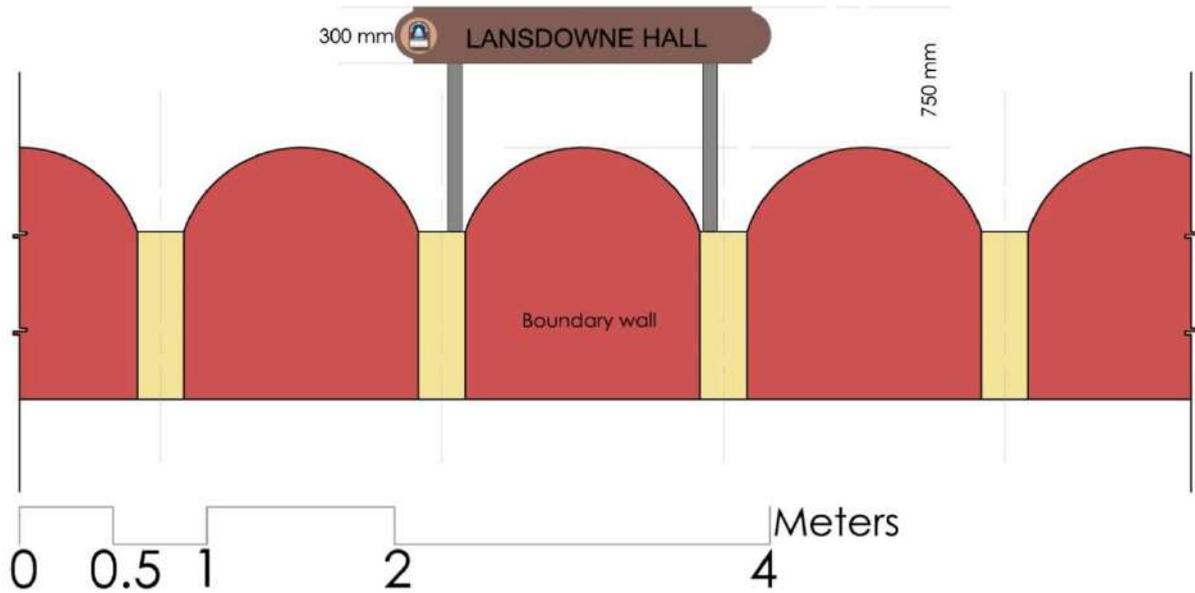


Figure 24: Typical Signage for Building Name

#### 4.1.6. Illumination

There are two types of illumination system, one is for 7.5 metre wide pathway and the other one is for 2.5 metre pedestrian pathway (Refer fig. 25 & view 14). Apart from that, illumination system has also been proposed for water fountain and feature lighting.

The specification detail of illumination system is given below:

- i. VICTORIA - IP65 (Havells - Outdoor LED Luminaires- landscape light) for 3 metre high pole @ 9m centre to centre, on both sides of the 7.5 meter wide pathways around the tank.
- ii. Havells Crabtree Athena 4M LED Footlight for pedestrian pathways of 2.5 metre, fixed in the seats @ centre to centre distance of 1.5 meter.
- iii. BAMBOO - IP65 (Havells - Outdoor LED Luminaires- landscape light) for bollard lighting. The bollards shall be placed at a distance of 1 metre centre to centre to segregate the two pathways.



Figure 25: Proposed Illumination System (Source: Havells)

#### 4.1.7. Utilities and Services

Some additional utilities are also recommended for better facilities. These are:

- i. Drinking water fountain has been provided for the visitors of this place. These shall be installed at the functional/featured zone.
- ii. Mobile charger/ charging points have also been provided at the functional/featured zone. (Refer fig. 20-A)
- iii. Garbage bins shall be provided at regular interval in the functional or featured zone, located in between the two pathways, for both bio-degradable and non- bio-degradable garbage with proper signage. These shall be installed at the featured/ functional zone. (Refer fig. 20-B & view 3)
- iv. Public toilets have been provided in the Dighi precinct. Two toilet modules of 900 mm X 900 mm have been proposed at the hawkers' corner (near District Election Office and Victor Palace). (Refer Fig. 27 & 29)

#### 4.1.8. Greenery

Basic design principles for the vegetation around Sagar Dighi are mentioned below:

- i. Existing trees shall be retained. However, all branches and canopy shall be trimmed to provide a clear height of 2100 mm at walkways and 3600 mm at driveways.

- ii. Low height plantation (Shrubs / hedges) shall be limited to 1200 mm height for better view angle.
- iii. All trees have been provided with grating of 600 mm x 600 mm at bottom, flushed with the pavement. (Refer fig. 28)
- iv. An additional green zone of 1500 mm has been provided in front of each building.

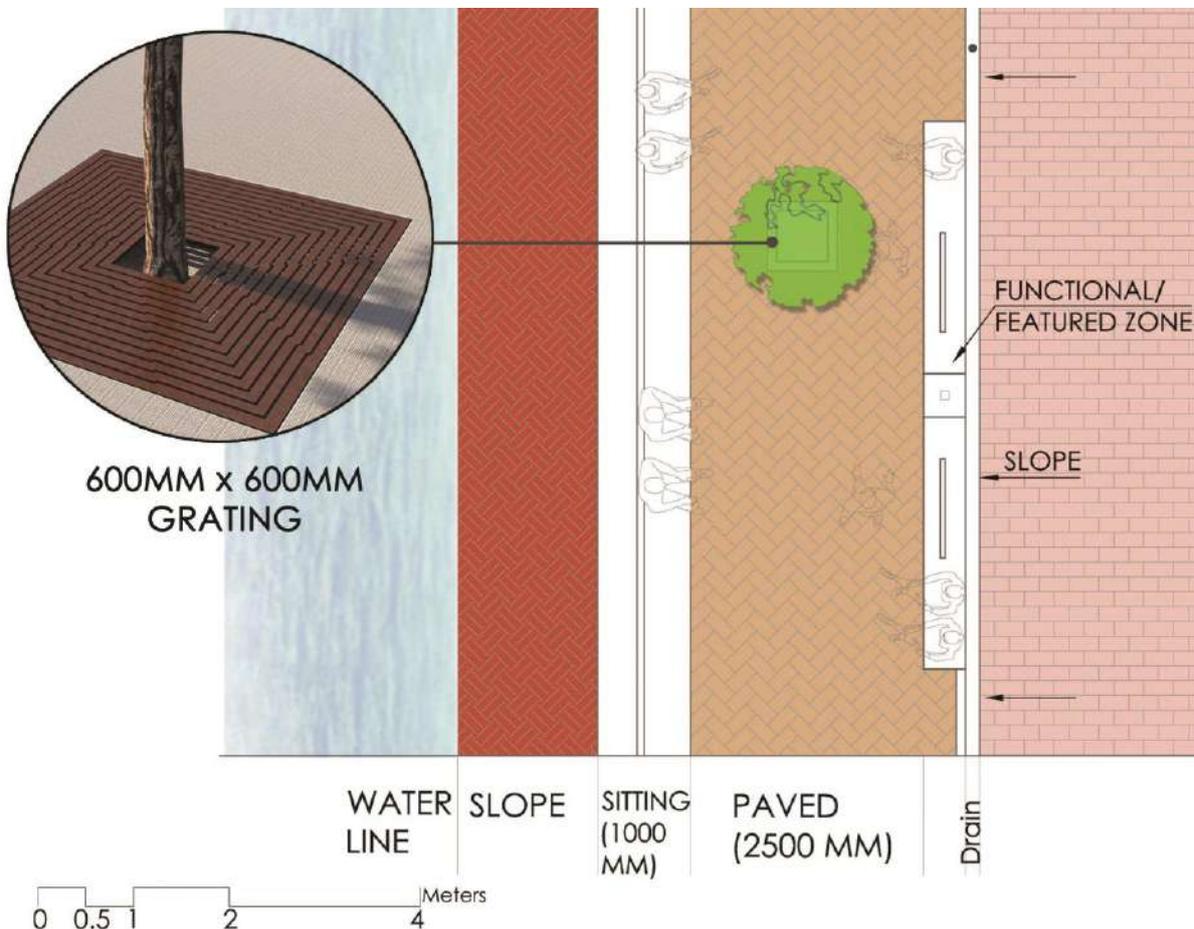


Figure 26: Details of Grating of Trees

## 4.2. Property level interventions

Gardens are proposed along with parking spaces in front of the District Court Complex and the Cooch Behar Municipality office. (Refer fig. 9 & 10) A garden near the statue of Bir Chilarai, located to the south of Sagar Dighi has also been proposed. (Refer fig. 11 & view 13)

Designated spaces for informal commercial activities (temporary vending, mostly food items) have been provided at three locations (Refer fig 27, 28 & 29), which, in turn, would reduce the chaotic congestion arising out of the present uncontrolled scenario. These zones are to be demarcated with different flooring.



View 13: View of the garden and the Statue of Bir Chilarai located to the south of Sagar Dighi

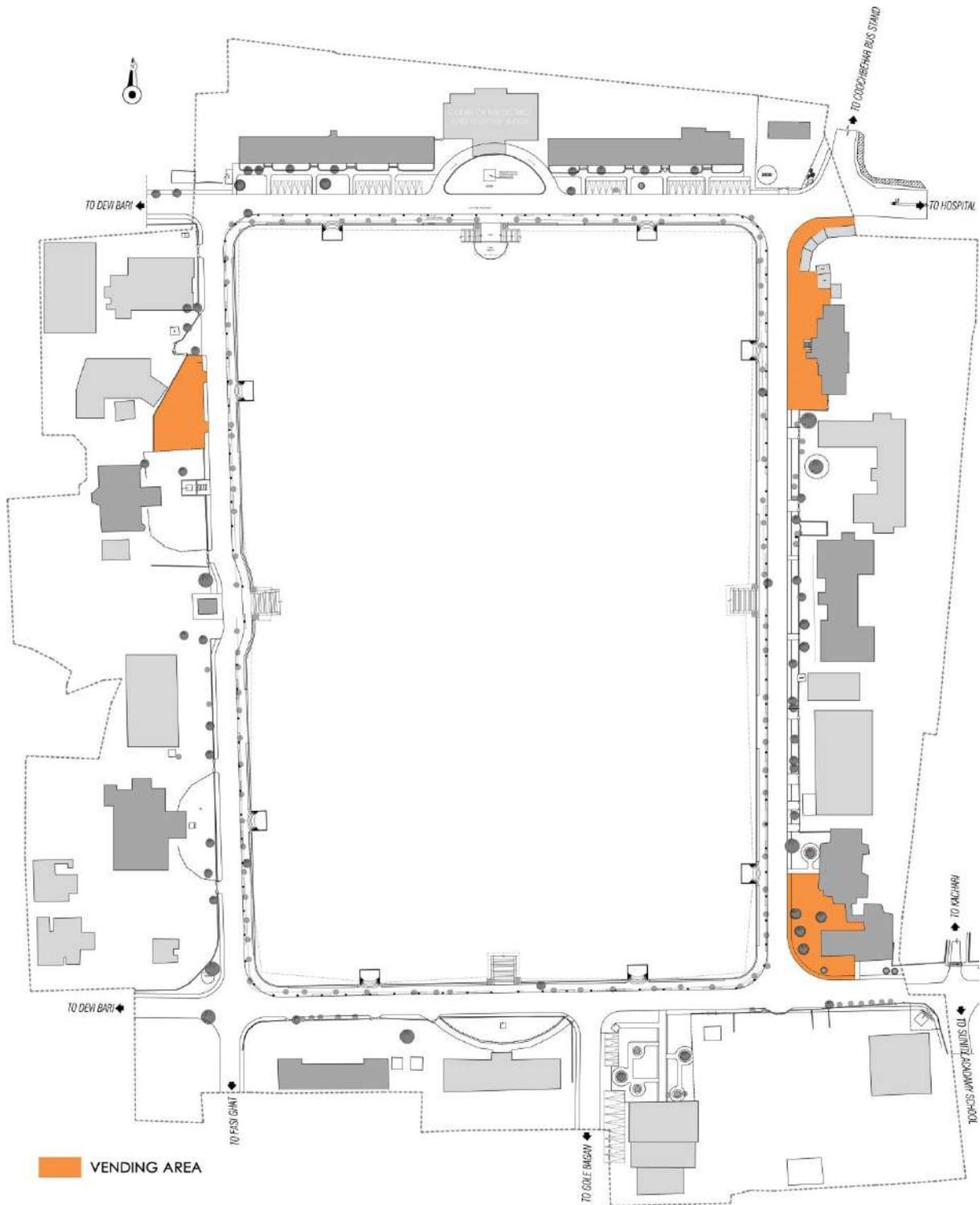


Figure 27: Vending areas around Sagar Dighi



Figure 29 : Vending area in front of Uttar Banga Transport Bhavan

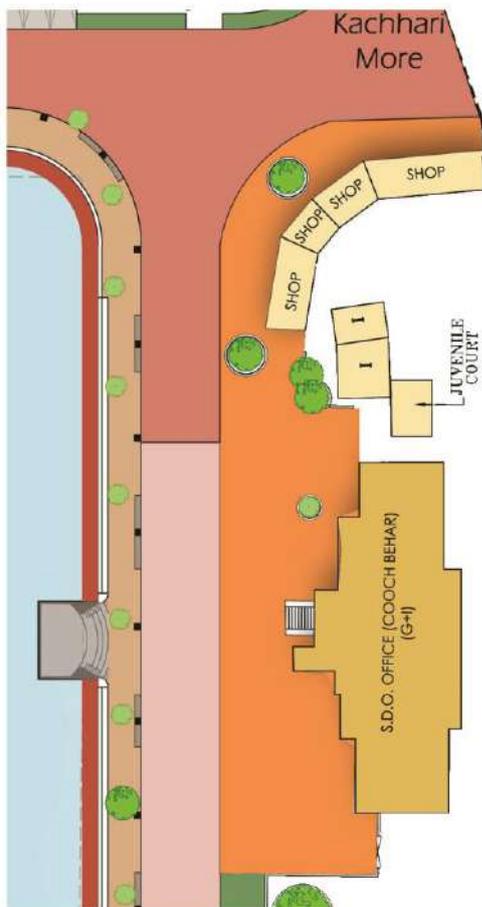


Figure 28: Vending area in front of S.D.O office



Figure 30: Vending area in front of District Election Office and District Inspector of Schools

Another major intervention proposed for buildings within the action area involves controlling the visual effects and character around the Dighi.

The highlights of the same are as follows:

- i. Temporary sheds such as metal sheets or asbestos sheets, etc., that are creating visual clutter around the Dighi shall be removed.
- ii. Façade colour shall be a combination of white, cream and terracotta shades for all buildings around the Dighi.
- iii. A typical boundary wall design has been provided with this report for new construction of boundary wall in front of the buildings as per requirement. (Refer fig. 31-A,B,C)
- iv. Façade lighting for the heritage buildings shall be installed. Monochromatic yellow lighting (preferably Sodium vapour lamp) with 10-15 lux level is recommended for this purpose. (Refer fig. 32)

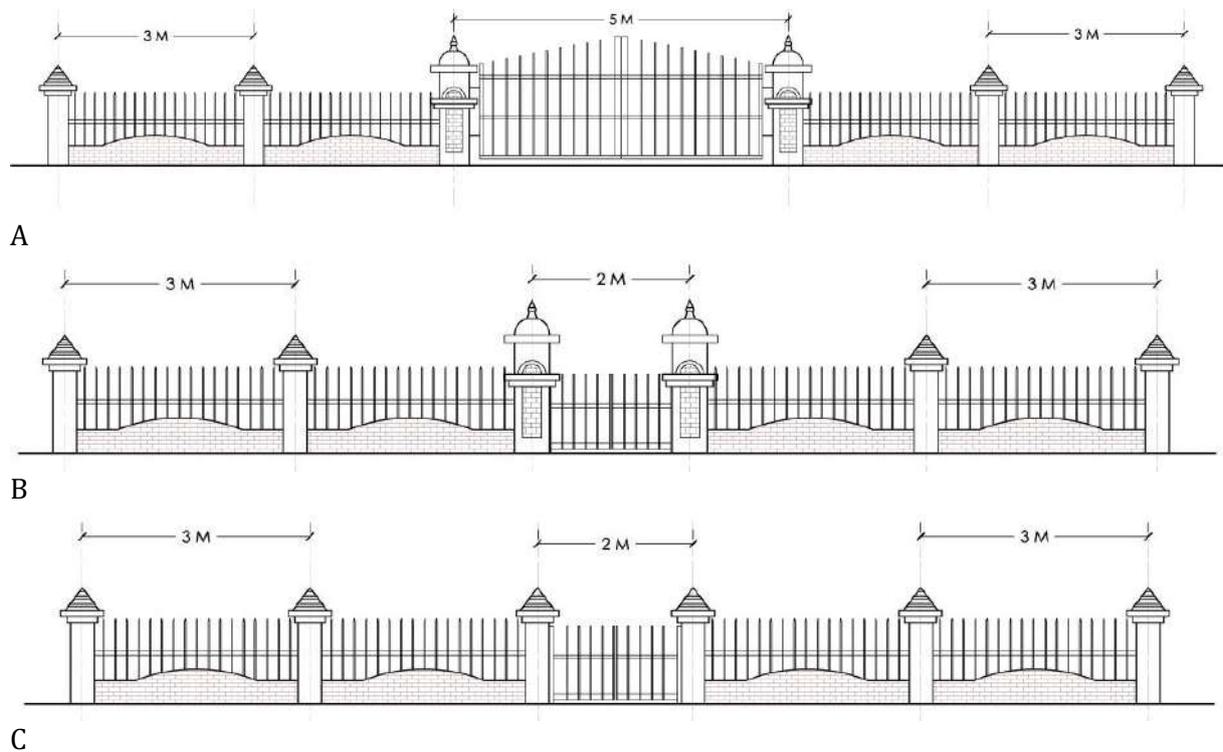


Figure 31: Details of Proposed Boundary Walls (A - with Vehicular Entry; B - Primary Pedestrian Entry; C - Secondary Pedestrian Entry)

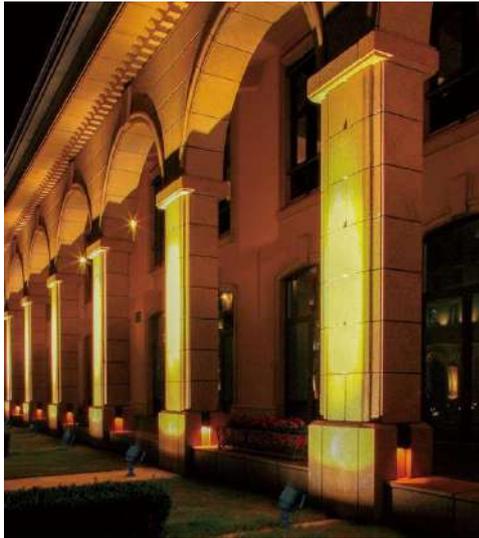


Figure 32: Facade Lighting for Heritage Building (reference image)



View 14: Night view showing the street lights, foot lights and bollard lighting around Sagar Dighi

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

As per a directive by the Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal, the option for declaration of Cooch Behar as Heritage Town was to be explored, and the Town and Country Planning Branch, Ministry of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal, has engaged Cooch Behar Planning Authority for this purpose. The Work Order (Memo No. 112-TCP/C-2/1C-09/ 2014), dated January 15, 2018, identified the total scope of work for Cooch Behar Planning Authority, which included the preparation of the LUDCP of the town. Accordingly, a socio-economic study has been carried out in the town of Cooch Behar in order to help in the preparation of the Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP).

A Socio-economic survey is often used as an instrument to discover the facts and figures or to work on some hypothesis on different aspects of society. It is an important method used with some definite aim and objectives, and, thus, the terms of reference are important aspects in this context. The survey employed for this study is aimed at generating data in order to prepare a profile of the existing socio-economic conditions of the households of Cooch Behar town. It will give an insight about the town's demographic composition, employment conditions, status of housing and infrastructure, citizens' perception of the town's heritage, their likes and dislikes, and their opinion about the advantages and disadvantages of the town. In turn, these would guide the preparation of the LUDCP.

For this purpose, the study employs a household survey. A 'household' is usually a group of persons who normally live together and take their meals from a common kitchen unless the exigencies of work prevent any of them from doing so (Census, 2011). The survey uses such a group of people, i.e. a household, as the unit of survey. The data for the survey has been collected only on factors and parameters relevant for preparing the LUDCP of the town.

The report includes seven chapters. Chapter 1 presents the introduction to the report, scope and objectives of the study, description of the study area, and the methodology adopted. Chapter 2 inspects the demographic and economic characteristics of the town. Chapter 3 inspects the existing condition of housing, while Chapter 4 looks at the existing condition of the infrastructural services, and Chapter 5 deals with the household mobility. Chapter 6 investigates the citizen's perception on various issues. Chapter 7 concludes the report by giving a summary of the inferences, and highlighting some major issues which have been identified through the study.

### 1.1 STUDY AREA

Cooch Behar Town is located in the Jalpaiguri Division of Cooch Behar District. The town is surrounded by the Cooch Behar-II Block towards the north, the Matha Bhanga-II Block towards the west, the Dinhata-I Block towards the south, and the Tufangunj-I Block towards the East. Total area of the town is 7.8 square km. The administrative jurisdiction is divided in terms of twenty Wards and twelve Blocks (based on information provided by MoUD, WB). The total population of Cooch Behar Municipality is 77,935 and total number of households is 18431 (Census 2011).

## 1.2 METHODOLOGY

The methodology for this study includes (i) Questionnaire Design, (ii) Sampling, (iii) Capacity Building, (iv) Survey, and (v) Data analysis and Inferences. The survey was designed to collect information from the field by interviewing the households residing in the study area through a structured questionnaire covering all relevant aspects. A suitable sampling technique has been adopted to have a proper representation. The following sections briefly outline the relevant details of the methodology.

### 1.2.1 Questionnaire design

Questionnaire for the survey was designed to collect information on various aspects related to demographic, social and economic status of the households. The total questionnaire (Annexure 1) was divided into six major parts-

- i. Demography and Economic Profile: This part deals with the demographic characteristics like age, gender, education, language etc. and economic characteristics like occupational and employment structure.
- ii. Housing: This deals with the existing housing profile and condition in the form of housing typology, built up area, ownership etc.
- iii. Infrastructure: This part deals with the existing condition of the infrastructural services like water supply, drainage, SWM services etc.
- iv. Household Mobility: This part deals with the household trip activities to workplaces, educational institutions, health and public facilities, shopping and recreational areas.
- v. Citizen Perception profile: This part deals with the perception of the citizens of Cooch Behar on different issues concerning the town.

### 1.2.2 Survey sampling

The entire process of Household survey sampling comprised three steps:

- i. Size: As per Census 2011, total number of households in the Cooch Behar municipal area is 18,431. Using Cochran's Formula modified for smaller population, with 95 percent confidence level and 5 percent margin of error, an approximate sample size of 375 households has been calculated for the household survey.
- ii. Distribution: The Cooch Behar municipal area consists of total 20 wards. Ward wise number of households was obtained from the Census 2011. Total number of households to be surveyed from each ward was proportionately calculated based on the derived sample size of 375. Next, the total number of households from each ward was calculated. **(Table 1.1).**
- iii. Unit Selection: The next step was to decide the household units to be surveyed. A List frame was prepared of residential plots in each ward, as collected from the Block Land and Land Reform Department of Cooch Behar. Based on this list and a random number table, the requisite number of plots **(Table 1.1)** were selected from each ward. A pool of 10 additional plots was also identified for each ward to account for cases of no response.

Table 1.1. Survey Sample selection from each wards

WARD	HH	HH AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL	NO. OF HH TO BE SURVEYED
1	1057	5.73	22
2	423	2.30	9
3	855	4.64	17
4	826	4.48	17
5	704	3.82	14
6	797	4.32	16
7	897	4.87	18
8	728	3.95	15
9	798	4.33	16
10	1237	6.71	25
11	1111	6.03	23
12	1125	6.10	23
13	877	4.76	18
14	704	3.82	14
15	949	5.15	19
16	1183	6.42	24
17	476	2.58	10
18	1487	8.07	30
19	1089	5.91	22
20	1108	6.01	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18431</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>375</b>

### 1.2.3 Capacity building

Cooch Behar Planning Authority thought of using this opportunity for capacity building of local youth. A team of 15 students from Cooch Behar Polytechnic College were appointed to assist the Cooch Behar Planning Authority team of consultants in conducting the survey. The students were trained for this task through a workshop organised with the help of DM, Cooch Behar, on April 30, 2018, at Landsdowne Hall, Cooch Behar (**Image 1.2**). On completion of the survey, certificates were awarded to the participants, along with token honorariums.

### 1.2.4 Survey

The survey was conducted over a period of three months (July 2018 to September 2018) with the help of the questionnaire. The trained group of surveyors assisted the team from Cooch Behar Planning Authority in filling in the survey questionnaire. Verbal consent was taken from the respondents before interviewing them. Random verification was conducted to ensure correctness of data collected.

### 1.2.5 Data analyses and inference

The raw survey data were compiled in a format consisting of five sections based on the questionnaire. The responses recorded in native language were translated to English. These were analysed and graphically represented as detailed out in the following chapters. Relevant

inferences were drawn from each section which have been compiled and documented in the last section of the report.



Image 1.1. Local Newspaper clipping



Image 1.2. Students being trained at Landsdowne Hall for the survey by project team

## 2 DEMOGRAPHY AND ECONOMIC PROFILE

This section of the report deals with the demographic characteristics of Cooch Behar town like Age, Gender, Religion, Caste, Education, Language and Occupation.

### 2.1 GENDER

The percentage of Male (49 percent) and Female (51 percent). ( **Fig 2.1**) The sex ratio i.e. the number of females per 1000 males is observed to be 1060 in Cooch Behar, which is significantly better than the national sex ratio of 940 (Census, 2011).

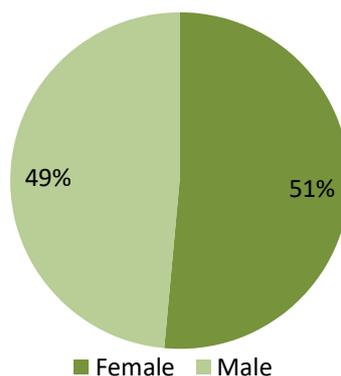


Figure 2.1. Male - Female population ratio

### 2.2 AGE DISTRIBUTION

The population of the study area has been analysed following four age groups namely <5, 5 - 14, 15 - 64, >64. People belonging to age group 15 - 64 are considered as the working population, while the rest are dependent. It can be observed from **Fig 2.2** that majority of the population (74 percent) are in the working age group.

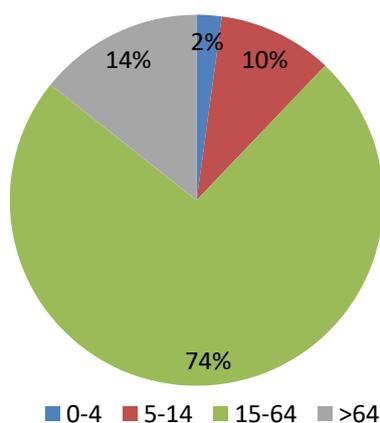


Figure 2.2. Age distribution

### 2.3 EDUCATION

The educational qualification has been assessed under eight groups — Illiterate (I), Primary (P), Secondary (S), Higher Secondary (HS), Technical (T), Graduate (G), Post Graduate or more (PG) and Nil (For infants). It can be observed from **Fig 2.3** that majority of the population have completed their education till graduation (29 percent) followed by Post-graduation or its equivalent (27 percent). Very few people (2 percent) are illiterates.

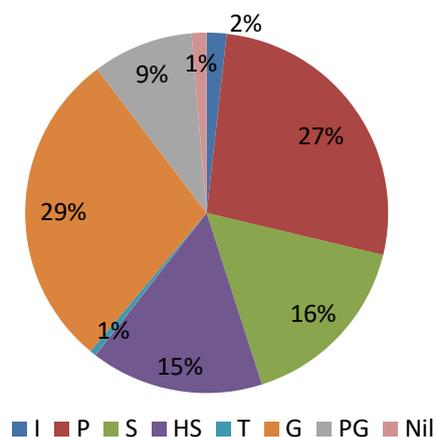


Figure 2.3. Educational structure

### 2.4 RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

Majority of the population are Hindus (96 percent) while Muslims are very few in number (4 percent). (**Fig 2.4**). No other significant religious beliefs have been reported.

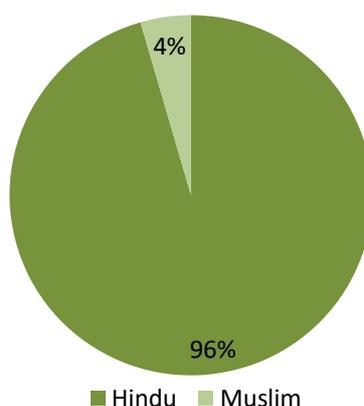


Figure 2.4. Religious background

### 2.5 SOCIAL BACKGROUND

The survey inspected the presence of the Government acknowledged social groups like General Caste (GE), Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), and other Backward Class (OBC). Majority of the population are in the General Category (GE) (76 percent) followed by other Backward Class (OBC) and Schedule Caste (SC) (12 and 11 percent respectively). Very few people fall in the category of Schedule Tribe (ST) (1 percent). (**Fig 2.5**)

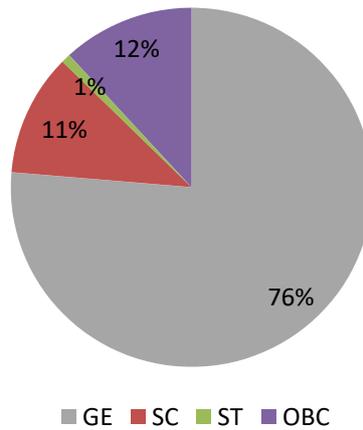


Figure 2.5. Social Background

## 2.6 NATIVE LANGUAGE

The data obtained shows that the majority are Bengali (B) speaking (91 percent), followed by Hindi (H) speaking (7 percent). The 'Rajbanshis' (R), one of the ethnic groups of that region and others (O) constitute the native tongue of only a small portion of the population (1 percent). (Fig 2.6)

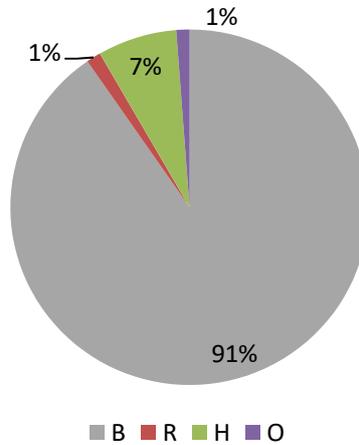


Figure 2.6. Language variation

## 2.7 OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURE

In this section only the working age population (aged between 15-64) has been considered for evaluation.

### 2.7.1 Employment structure

The data reveals that although majority of the working population are employed in some form of occupation (60 percent), there still exists a considerable number of people in this age group who are unemployed (40 percent).**(Fig 2.7)**

**Fig 2.8** indicates the stark difference of unemployment between male and female in the working age group. While 91 percent of the females in the working age group are unemployed, only 9 percent of the males fall in this category. This is because most of the females in this age group are homemakers. This can be a result of prevalent social practice in the area or due to insufficient job opportunities for women of this particular age group.

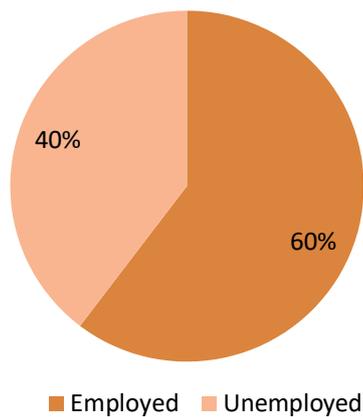


Figure 2.7. Total employment structure

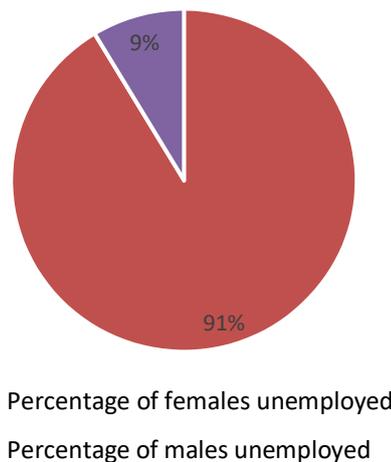


Figure 2.8. Employment structure based on gender

### 2.7.2 Occupation type

The employed working population (aged between 15-64) has been further subdivided on the basis of different occupations like Student (S), Agricultural and related fields (A), Industry(I), Trade & Commerce(T), Business (B), Other Services (O) and Retired (R).

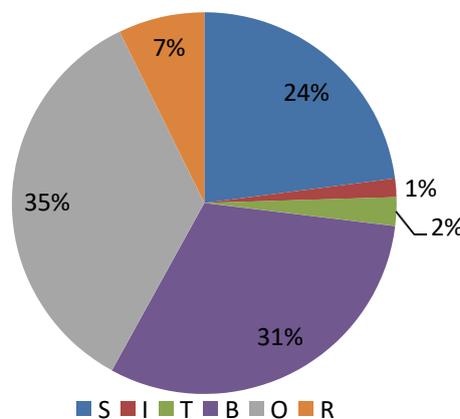
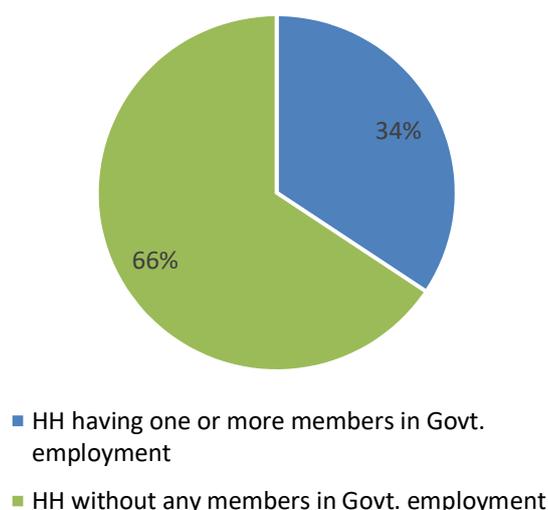


Figure 2.9. Occupation type

It is observed that majority of the population (35 percent) are employed in the category of 'Other Services' which includes various occupations under Central / State Govt. or Private services. Many have been reported to be involved in teaching (both Government and Private sector). Other than this, many people are reported involved in private business (31 percent) and a large category of student population (24 percent) is also present. **(Fig 2.9)**

### 2.7.3 Government employment

This section gives an estimate of the households having any of the members associated with any government service in the town. **Fig 2.10** reveals that only a limited percentage of households (34 percent) are associated with some form of government service in this area.



**Figure 2.10. Households having one or more members in Govt. employment**

## 2.8 ECONOMIC PROFILE

The economic profile of the population has been evaluated based on various parameters like household income and expense and existing bank accounts in the households.

### 2.8.1 Household income and expenditure structure

This section reveals the economic background of the households in the town. Both monthly household income and expenditure has been divided into seven groups- INR <2,000, INR (2,000-5,000), INR (5,001-7,500), INR (7,501-10,000), INR (10,001-25,000), INR (25,001-50,000), INR >50,000.

From **Fig 2.11(a)**, **Fig 2.11(b)**, it can be observed that for both income and expenditure, the slab of INR (10,001-25,000) holds the maximum percentage (33 percent for both the cases) followed by the slab of INR (25,001-50,000) (23 percent and 22 percent respectively). Very few people earn less than INR (2,000) (1 percent). A balance has been observed in the income and expenditure pattern of the households.

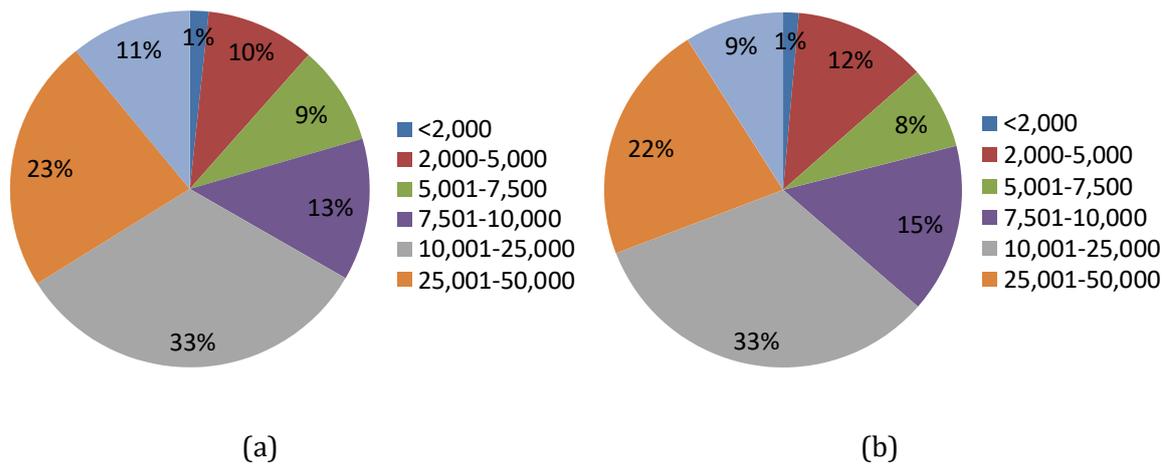


Figure 2.11. (a) Household income, (b) Household expenditure

## 2.9 EXISTING HOUSEHOLD BANK ACCOUNT

**Fig 2.12** shows almost every household (99 percent) has access to banking facility which is an indicator of a reasonably stable economic condition.

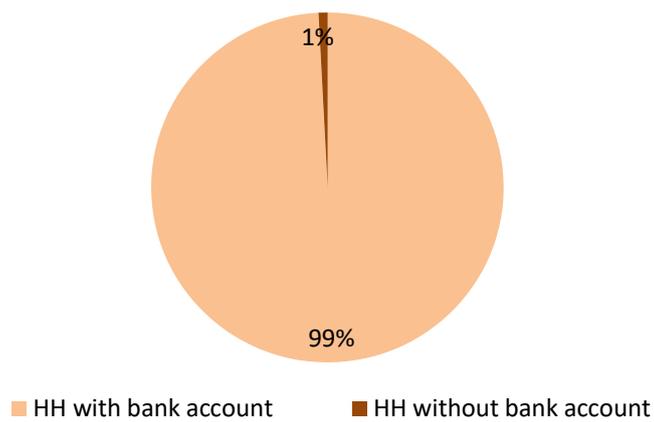


Figure 2.12. Existing Bank account at Household level

### 3 HOUSING

This section documents information on the house typology, built-up area, ownership and duration of stay. The classification of the dwelling units has been done based on the typology, height and construction material.

#### 3.1 CLASSIFICATION BASED ON TYPOLOGY OF DWELLING UNITS

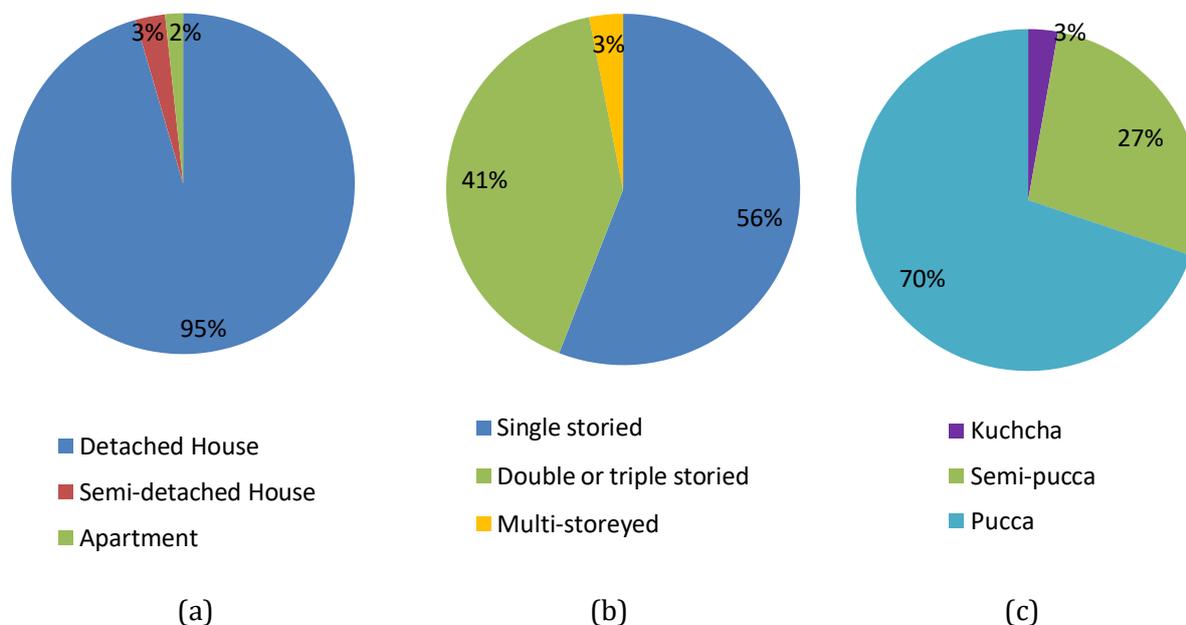
The dwelling units have been divided into three types based on their nature - Detached House, Semi-Detached House and Apartment. Detached houses are free standing dwelling units which do not share a common wall with any other structure. Semi-Detached houses are dwelling units sharing a common wall with another dwelling unit or any other structure. Apartments are multi-unit dwelling structures made up of several floors each having one or multiple dwelling units. **Fig 3.1(a)** shows that majority of the population live in Detached Houses (95 percent). Very few people live in Semi-detached houses and apartments (3 and 2 percent respectively).

#### 3.2 CLASSIFICATION BASED ON HEIGHT OF DWELLING UNITS

It can be observed from **Fig 3.1(b)** that the majority of the population live in single storey dwelling units (56 percent) followed by Double or Triple storied units (41 percent). Very few live in multi-storeyed units (3 percent).

#### 3.3 CLASSIFICATION BASED ON MATERIAL OF DWELLING UNITS

The dwelling units have also been grouped as Pucca, Semi-Pucca, and Kutcha house following Census definitions. It can be observed from **Fig 3.1(c)** that majority of the population (70 percent) lives in Pucca houses while another considerable part of the population (27 percent) live in Semi-pucca houses. Very few live in Kutcha houses (3 percent).



**Figure 3.1. Housing Classification based on (a) typology, (b) height of dwelling units, (c) nature of construction materials used.**

### 3.4 HOUSING BUILT-UP AREA

**Fig 3.2** reveals that almost half of the population (47 percent) live in dwelling units having built up more than 2,001 sqft., followed by dwelling units having built up area in the range of 1,201 – 2,000 sqft (33 percent). Only 2 percent of the population live in units having area less than 650 sqft.

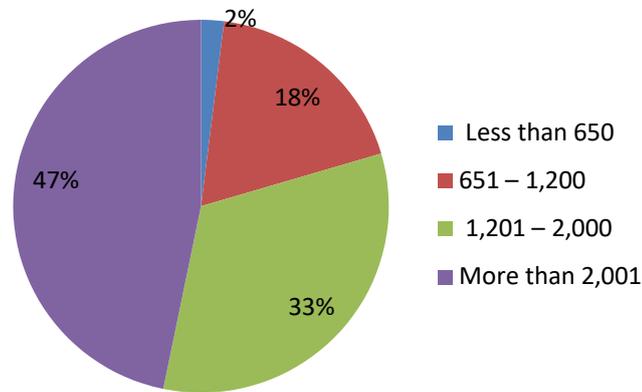


Figure 3.2. House built-up area (Sqft.)

### 3.5 HOUSE OWNERSHIP

Data for ownership of the house has been sub-divided into three groups as self-owned, owned by relatives and rented.

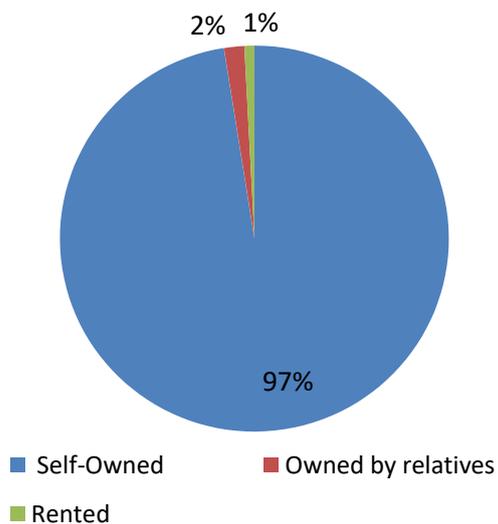


Figure 3.3. House ownership

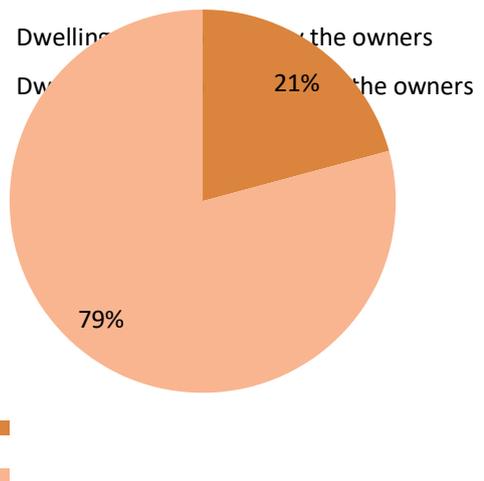


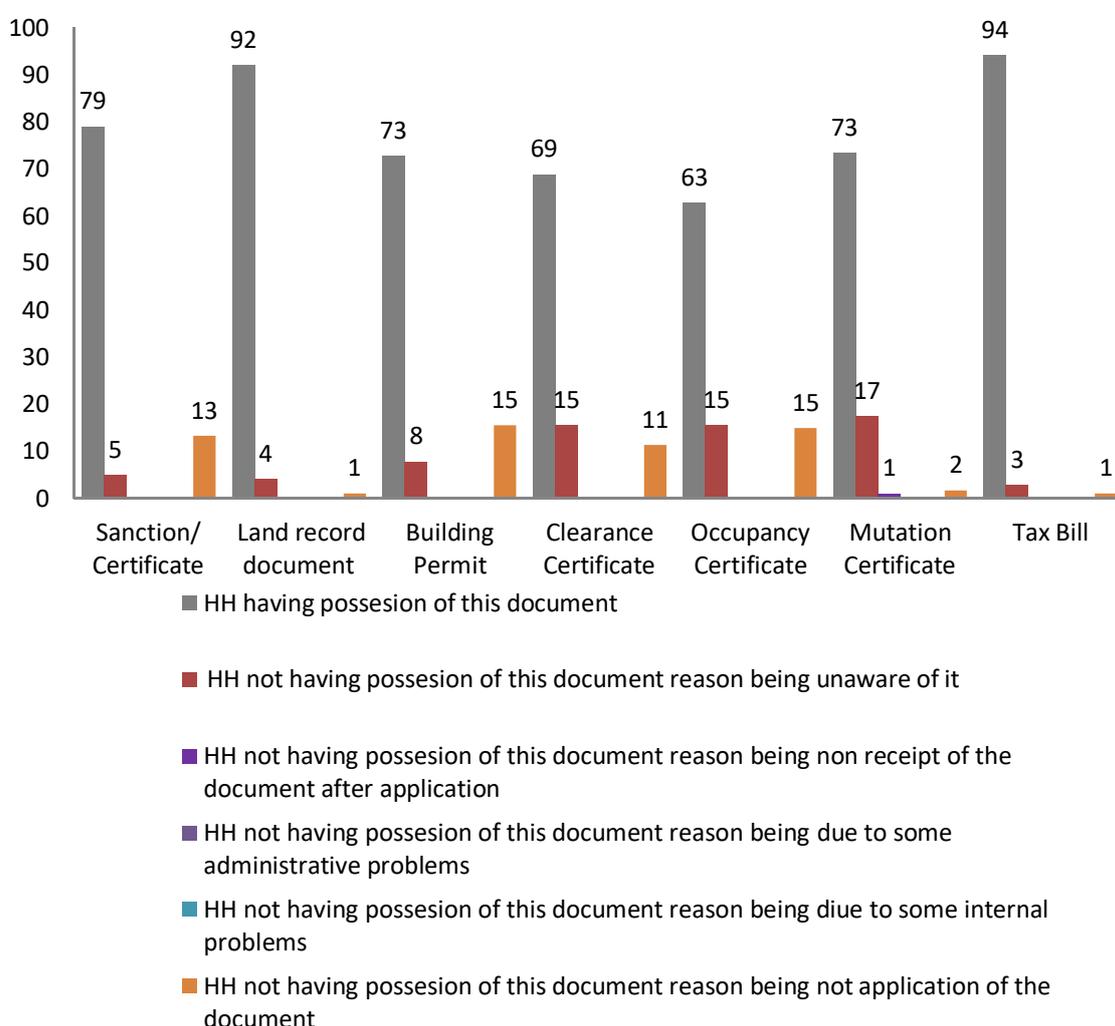
Figure 3.4. Percentage of dwelling units on rent

It can be observed from **Fig 3.3** that most of the people stay in their own dwelling units (97 percent). Very few stay in houses which are owned by their relatives or in rented

accommodation. Out of the 97 percent of self-owned dwellings, only 21 percent have given their houses partially on rent while majority of the houses (79 percent) are completely occupied by the owners (**Fig 3.4**).

### 3.6 POSESSION OF PROPERTY DOCUMENTS

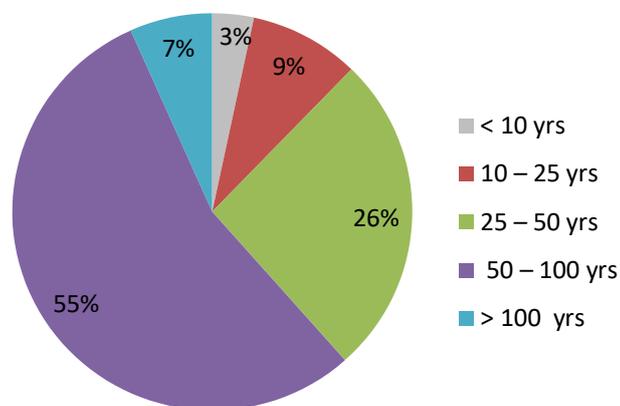
In this study, survey was conducted in the households to find out the possession of various legal documents like Sanction/ Certificate, Land Record Document, Building Permit, Clearance Certificate, Occupancy Certificate, Mutation Certificate, Tax Bill. This was done to understand the level of regularisation in the society and also the level of awareness among the people regarding the legal documents. It can be observed from **Fig 3.5**, that the majority of the people posses Tax Bill (94 percent) and the Land record document (92 percent) while many people were unaware or didnot apply for the Sanction/ Certificate, Building Permit, Clearance Certificate, Occupancy Certificate and Mutation Certificate.



**Figure 3.5. Percentage of possession of household legal documents**

### 3.7 DURATION OF STAY AT THE PRESENT DWELLING UNIT

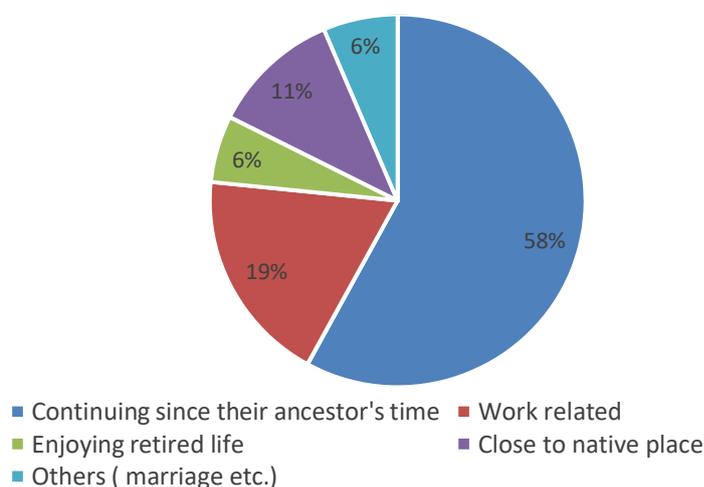
It can be observed from **Fig 3.6** that the majority of the families (55 percent) have been staying at the same dwelling unit for about 50-100 yrs. while 26 percent have been staying here for about 25-50 yrs. Very few people (3 percent) have been staying at the same dwelling area for less than 10 years.



**Figure 3.6. Duration of stay at present dwelling unit**

It is also observed that only 8 percent of the households have migrated from other places while majority (92 percent) are native residents.

It can be observed from **Fig 3.7** that majority of the people (58 percent) have been residents of Cooch Behar since their ancestor's time. The next big reason for settling down at Cooch Behar is work related, but that itself is only 19 percent.



**Figure 3.7. Reason for settling down in Cooch Behar**

### 3.8 OWNERSHIP OF MULTIPLE PROPERTIES

Majority of the households (87 percent) did not have a second property while few people (13 percent) had other properties apart from the ones in which they were dwelling. **(Fig 3.8) (a)**. **Fig 3.8 (b)** shows that majority (53 percent) have their second property outside the Cooch

Behar Municipality while 47 percent have their second properties within the Cooch Behar Municipality.

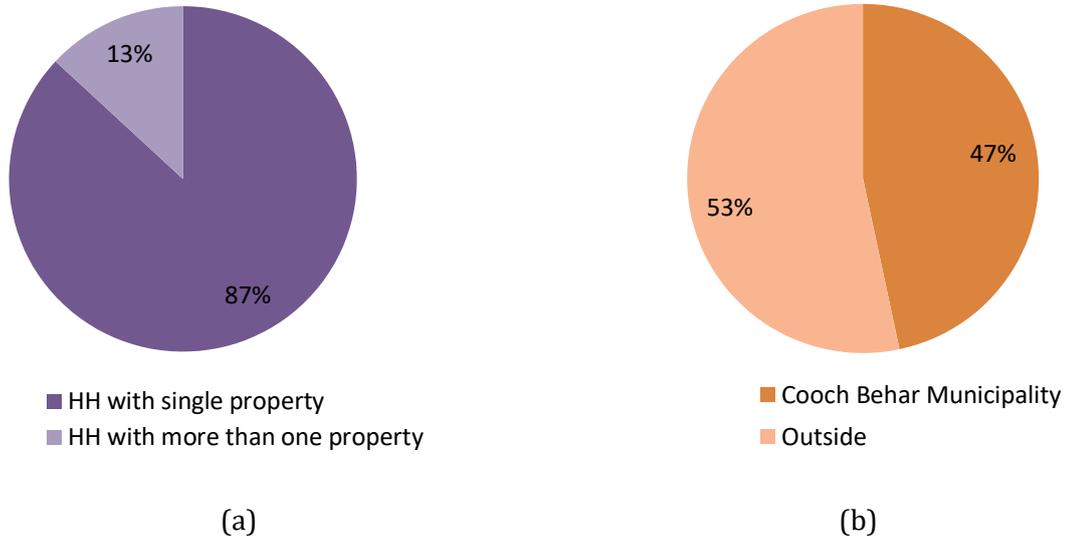


Figure 3.8. (a) Households with ownership of multiple properties, (b) Location of other properties

Fig 3.9(a) and Fig 3.9(b) reveals that only 3 percent of the people have plans for buying other properties in the next 12 months with majority (83 percent) preferring the location of the second property to be to be within the Cooch Behar Municipal area.

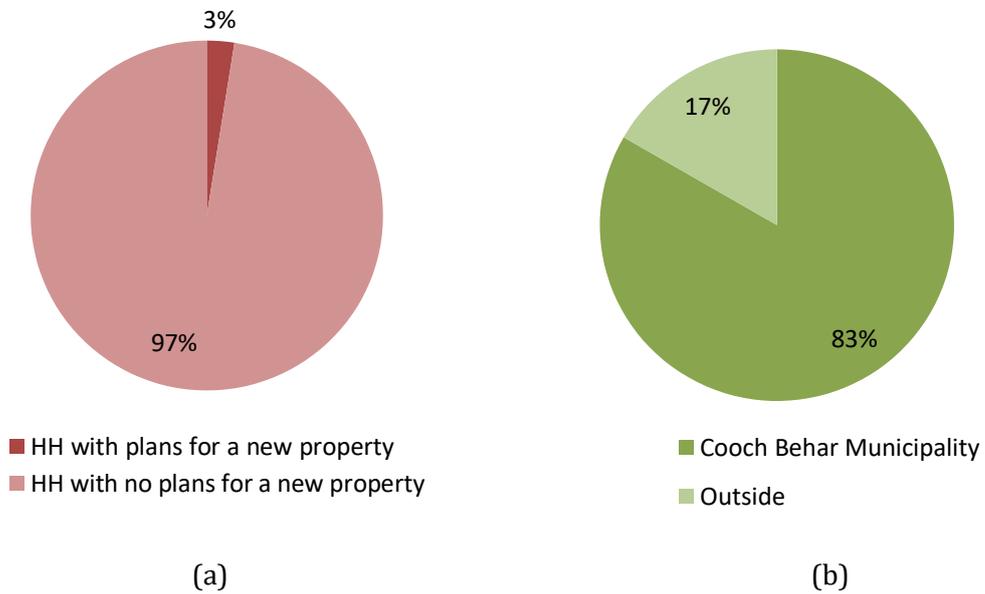


Figure 3.9. (a) Percentage of households planning for new Property in the next 12 months, (b) Location selected for second property

## 4 INFRASTRUCTURE

This section reports data collected on water supply, sanitation, drainage, solid waste management (SWM), electricity, and telecom service.

### 4.1 WATER SUPPLY

About 60 percent of the population use solely their own source of water supply while only 9 percent are solely dependent on community supply of water and 31 percent use both owned and community water sources. (Fig 4.1).

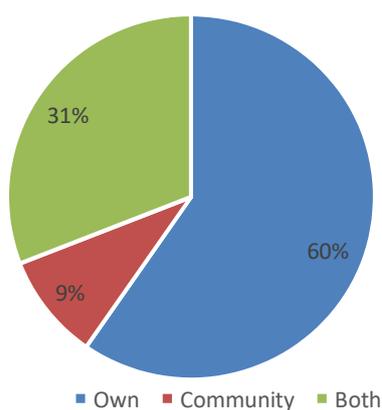


Figure 4.1. Water supply based on ownership

The sources of water supply have been categorised into tap, tube well, well, tank and other sources. It can be observed from Fig 4.2 that private tube well acts as the major source of water supply in the households (68 percent) followed by private tap water supply (41 percent) and community tap water (40 percent).

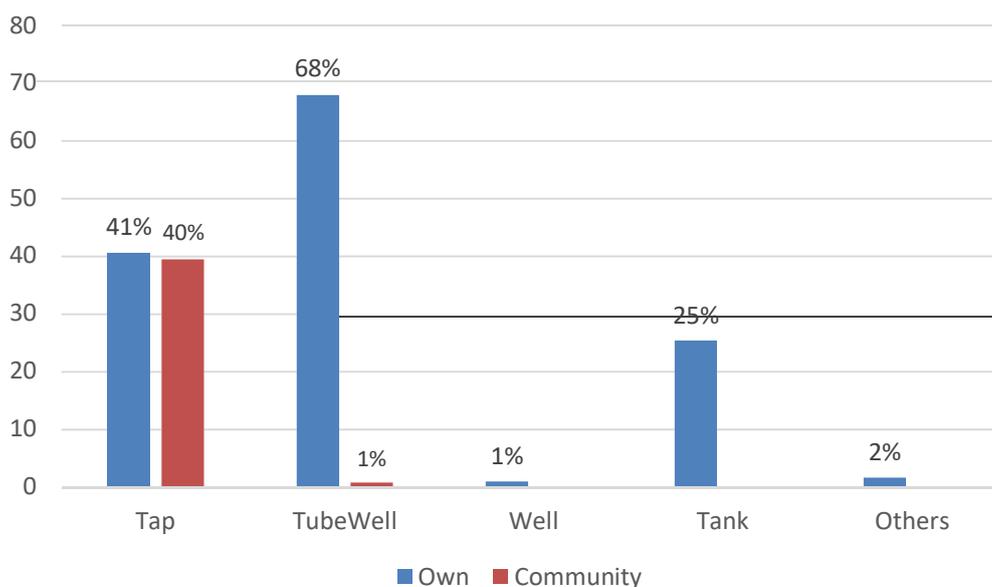
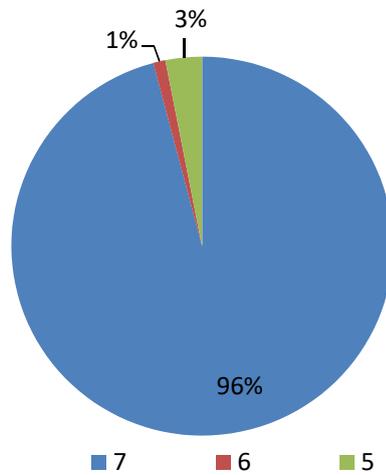


Figure 4.2. Water supply based on source

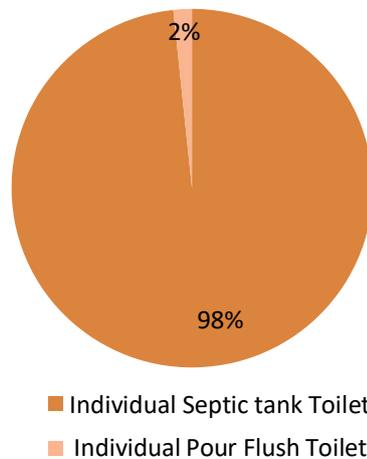
It is reported that majority of the households (95 percent) receives water for 7 hours per day. **(Fig 4.3).**



**Figure 4.3. Water supply based on duration of supply (hours per day)**

#### 4.2 SANITATION FACILITY

The survey data evaluation shows that 98 percent of the households have their individual septic tanks and only 2 percent of the households have pour flush toilets. **(Fig 4.4).**



**Figure 4.4. Household provision of sanitation facility**

#### 4.3 DRAINAGE SYSTEM

In this section, the drainage system have been categorised into two types based on the construction type and the coverage. It is observed from **Fig 4.5(a)** that 89 percent of the drains are pucca drains while only 11 percent of the drains are kuccha drains. **Fig 4.5(b)** shows that majority of the drains i.e. 89 percent are uncovered and only 11 percent are covered drains.

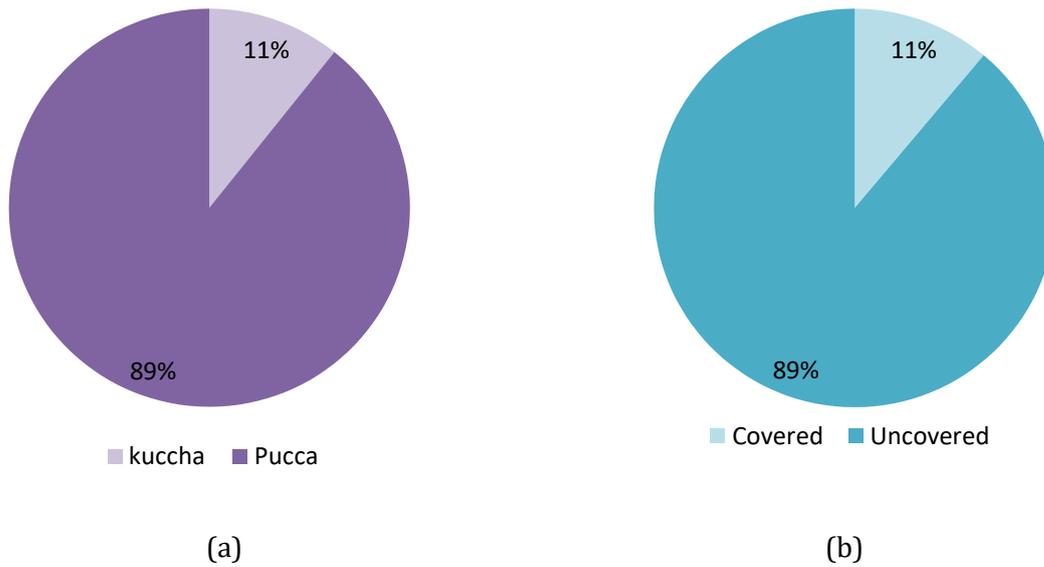


Figure 4.5. Drainage type (a) based on construction, (b) based on coverage

#### 4.4 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM

It is reported that 97 percent of the households get benefitted by door to door collection of solid waste. (Fig 4.6).

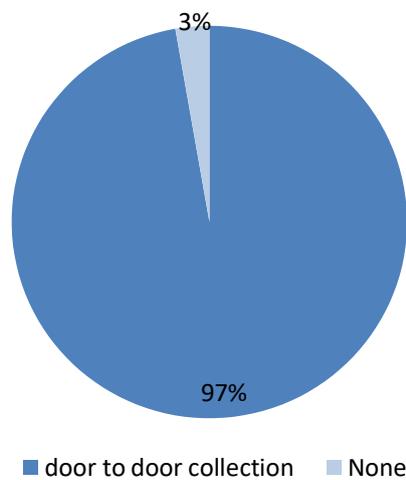


Figure 4.6. Household level solid waste collection system

It is observed that almost all the wards enjoy 100 percent door to door solid waste collection service except a few wards namely ward no. 8 (55percent), ward no. 2 (78 percent), ward 1 (90 percent) and ward 18 (97 percent). (Fig 4.7).

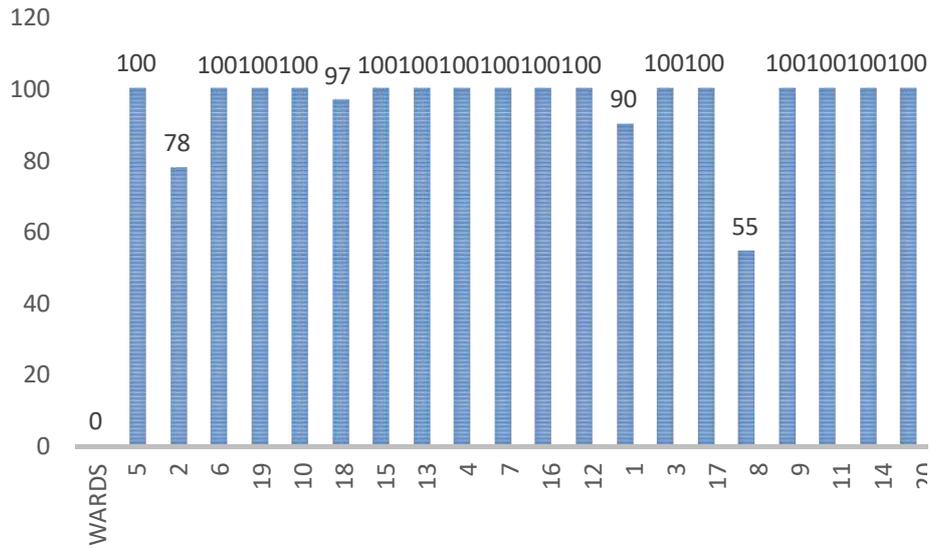


Figure 4.7. Ward wise percentage of door to door solid waste collection

#### 4.5 ELECTRICITY

It can be observed from **Fig 4.8 (a)** that every household has metered electricity connection in the town. Based on the reported data, it is observed that majority of the households face power cuts for 30 mins per day (73 percent). **Fig 4.8 (b)**

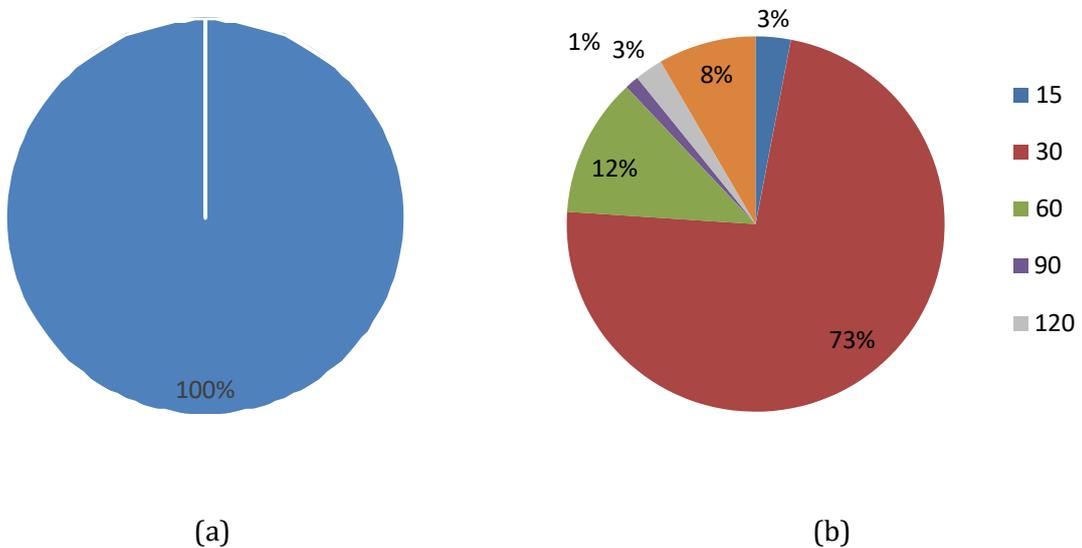


Figure 4.8. (a)Households with metered electricity connection, (b) Frequency of power cut (mins/day)

#### 4.6 AVAILABILITY OF LANDLINE TELEPHONIC SERVICE

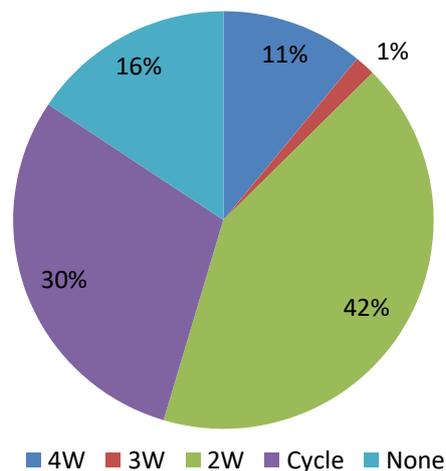
88 percent of the households reported as not having any landline service.

## 5 HOUSEHOLD MOBILITY

In this section of the report, vehicle ownership and availability of plot level parking facility has been assessed. Also, household trip characteristics are analysed. The primary household level trip activities has been categorized as trips to workplace/ educational institutions, shopping areas, health institutions, public facilities and recreational centres.

### 5.1 VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

The ownership of vehicle at the household level has been classified into Car (4W), Auto-rickshaw (3W), Motorbike or scooter (2W), Cycle (C) and households without any vehicle ownership (none). It is observed from **Fig 5.1** a significant number of the population own 2-wheelers (42 percent), followed by Cycle (30 percent). Only 11 percent households own 4-wheelers while 16 percent households do not own any kind of vehicles. A small portion of the population (1 percent) own 3-wheelers like auto-rickshaw. Almost all the households (99 percent) owning any type of vehicles have their own parking facility at the household / plot level.



**Figure 5.1. Vehicle ownership at household level**

### 5.2 TRIP TO WORK PLACE/ EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

**Fig 5.2(a)** reveals that the frequency of trips to work place or educational institutes is maximum on weekdays (W) with 52 percent, followed by all days (D) at 45 percent.

It is observed from **Fig 5.2(b)** that the maximum trip distance to workplace or educational institutions fall in the range of 1-2 km (54 percent) followed by the range of 2-5 km (24 percent).

**Fig 5.2(a)** shows that the primary modes of travel used for completing these trips is 2-wheeler (34 percent) followed by cycle (29 percent), bus (12 percent) and auto (12 percent). About 8% of people walk to the place of work or study.

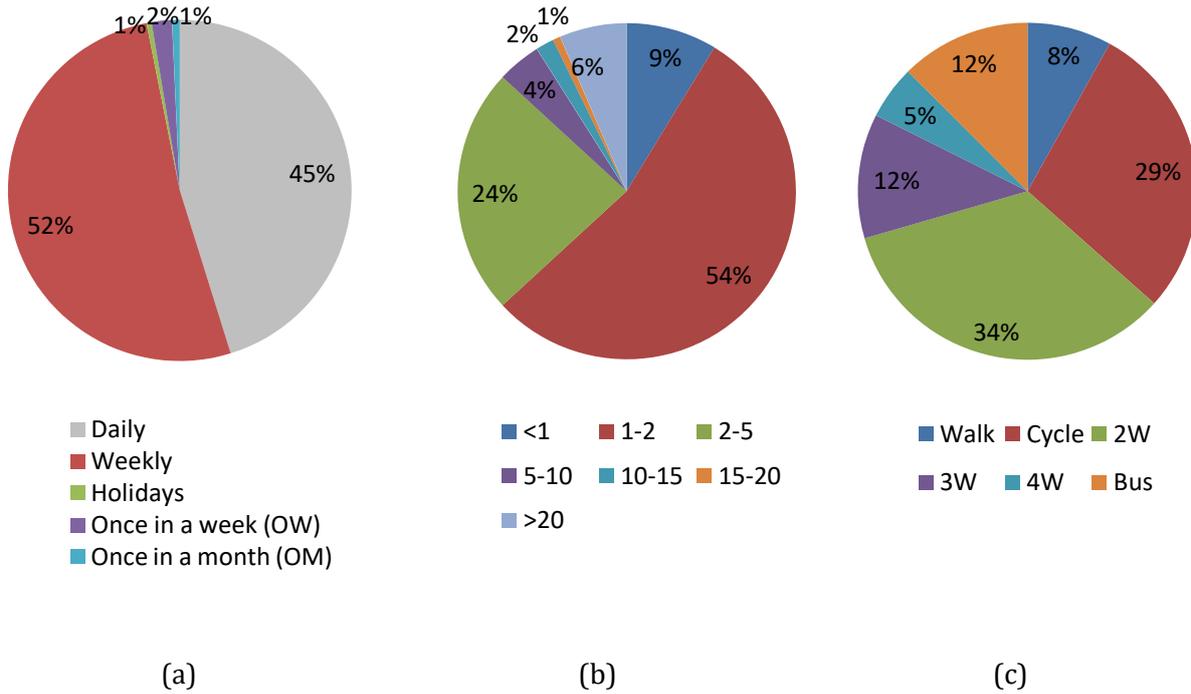


Figure 5.2. Workplace / Education: (a) Trip frequency, (b) Trip distance (in Km), (c) Trip mode

### 5.3 TRIP TO MARKETS AND SHOPPING AREAS

It is observed from **Fig 5.3(a)** that the frequency of trip to markets and shopping areas is maximum on Holidays (H) which is 32 percent, followed by Daily trips (D) which is 30 percent. It is observed from **Fig 5.3(b)** that the maximum trip distance to markets and shopping areas fall in the range of 1-2 km (66 percent) followed by the distance of <1 km (26 percent). It is observed from **Fig 5.3(c)** that the primary mode of travel used for completing these trips is 2-wheeler (39 percent) followed by cycle (34 percent).

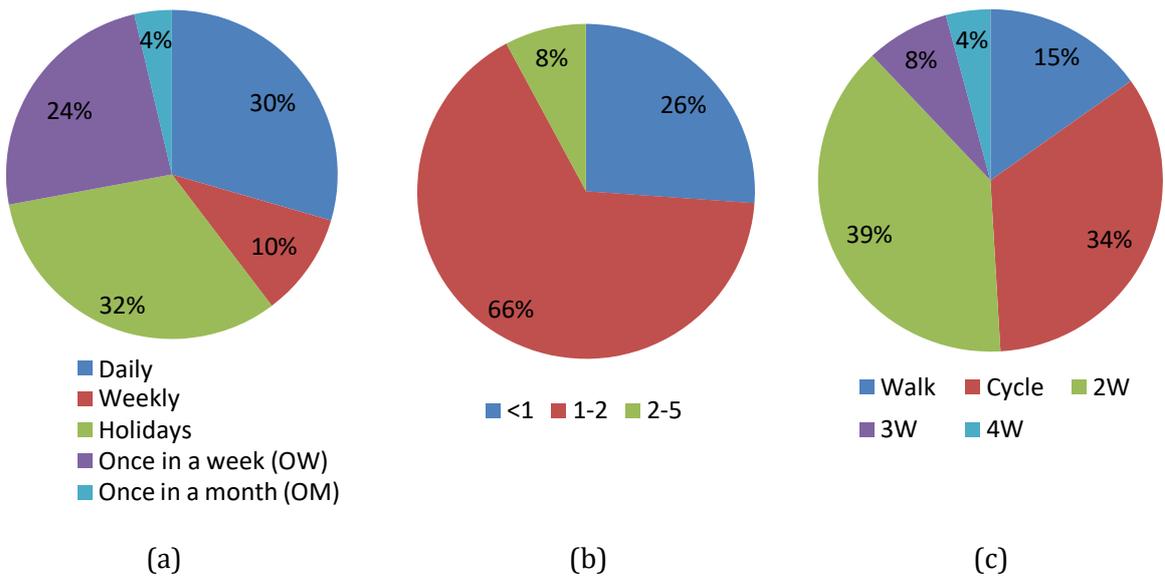


Figure 5.3. Markets and Shopping areas: (a) Trip frequency, (b) Trip distance (in Km), (c) Trip mode

## 5.4 TRIP TO HEALTH CENTRES

It is observed from **Fig 5.4(a)** that the majority of people visit health centres only once a month (OM) (98 percent). Very few people (1 percent) visit the health centres on daily basis.

It is observed from **Fig 5.4(b)** that the maximum trip distance to health centres is in the range of 1-2 km (66 percent) followed by the distance of <1 (22 percent).

It is observed from **Fig 5.4(c)** that the primary mode of travel used for these trips is 3-wheeler (47 percent) followed by 2-wheeler (18 percent).

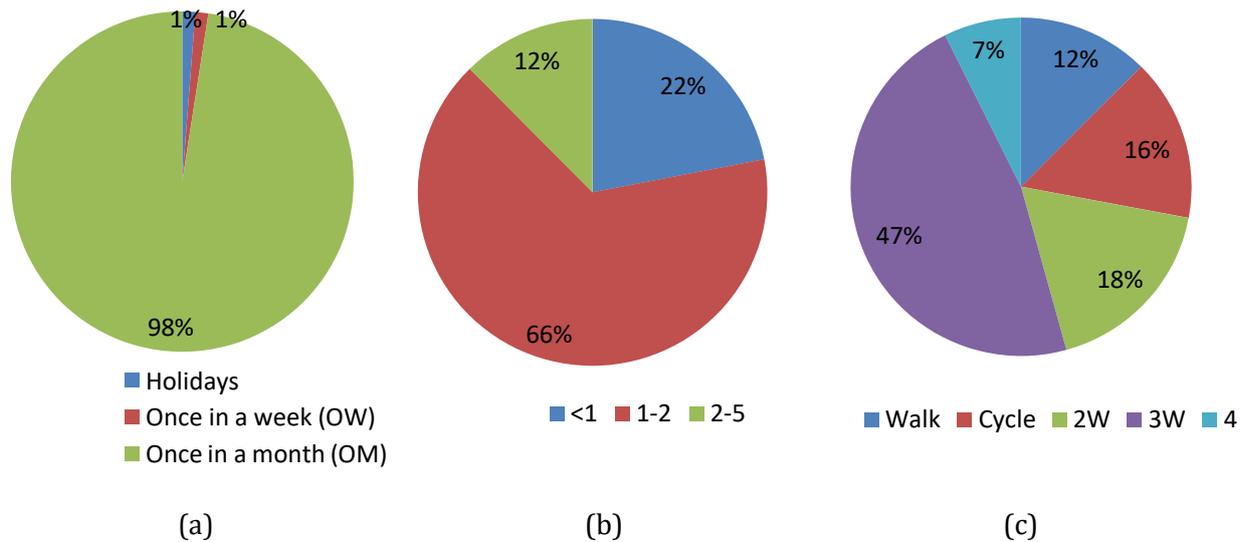


Figure 5.4. Health centres: (a) Trip frequency, (b) Trip distance (in Km), (c) Trip mode

## 5.5 TRIP TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL CENTRES

It is observed from **Fig 5.5(a)** that the trip frequency to Public Facilities and Recreational centres is maximum on once in month (OM) (55 percent).

It is observed from **Fig 5.5(b)** that the maximum trip distance to Public Facilities and Recreational centres is in the range of 1-2 km (66 percent) followed by the distance of <1 and range of 2 – 5 km (17 percent for both the cases).

It is observed from **Fig 5.5(c)** that the primary mode of travel used for completing trips to Public Facilities and Recreational centres is 3-wheeler (49 percent) followed by walking (20 percent).

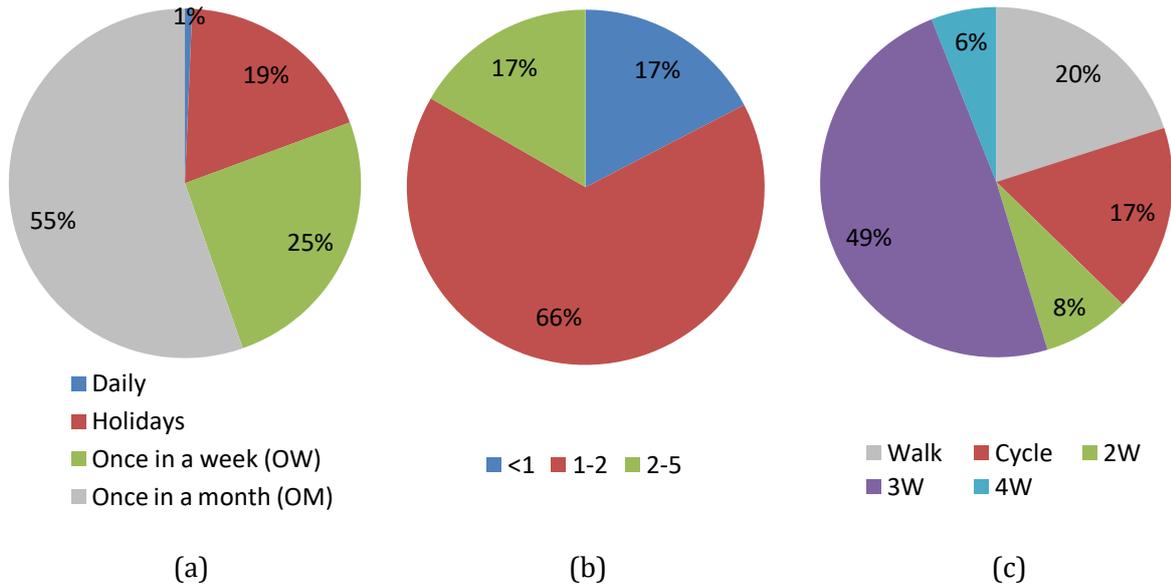


Figure 5.5. Public facilities & Recreation: (a) Trip frequency, (b) Trip distance (in Km), (c) Trip mode

### 5.6 CITIES VISITED FOR HIGHER ORDER SERVICES IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

This section analyses the details of other cities visited in the last three years outside Cooch Behar for accessing services like health, education, business, shopping etc. This might give an understanding of the services lacking in the Cooch Behar.

From **Fig 5.6(a)** it can be observed that availing health facilities is the major reason for visiting other cities (54 percent). Business and Higher Education account for 14 percent of trips to other cities Railways (82 percent) act as the main mode of transport for visiting other cities to access higher order services. **Fig 5.6(b)**

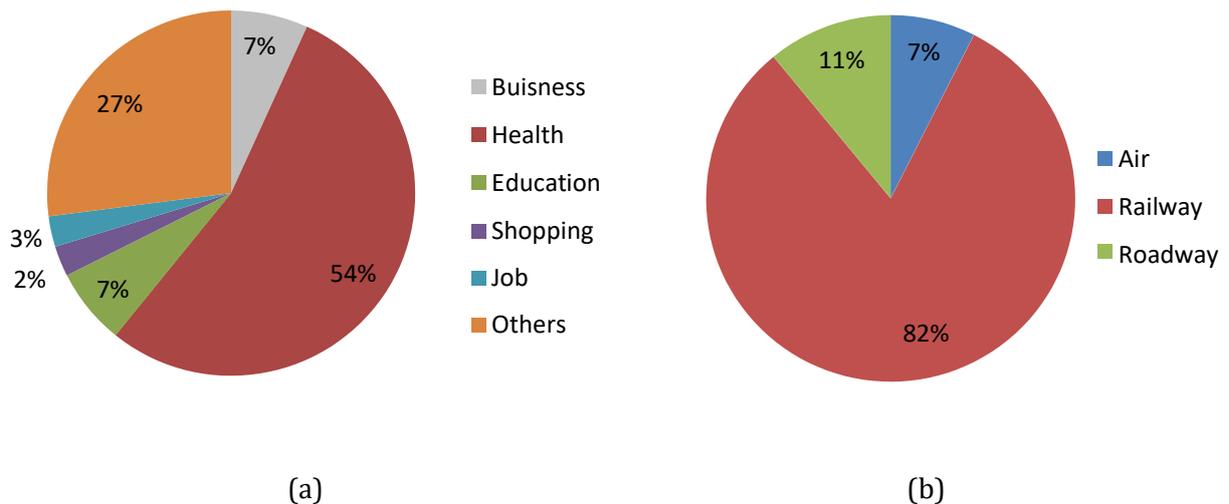
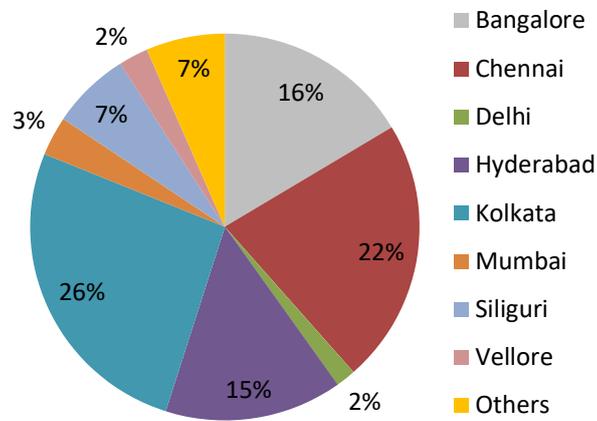


Figure 5.6. (a) Purpose of Cities visited in to access higher order services like health, education, business, shopping, etc. (Last 3 yrs.), (b) Commute mode for visiting the cities in to access the higher order services

From **Fig 5.7** it can be observed that Kolkata (26 percent), Chennai (22 percent), Bangalore (16 percent), Hyderabad (15 percent), and Siliguri (7 percent) are the most visited cities for accessing higher order services by the people of Cooch Behar (total 86 percent of trips).



**Figure 5.7. Cities visited in to access higher order services like health**

## 6 CITIZEN PERCEPTION PROFILE

In this section, the survey was conducted to capture opinions and perceptions of the citizens on various factors and issues concerning the town.

96 percent of the people surveyed agreed to recommend Cooch Behar to family/friends as a good place to live. This indicates a reasonable level of overall satisfaction amongst the residents, in spite of particular dissatisfactions with selected issues. The particular likes and dislikes may be analysed as follows.

### 6.1 FACTORS MOTIVATING CITIZENS TO STAY IN COOCH BEHAR

The major motivation of the people for staying in Cooch Behar is the Royal Legacy and Heritage of the city (21 percent). Several other prominent reasons include natural environment (15 percent), peaceful and quiet surroundings (12 percent) etc. **(Fig 6.1)**.

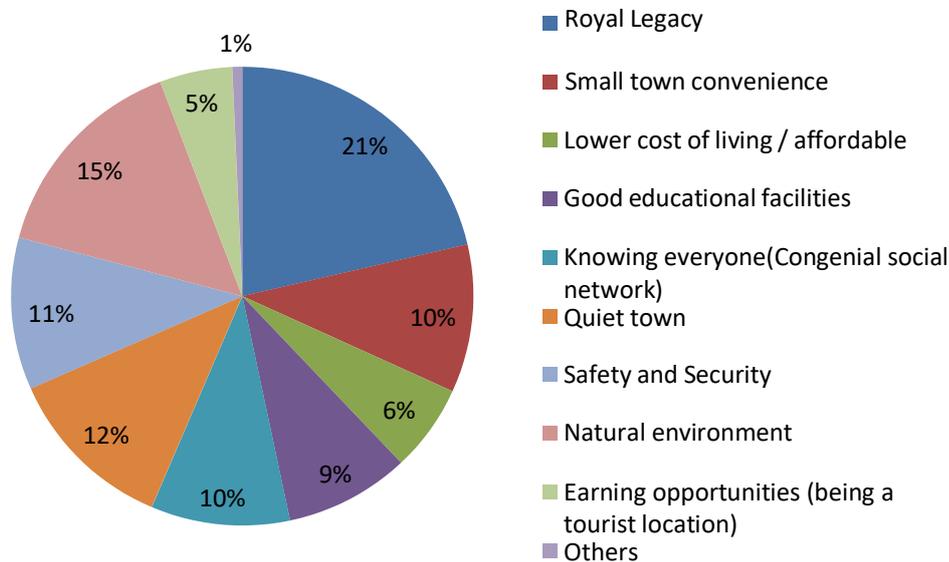


Figure 6.1. Factors motivating citizens to stay in Cooch Behar

### 6.2 MAJOR DRAWBACKS OF STAYING IN COOCH BEHAR

As indicated by **Fig 6.2**, traffic bottlenecks are cited to be the major drawbacks for staying in Cooch Behar City (23 percent). This is followed by lack of recreational activities (11 percent), and environmental degradation (9 percent).

**Fig 6.3** also gives a significant portion of other drawbacks for staying in Cooch Behar (6 percent). In this case, poor drainage system has come out to be a singularly prominent drawback of staying in Cooch Behar (68 Percent). People were also somewhat dissatisfied with the waste disposal scenario (10 percent).

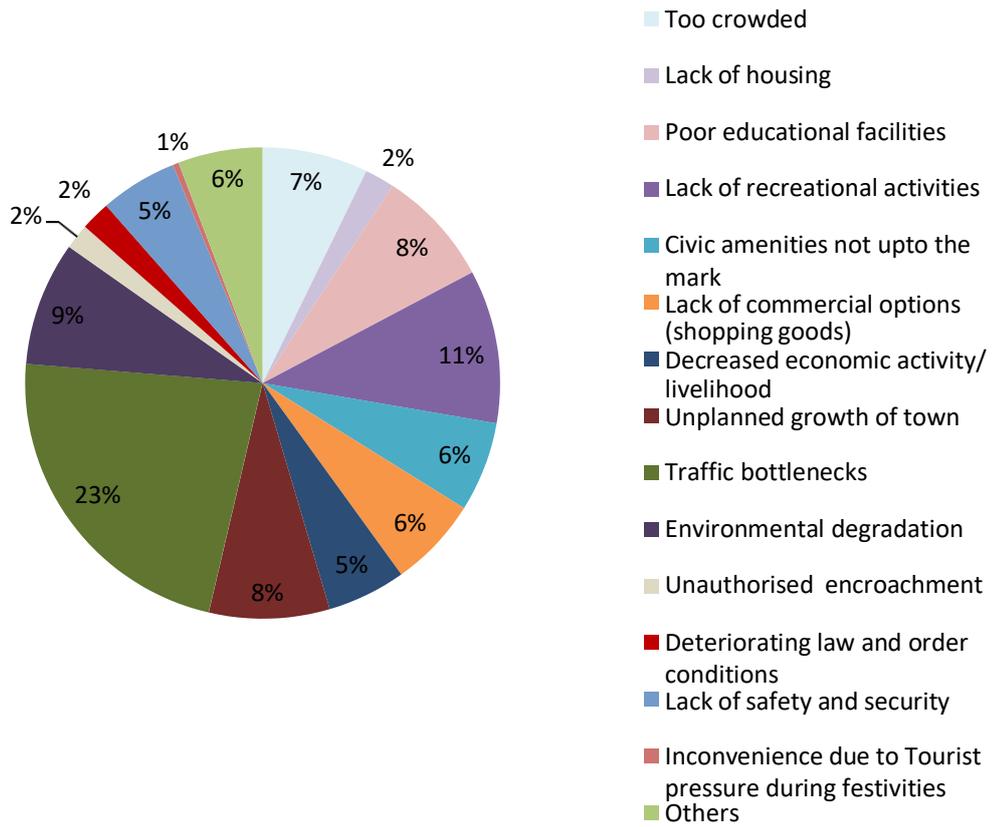


Figure 6.2. Major drawbacks of staying in Cooch Behar

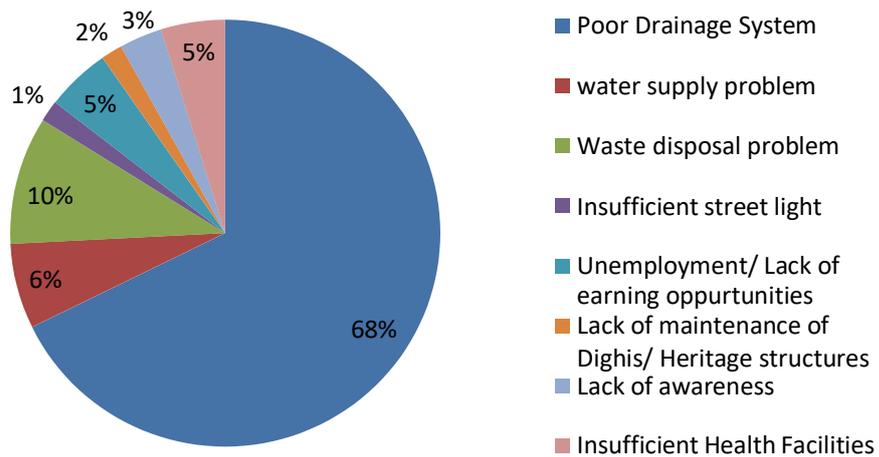


Figure 6.3. Other drawbacks of staying in Cooch Behar (% break-up of the "other" category in the above figure)

### 6.3 AWARENESS AND REACTION AMONGST THE PEOPLE ABOUT COOCH BEHAR BEING DECLARED AS A HERITAGE TOWN

81 percent of the people surveyed were aware about Cooch Behar being declared as a heritage town by the Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal. It is also observed that a majority of the people (94 percent) are happy about the declaration of Cooch Behar as a Heritage town.

The single most important expectation from this (37 percent) involves improvement in the drainage system for Cooch Behar. **(Fig 6.4)**. People also expect improvement in roads and communication and water supply.

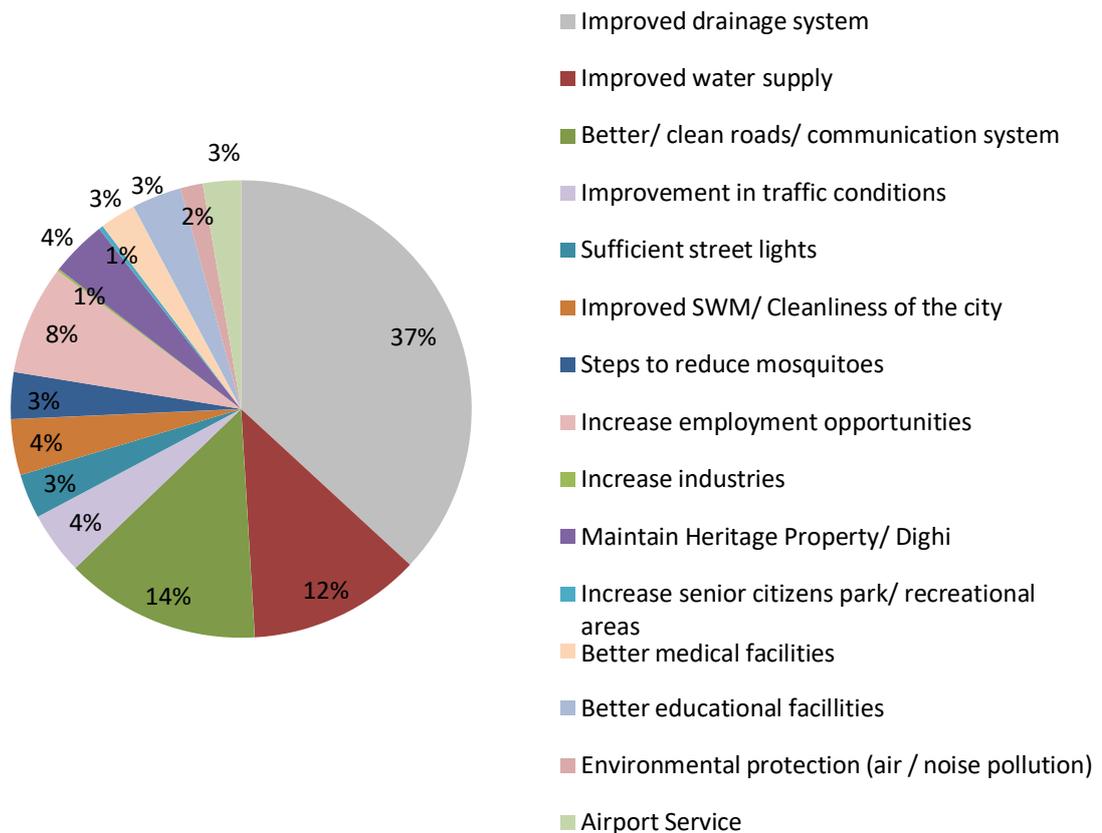


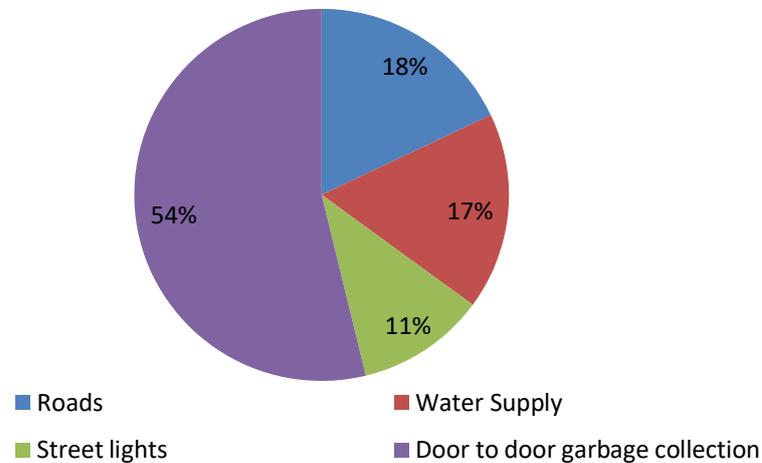
Figure 6.4. Type of improvements expected for Cooch Behar as a heritage town

### 6.4 ROLE / CONTRIBUTION OF THE CITIZEN ENVISAGED IN CONNECTION TO THE PROPOSED HERITAGE TOWN

The main role / contribution from the citizen’s part, as identified by the respondents, would be to maintain the cleanliness of the city (51 percent) followed by spreading awareness about the importance of the heritage town (49 percent).

## 6.5 SERVICES / BENEFITS ENJOYED PROVIDED BY COOCH BEHAR MUNICIPALITY

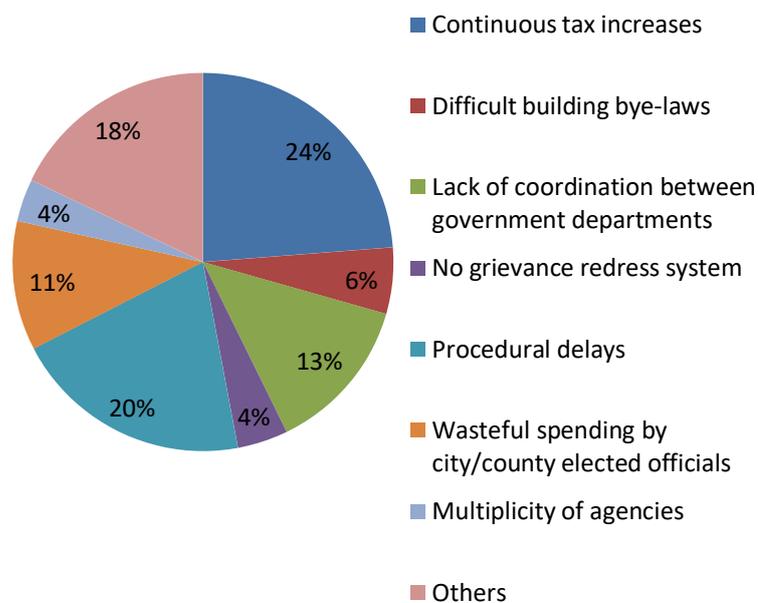
According to the survey, door to door garbage collection is identified as the primary service benefitting the major percentage of people (54 percent). People are less satisfied with the provision of street lights (11 percent). **(Fig 6.5)**



**Figure 6.5. Services / benefits enjoyed by the citizens as provided by Cooch Behar Municipality**

## 6.6 PROBLEMS WITH COOCH BEHAR MUNICIPALITY

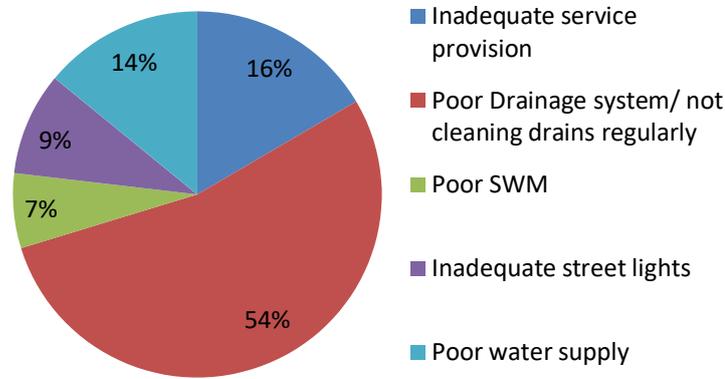
The main problem identified is the continuous increase in tax (24 percent), followed by procedural delays (20 percent), and other problems (18 percent) **(Fig 6.6)**. The “other” problems have been explained in **Fig 6.7**. Some respondents also noted that there was a lack of coordination between government departments and wastage of public money spent by city/ country elected officials (13 and 11 percent respectively).



**Figure 6.6. Citizens perception on problems with Cooch Behar Municipality**

### 6.6.1 Other problems in Cooch Behar Municipality

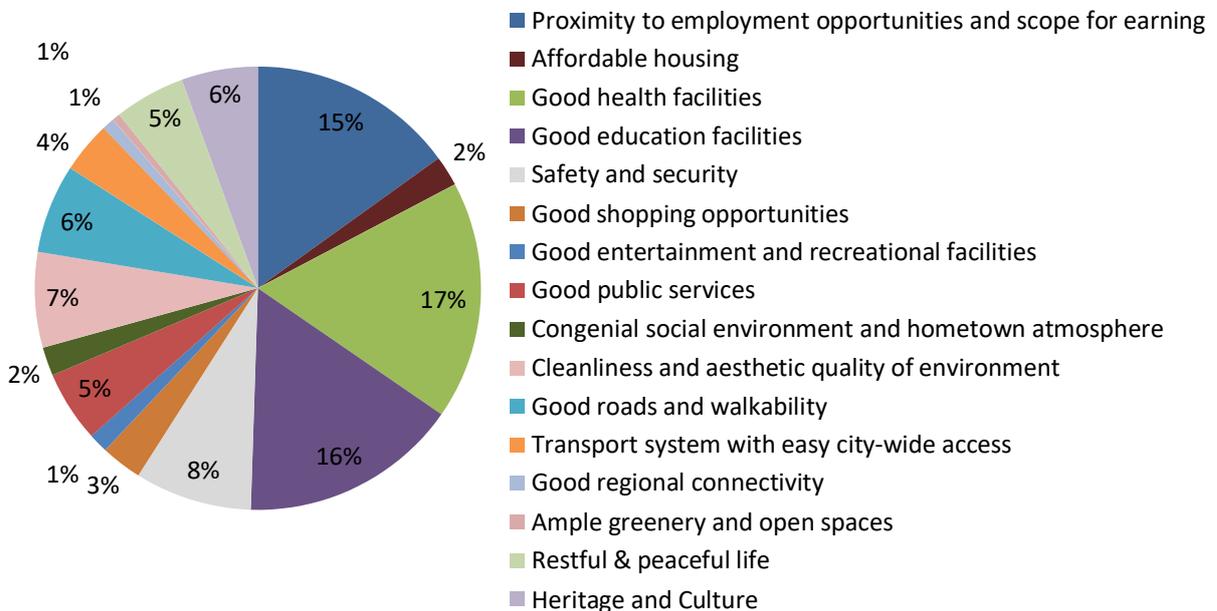
Among other problems, poor and ill-maintained drainage system ranks as the major problem (54 percent), which is a reiteration of earlier findings (refer section 6.2 and section 6.3), followed by inadequate municipal service provision (16 percent). **(Fig 6.7).**



**Figure 6.7. Other problems in Cooch Behar Municipality**

### 6.7 FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS FOR A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE

The five most important aspects identified for a high quality of life are – 1) Good health facilities (17 percent), 2) Good educational facilities (16 percent), 3) Proximity to employment opportunities and scope of earning (15 percent), 4) Safety and Security (8 percent), and 5) Cleanliness and aesthetic quality of environment (7 percent). **(Fig 6.8)**



**Figure 6.8. Citizens perception on five most important aspects for a high quality of life**

## 6.8 CITIZENS PERCEPTION ON SATISFACTION LEVEL WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS IN COOCH BEHAR

In this section, various aspects of better quality of life are put up on a five point likert scale based on satisfaction level of different parameters like perception on good education facilities (Fig. 6.9), good health facilities (Fig. 6.10), proximity to employment opportunities and scope for earning (Fig. 6.11), affordable housing (Fig. 6.12), congenial social environment and hometown atmosphere (Fig. 6.13), good entertainment and recreational facilities (Fig. 6.14), heritage and culture (Fig. 6.15), safety and security (Fig. 6.16), good shopping opportunities (Fig. 6.17), good public spaces (Fig. 6.18), cleanliness and aesthetic quality of environment (Fig. 6.19), good roads and walkability (Fig. 6.20), good transport system with easy city-wide access (Fig. 6.21), good regional connectivity (Fig. 6.22), ample greenery and open spaces (Fig. 6.23), restful & peaceful life (Fig. 6.24).

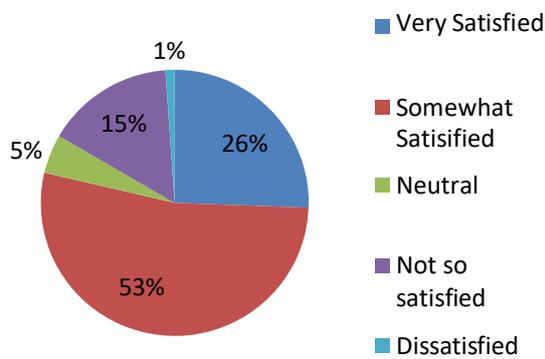


Figure 6.9. Citizens' perception on good education facilities

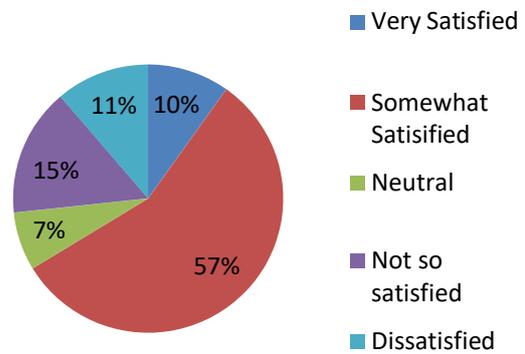


Figure 6.10. Citizens' perception on good health facilities

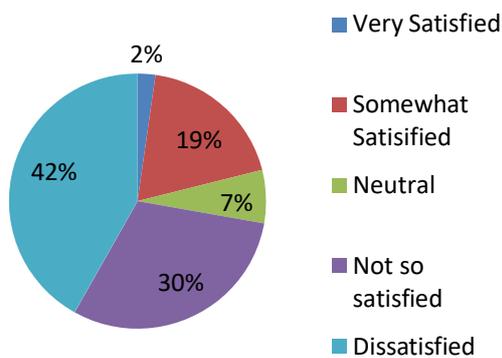


Figure 6.11. Citizens' perception on proximity to employment opportunities and scope for earning.

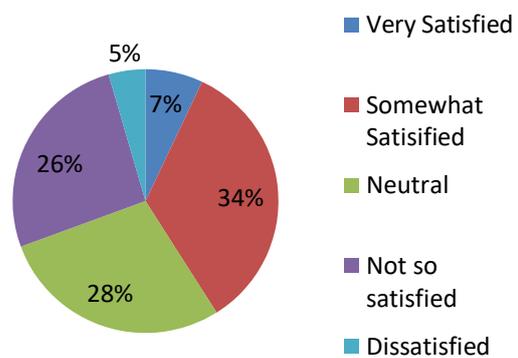


Figure 6.12. Citizens' perception on affordable housing

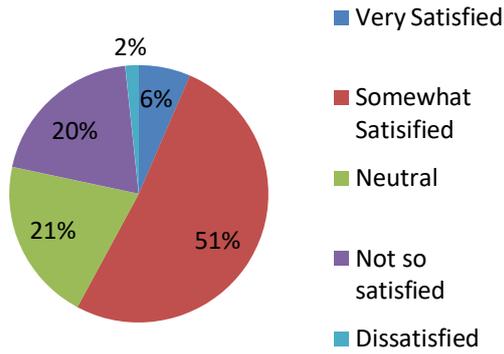


Figure 6.13. Citizens perception on congenial social environment and hometown atmosphere

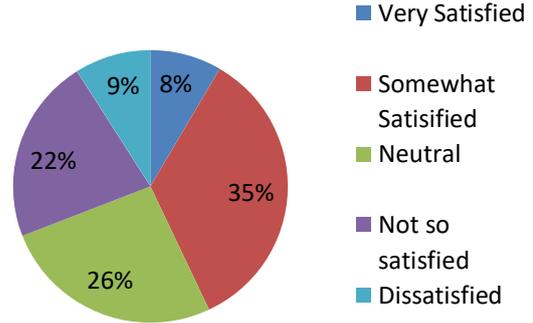


Figure 6.14. Citizens perception on good entertainment and recreational facilities

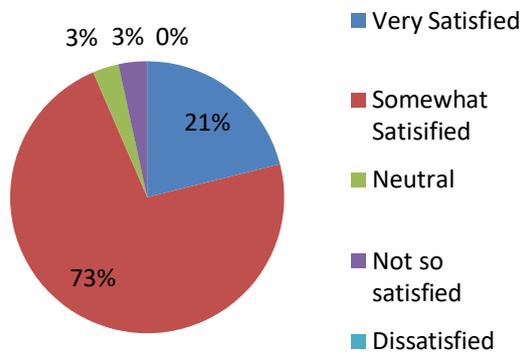


Figure 6.15. Citizens perspective on heritage and culture.

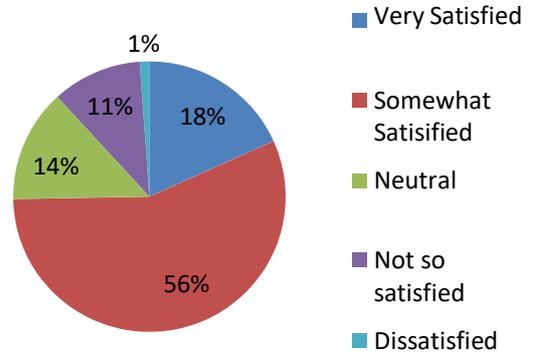


Figure 6.16. Citizens perspective on safety and security

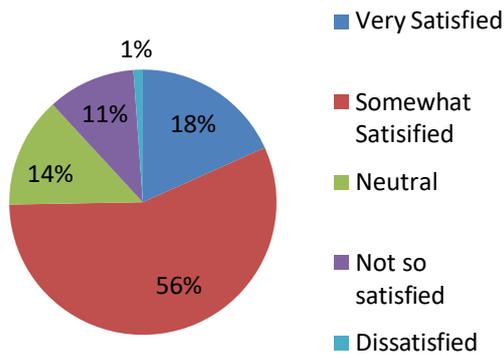


Figure 6.17. Citizens perspective on good shopping opportunities

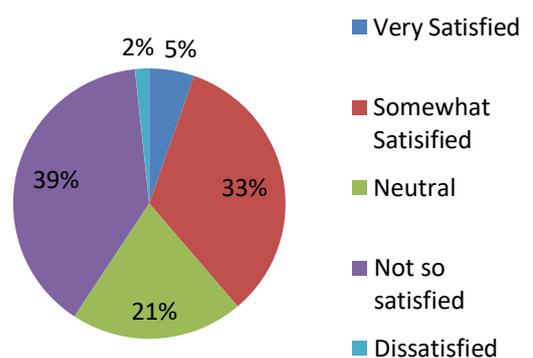


Figure 6.18. Citizens perspective on good public spaces

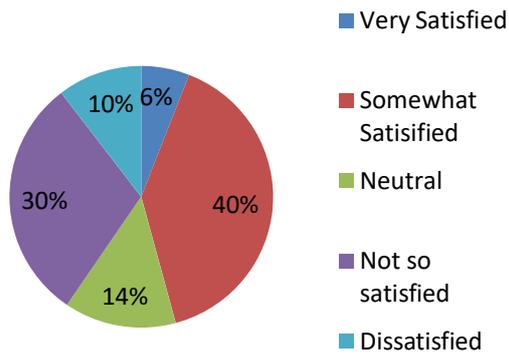


Figure 6.19. Citizens perspective on cleanliness and aesthetic quality of environment

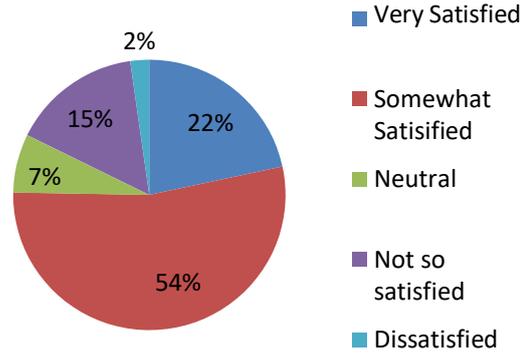


Figure 6.20. Citizens perspective on good roads and walkability

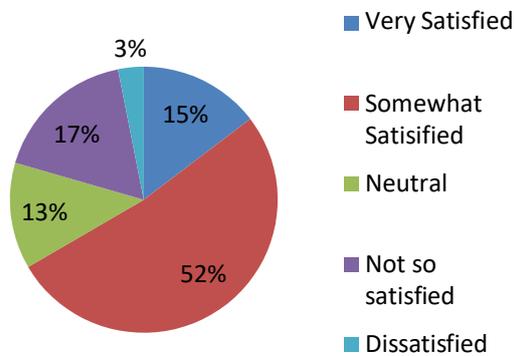


Figure 6.21. Citizens perspective on good Transport system with easy city-wide access

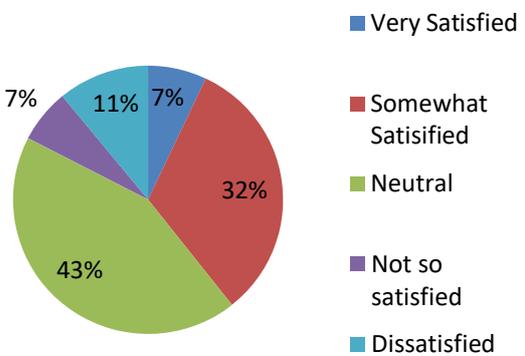


Figure 6.22. Citizens perspective on good regional connectivity

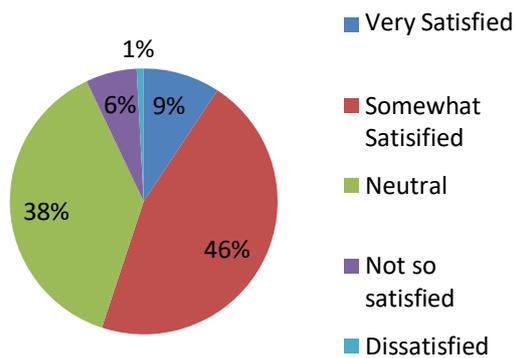


Figure 6.23. Citizens perspective on ample greenery and open spaces

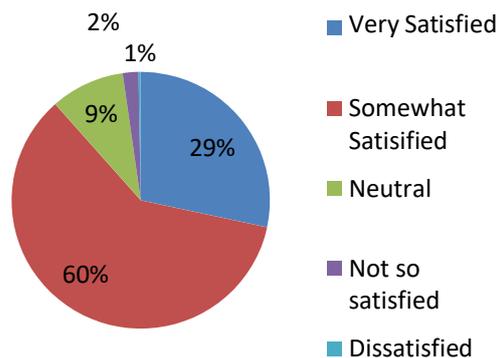
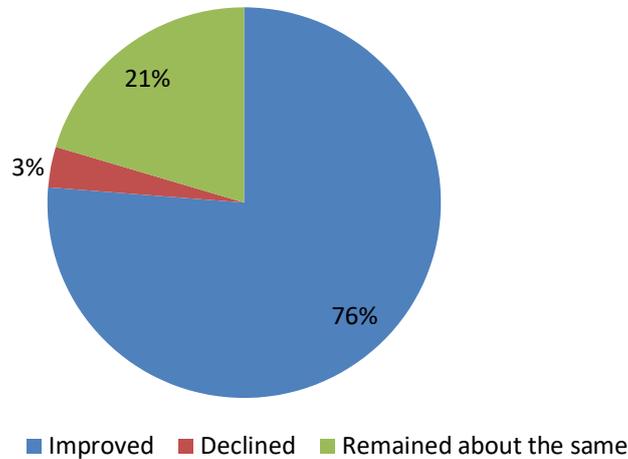


Figure 6.24. Citizens perspective on restful & peaceful life

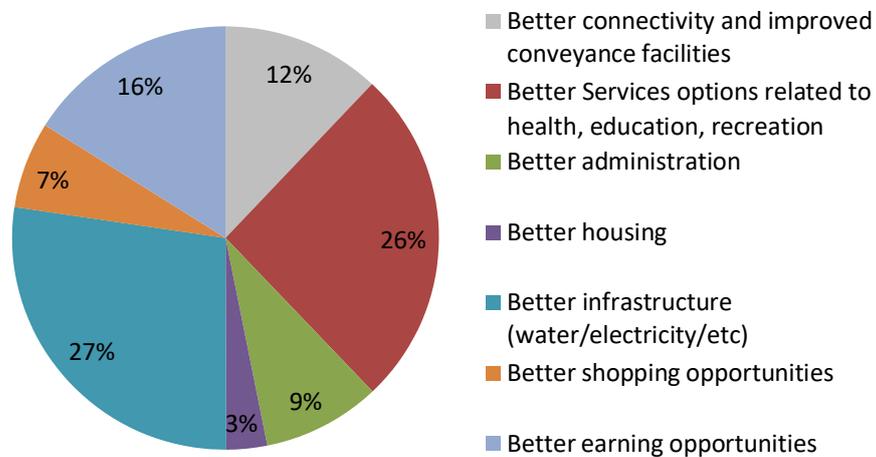
### 6.9 CHANGE IN QUALITY OF LIFE AT COOCH BEHAR OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

It can be analysed from **Fig 6.25** that majority of the population (76 percent) agrees to improvement of the quality of life in Cooch Behar, during the last five years.



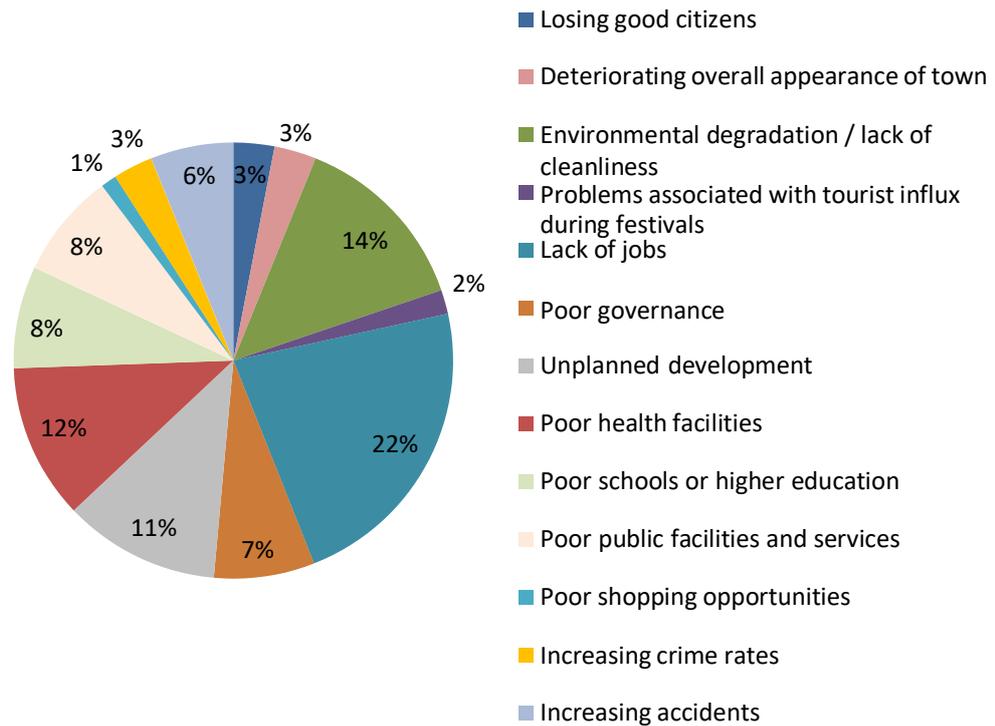
**Figure 6.25. Citizens perception on Chang in quality of life at Cooch Behar over the past five years**

It can be observed from **Fig 6.26** that the main reason for improvement is perceived to be better provision of infrastructural facilities (water/ electricity etc.) (27 percent) followed by better provision of service options related to health, education, recreation etc. (26 percent).



**Figure 6.26. Citizens perception on Reasons for improvement of community**

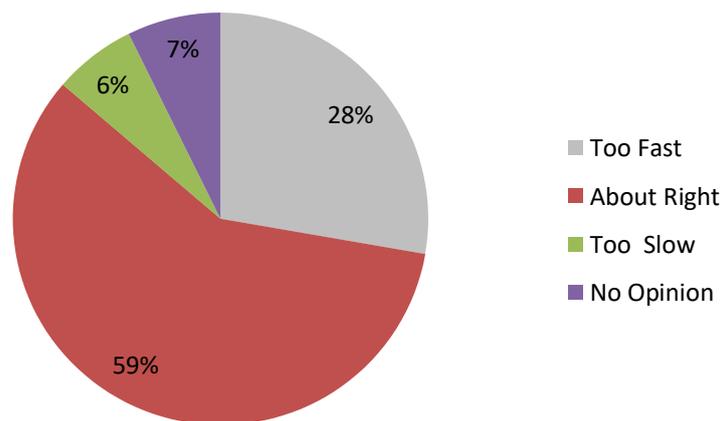
From **Fig 6.27** it can be observed that the main reason cited for a perceived decline is lack of employment opportunities (22 percent). Other reasons contributing to a perception of decline are Environmental degradation/ lack of cleanliness (14 percent), and poor health facilities (12 percent)



**Figure 6.27. Citizens perception on Reasons for decline of community**

### 6.10 PERCEPTION OF GROWTH IN COOCH BEHAR

It can be observed from **Fig 6.28** that majority of the population (59 percent) believes that the current growth rate in Cooch Behar is going in the right pace while a section of the population believes that it is going too fast (28 percent).

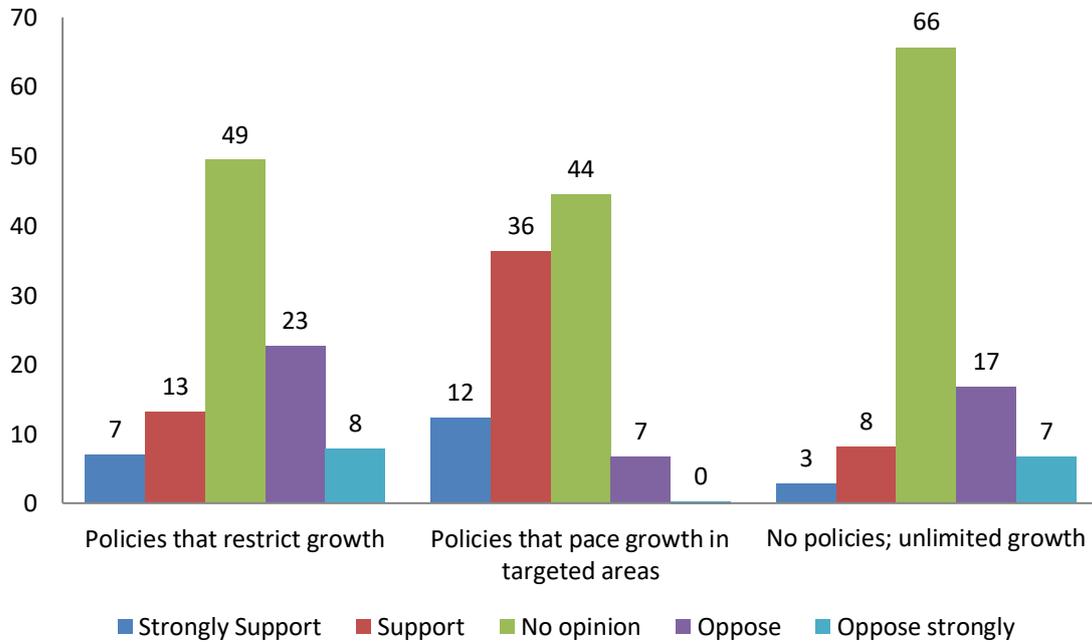


**Figure 6.28. Citizens perception about current growth rate in Cooch Behar**

It has been reported that the majority of the population (83 percent) considers the development of Cooch Behar sensitive to the character/ legacy of the town. Although a certain number of the people (42 percent) have stated that the cultural/ heritage character of Cooch Behar is negatively impacted because of present growth characteristics, majority of the people (58 percent) think otherwise.

### 6.11 CITIZENS PERCEPTION ON POLICIES REGARDING GROWTH IN COOCH BEHAR MUNICIPALITY

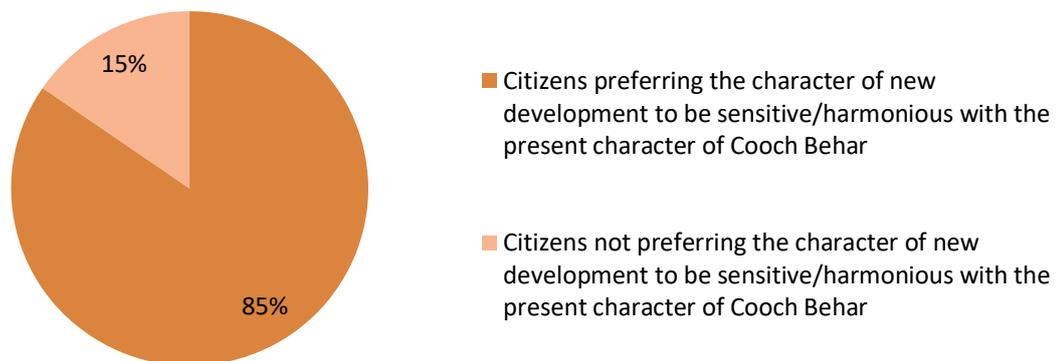
In this section, opinion has been taken about policies which regulate the growth in the city. The policy parameters have been sub divided into three parts and put up into the five point likert scale rating. From **Fig 6.29** it can be observed that policies that pace growth in targeted areas is most popular (48 percent) while policies that restrict growth is least popular (31percent).



**Figure 6.29. Citizens perception on policies regarding growth in Cooch Behar Municipality**

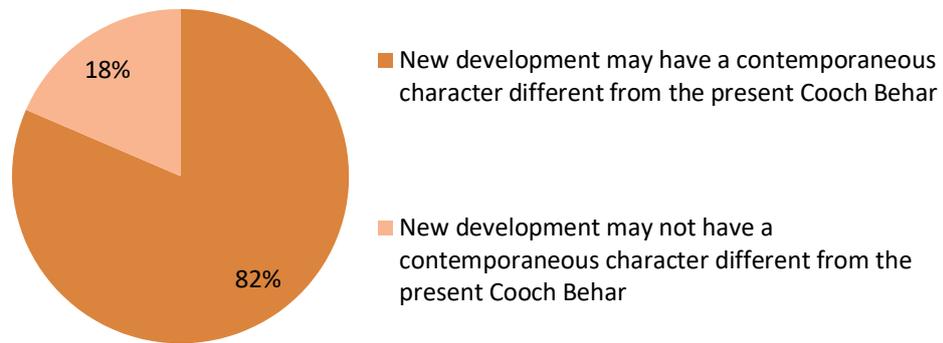
### 6.12 EXPECTATIONS FROM THE NEW DEVELOPMENT OF COOCH BEHAR

It can be observed from **Fig 6.30** that the majority of the people (85 percent) would prefer the character to be sensitive/ harmonious with the present character of Cooch Behar.



**Figure 6.30. Citizen’s perception about the new development of Cooch Behar being sensitive to the character/ legacy of the town**

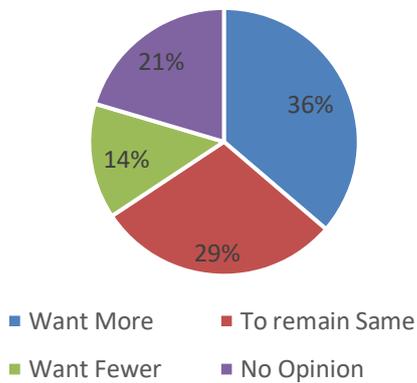
It can be observed from **Fig 6.31** that the majority of the population (82 percent) agree to the fact that the new development can have a contemporaneous character different from the present Cooch Behar.



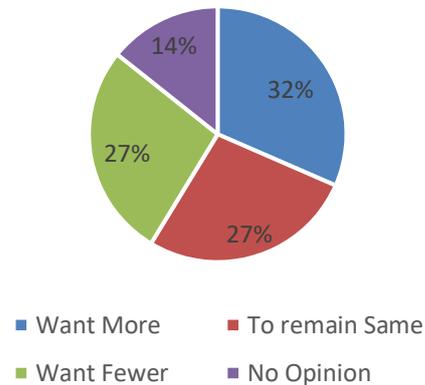
**Figure 6.31. Citizen's perception about the character of new development of Cooch Behar**

### 6.13 CITIZENS' DEMANDS ON THE SECTORS OF DEVELOPMENT

In this section, citizens' demands for development in various sectors are inspected, in terms what they want more, fewer, or to remain at the existing level.



**Figure 6.32. Retail centers/ malls**



**Figure 6.33. Restaurants**

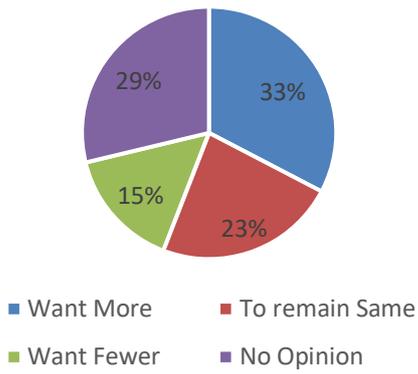


Figure 6.34. Mixed used spaces

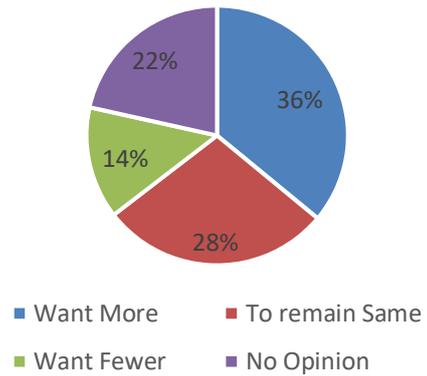


Figure 6.35. Neighbourhood service retail

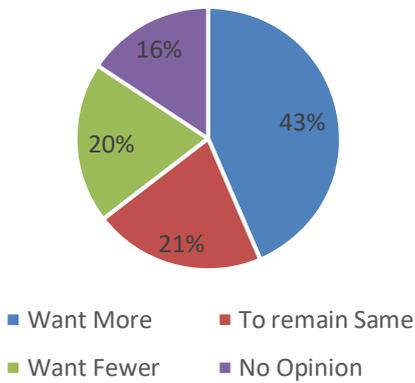


Figure 6.36. Entertainment/attractions

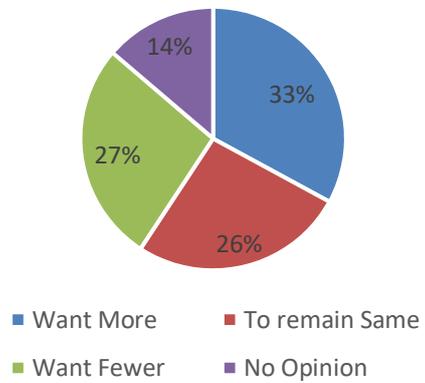


Figure 6.37. Hotels/ Motels

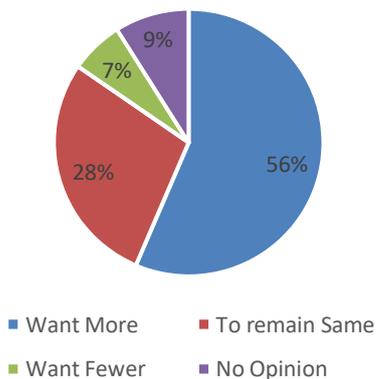


Figure 6.38. Community /convention centres

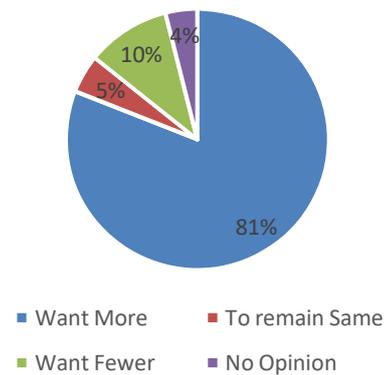
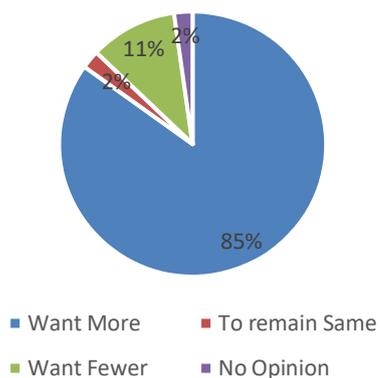
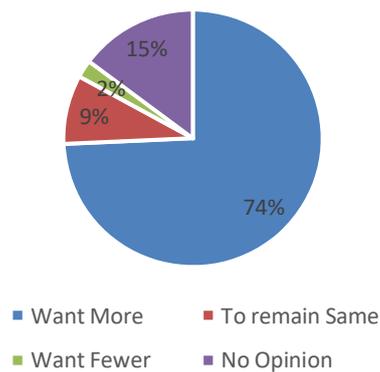


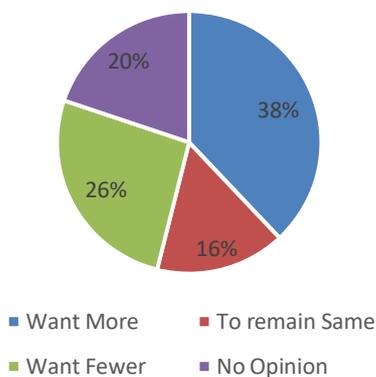
Figure 6.39. Schools and colleges



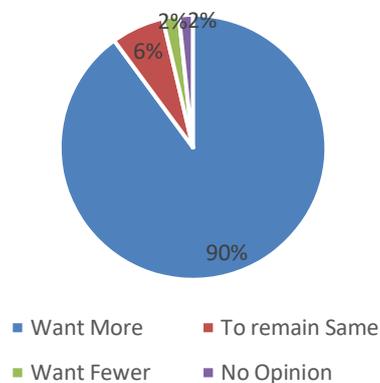
**Figure 6.40. Hospitals and health facilities**



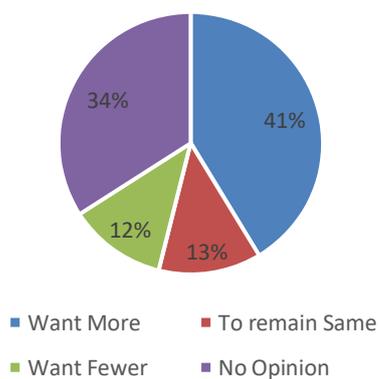
**Figure 6.41. Business parks**



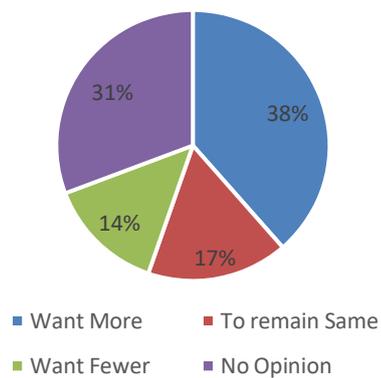
**Figure 6.42. Multi-storied apartments**



**Figure 6.43. Industries**



**Figure 6.44. Low-rise, low-density, plotted developments**



**Figure 6.45. Low-income/Public Housing**

According to the data, it is observed that the majority of the population wants more number of industries (Fig. 6.43), hospitals and health facilities (Fig. 6.40), higher educational facilities (Fig. 6.39), convention centres (Fig.38), Low-rise low-density plotted developments (Fig. 6.44), and public housing (Fig. 6.45).

On the other hand, they mostly do not need an increase in the number of restaurants (Fig. 6.33), hotels (Fig. 6.37), retails services (Fig. 6.32), and multi-storey apartments (Fig. 6.42).

#### 6.14 REMARKABLE/ CONTROVERSIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAST 5 TO 10 YEARS

It is observed from Fig 6.46 that in the last 5 to 10 years institutional sector is perceived to have had the most development (74 percent) with the construction of many universities and colleges like Baburhat University, Government Engineering College in Ghughumari and Medical College in Nilkuthi.

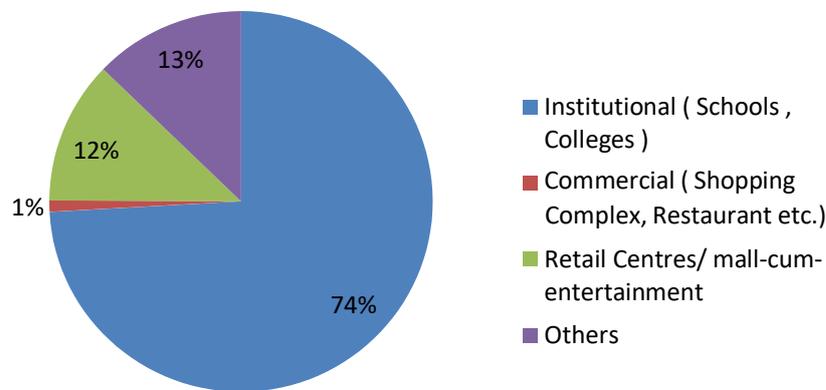
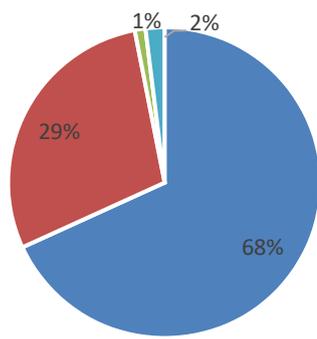


Figure 6.46. Citizens perception on Remarkable / controversial development in Cooch Behar in the last 10 years/ 5 years

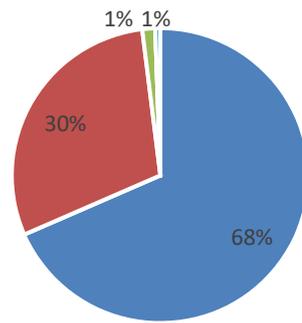
#### 6.15 CITIZENS PERCEPTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ISSUES IN CONSTRUCTING FUTURE FACILITIES IN COOCH BEHAR

In this section, citizens' perception about the relevance of various issues in constructing the future facilities are scored using five point likert scales.



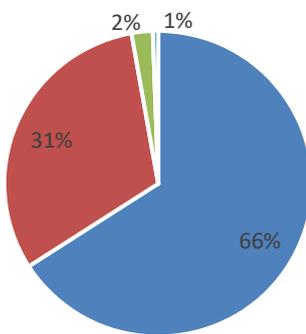
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**Figure 6.47. Facilities which generate pride in the community.**



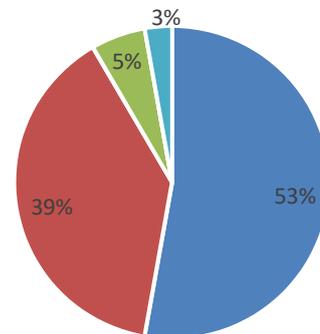
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**Figure 6.48. Facilities which preserves the cultural heritage**



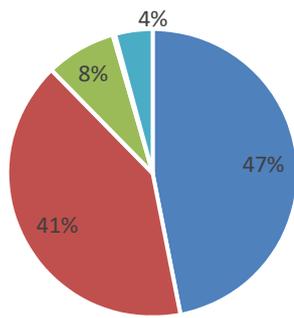
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**Figure 6.49. Facilities which does not affect the Dhigis**



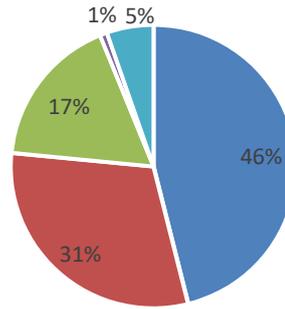
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**Figure 6.50. Facilities which are environmentally sustainable**



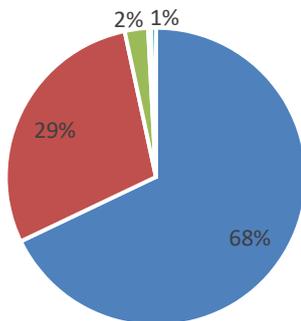
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**Figure 6.51. Facilities which are culturally sensitive**



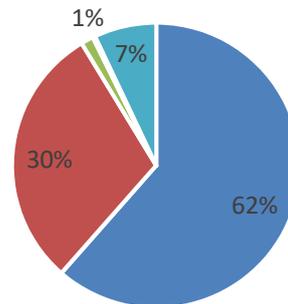
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**Figure 6.52. Facilities which will make it commercially attractive**



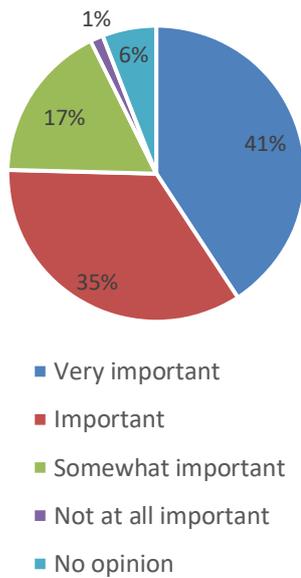
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**Figure 6.53. Facilities which are economical**

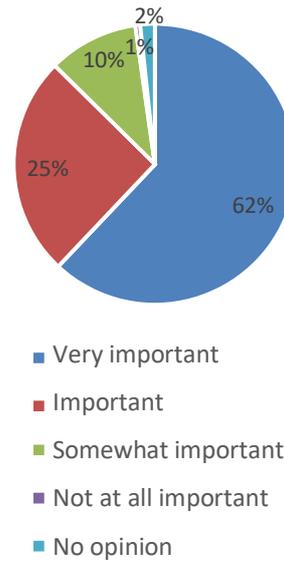


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**Figure 6.54. Facilities which are aesthetic**



**Figure 6.55. Facilities which use modern technology**

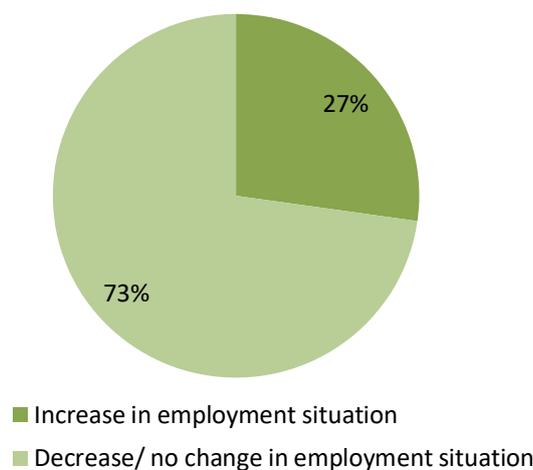


**Figure 6.56. Facilities which will draw tourists**

According to the survey it has been observed that according to majority of the people, facilities which generates pride in the community (**Fig. 6.47**), preserves cultural heritage (**Fig. 6.48**), and are economical (**Fig. 6.53**), are most important factors to be focussed upon and facilities should be constructed for improving and enhancing these aspects in future.

### 6.16 CITIZENS PERCEPTION ON PRESENT EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

**Fig 6.57** reveals that very less percentage (27 percent) of the people agree that the employment situation has improved in the last three years while majority of the people (73 percent) agrees that the employment situation has decreased or has become stagnant.



**Figure 6.57. Perception about present employment situation**

The perception of increase in employment in various sectors during the last three years may be presented as follows.

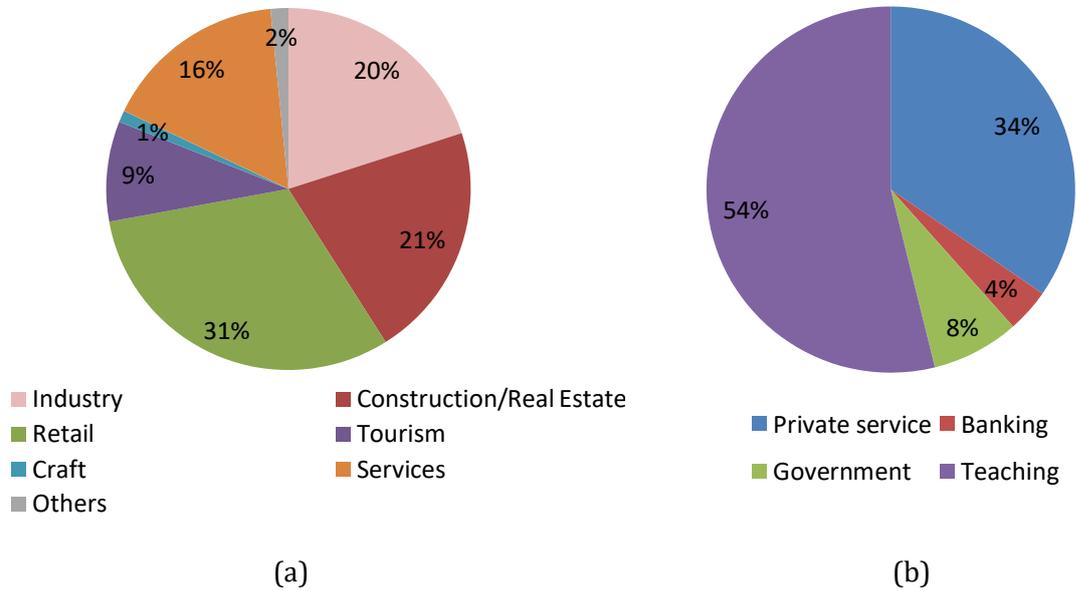


Figure 6.58. (a) Sector-wise increase in employment, (b) Other services

It can be observed from **Fig 6.58(a)** that the maximum increase in employment has been in the retail sector (31 percent) while the craft sector has seen the least improvement (1 percent). There is also substantial increase in the construction and industry sector (21 and 20 percent respectively). **Fig 6.58(b)** represents the category of 'other services', which shows that there is an increase in the percentage of teaching services (54 percent) followed by private services (34 percent).

### 6.17 CITIZENS PERCEPTION ON THE MOST PROMISING SECTOR IN COOCH BEHAR

It can be observed from **Fig 6.59** that, according to the citizens' perception, tourism and the allied sector (39 percent) is the most promising sector in Cooch Behar, followed by micro, small and medium scale industries (31 percent), and education (19 percent).

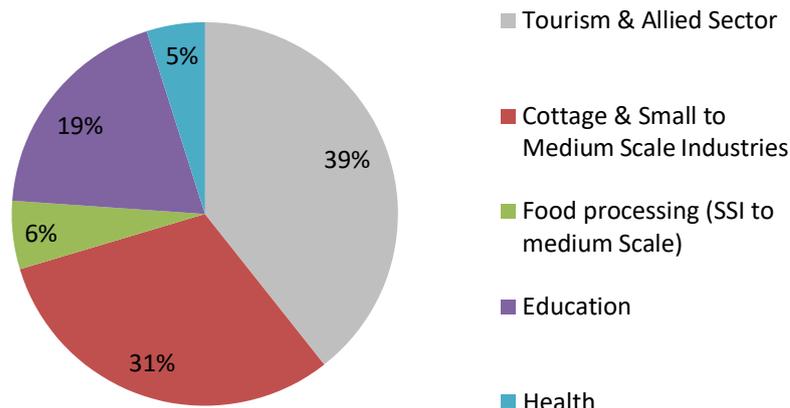


Figure 6.59. Citizen's perception on the Most promising economic sector in Cooch Behar

### 6.18 CITIZENS' PERCEPTION ABOUT THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAIRS AND FESTIVITIES

Citizens' perception was recorded regarding the festivals they associate most with problems. It can be observed from **Fig 6.60** that according to the citizens perspective, Raas Mela has got the most number of problems associated with it (49 percent) followed by Holi (24 percent) and Rath Yatra (21 percent).

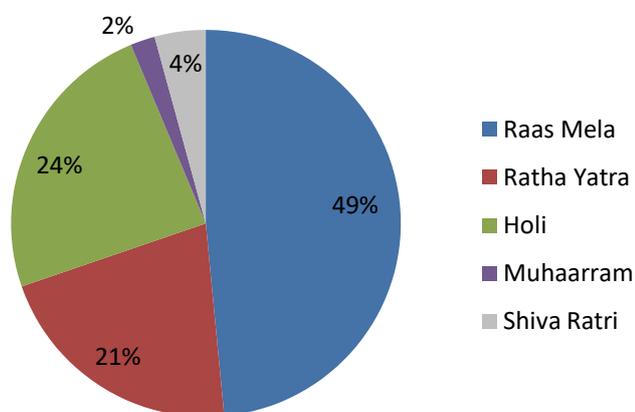


Figure 6.60. Citizen's perception about the problems associated with the following fairs and festivities

#### 6.18.1 Problems associated with Raas Mela

It can be observed from **Fig 6.61** that lack of parking facilities is the major problem associated with Raas Mela (21 percent) followed by chaos and lack of space (18 percent).

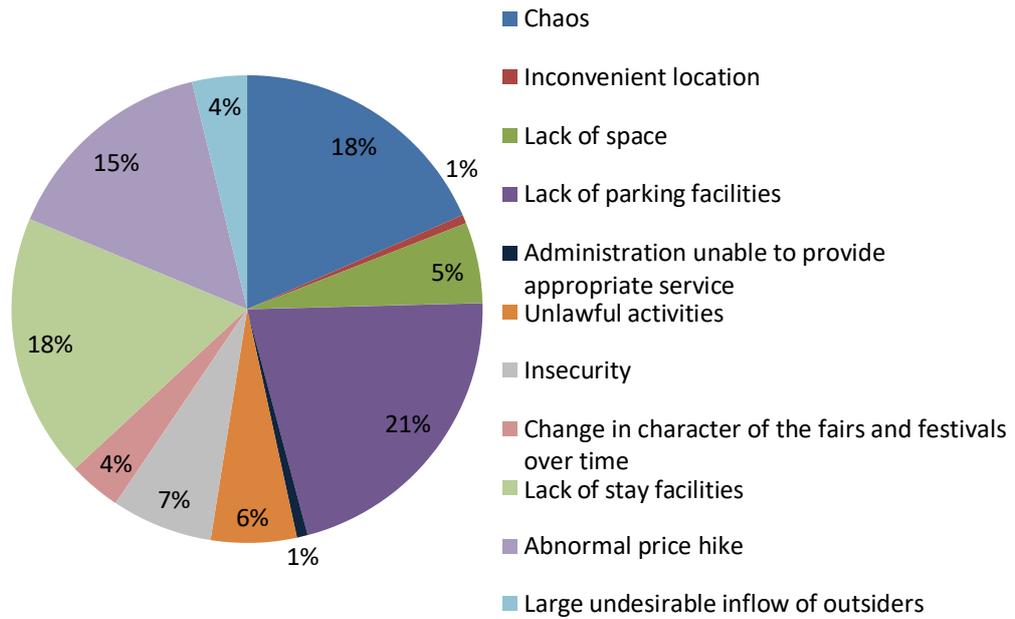


Figure 6.61. Citizen’s perception about the problems associated with Raas Mela

6.18.2 Problems associated with Rath Yatra

It can be observed from Fig 6.62 that lack of space is the major problem associated with Rath Yatra (44 percent) followed lack of parking facilities (15 percent).

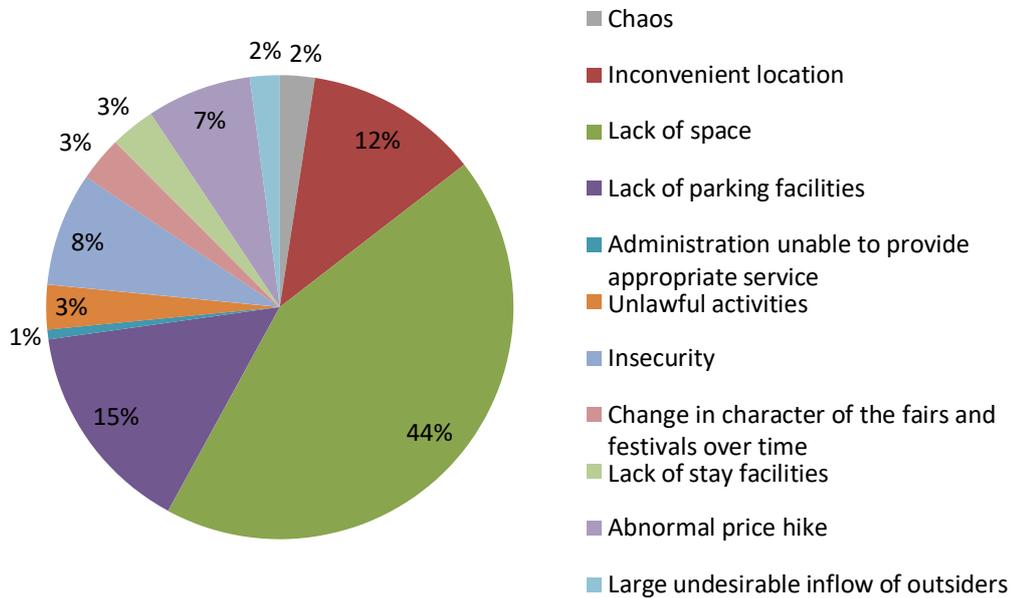


Figure 6.62. Citizen’s perception about the problems associated with Rath Yatra

6.18.3 Problems associated with Holi

It can be observed from Fig 6.63 that unlawful activities is the major problem associated with Holi (35 percent) followed by chaos (25 percent).

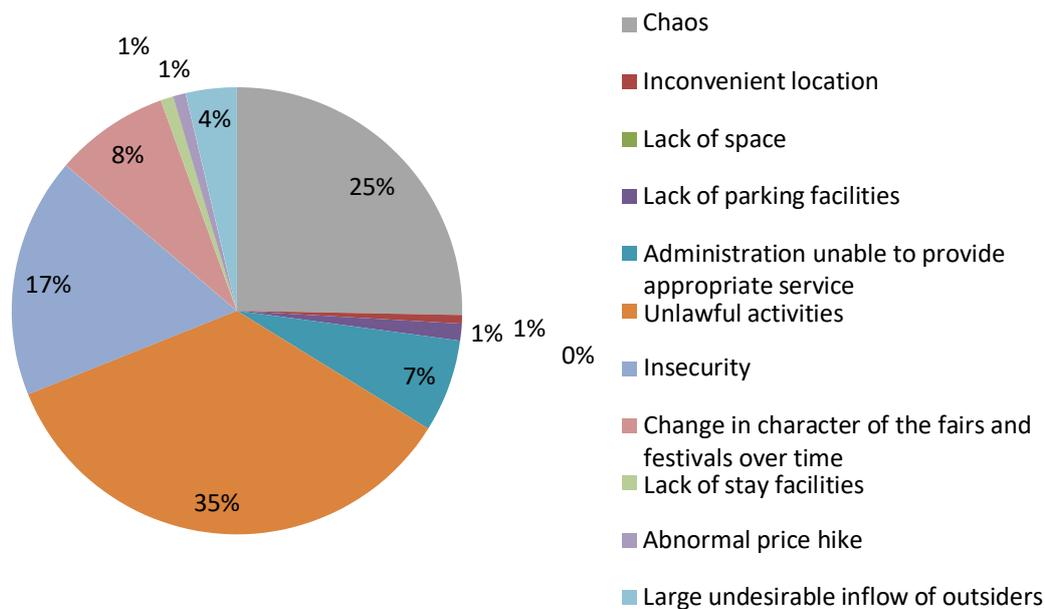


Figure 6.63. Citizen's perception about the problems associated with Holi

Hence it can be inferred that the major problems are associated with fairs like Raas Mela and Rath Yatra where problems like insufficient parking facilities are faced by the people on a major level due to lack of space on the mela ground. Festivals like Holi on the other hand create other problems like unlawful activities and chaos.

### 6.19 CITIZENS' PERCEPTION ON PREFERRED FORM OF COMMUNICATION FOR NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

It can be observed from Fig 6.64 that majority of the citizens prefer cable TV (36 percent) and Newspaper (34 percent) to be their most reliable form of communication for notification of Public Meetings whereas E-mail, and Facebook seems to be the least reliable form which reveals the fact that the citizens are not habituated with using internet based communication methods.

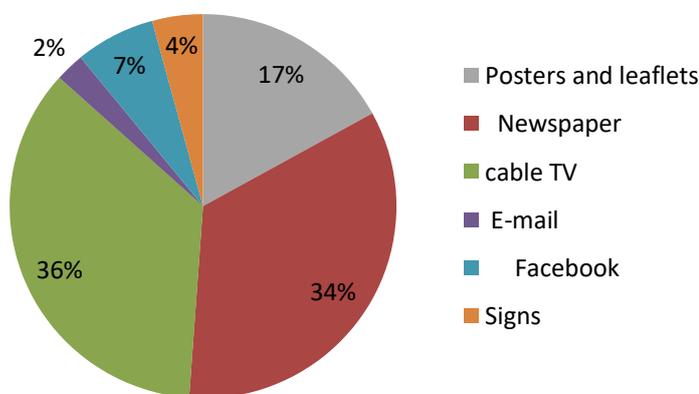


Figure 6.64. Citizen's perception on Preferred form of communication for being notified of public meetings'

## 7 CONCLUSION

### 7.1 DEMOGRAPHY AND ECONOMIC PROFILE

Literacy is very high in the town with only 2% of people being reported as illiterate. Moreover, majority of the population have completed their education till graduation (29%) followed by Post-graduation or its equivalent (27%). Also, the majority of the town population (74%) are in the working age group. However, the overall employment rate is less than satisfactory (60% of working age group). The situation is worse for females where only 5% of female population in the working age group are employed. Interestingly, the sex ratio i.e. the number of females per 1000 males is observed to be 1060 in Cooch Behar, which is significantly better than the national sex ratio of 940. But this also means, there is a need for creating more employment opportunities especially for the females. At present, overall 68% of the employment is in the tertiary sector and in only 1% in secondary sector. 34% of households have reported having family member with government jobs.

A significant majority of the households have reported monthly income less than 25,000 which indicates they are in the lower income group category. However, almost every household (99%) has reported having a bank account which is an indicator of a reasonably stable economic condition.

Majority of the population are in the General Category (GE) (76%) followed by other Backward Class (OBC) and Schedule Caste (SC) (12 and 11 percent respectively). Very few people fall in the category of Schedule Tribe (ST) (1 percent). Majority of the people speak Bengali (91%). The 'Rajbanshis' and others constitute the native tongue of only a small portion of the population (1%). Current population is majorly Hindu with a small Muslim population. Presence of the Brahmos who were historically important for the town's culture have not been observed in the survey.

### 7.2 HOUSING

The town has observed very limited trend of migration since majority of the people (62%) have been continuing to dwell in their ancestral plots for more than 50 years. Very few people (3%) have been staying at the same dwelling area for less than 10 years.

Majority of the population of the town live in Detached Houses (95%). Also, majority of the population live in single storey dwelling units (56%). Very few live in multi-storeyed units (3%). Also, majority of the population (70%) lives in Pucca houses while another considerable part of the population (27%) live in semi-pucca houses. Very few live in Kutcha houses (3%). It can thus be inferred that detached single-storeyed pucca houses are the most prominent house typology in this area. Almost half of the population (47%) live in dwelling units having built up more than 2,001 sqft. while only 2 percent of the population live in units having area less than 650 sqft. Average household size in Cooch Behar town being 4.23, overcrowding does not seem to be an important concern.

Most of the people stay in their own dwelling units (97%) of which only 21% have given their houses partially on rent. This shows that the rental market is not that much prominent in this

area. More than 90% of people possess property ownership or tax documents indicating a high level of regularization in housing sector.

It has been reported that only 3 percent of the people have plans for buying other properties in the next 12 months with majority (83 percent) preferring the location of the second property to be within the Cooch Behar Municipal area. Hence, it can be inferred, that the town observes slow growth in real estate market.

### 7.3 INFRASTRUCTURE

Private tube well acts as the major source of water supply in the households (68%) followed by private tap water supply (41%) and community tap water (40%). This could be a reason for major concern as it may lead to ground water depletion in the long run. Also, it is reported that majority of the households (95 %) receives water for 7 hours per day.

98% of the households have their individual septic tanks and only 2 percent of the households have pour flush toilets. There is no municipal sewer system, which might be an eventual necessity. Majority of the drains in the area are pucca but uncovered.

97% of the households get benefitted by door to door collection of solid waste.

Every household has metered electricity connection. However, majority of the households (73%) face power cuts for 30 minutes per day.

### 7.4 HOUSEHOLD MOBILITY

A significant number of the population own 2-wheelers (42%), followed by cycles (30%). Only 11% households own 4-wheelers while 16% households do not own any kind of vehicles. A small portion of the population (1%) own 3-wheelers like auto-rickshaw.

Maximum trip distance to workplace or educational institutions fall in the range of 1-2 km (54 %) followed by the range of 2-5 km (24%). Maximum trip distance to markets and shopping areas fall in the range of 1-2 km (66%) followed by the distance of <1 km (26%). Maximum trip distance to health centres is in the range of 1-2 km (66%) followed by the distance of <1 (22%). Maximum trip distance to Public Facilities and Recreational centres is in the range of 1-2 km (66 %) followed by the distance of <1 and range of 2 – 5 km (17 % for both the cases). Thus almost all the necessary urban facilities are within a range of 1-2 km.

Preferred modes of travel for work and education are two-wheelers and cycles (63%) followed by bus and auto (24%). Preferred modes of travel for market and shopping are two-wheelers and cycles (73%). 15% of people walk for this purpose. Preferred modes of travel for health centre are three-wheelers and two-wheelers (65%). 28% of people either walk or take a cycle to health centres. Preferred modes of travel for recreation are three wheelers (49%). 37% of people either walk or take a cycle for this purpose. There is not much car dependency but controlling the number of two-wheelers would be a challenge.

In terms of out-of-city travel, it has been reported that availing health facilities is the major reason (54 percent). Business and Higher Education account for 14 percent of trips to other cities. Railways (82 percent) act as the main mode of transport for visiting other cities to access higher order services.

## 7.5 CITIZEN PERCEPTION PROFILE

96% of the people surveyed agreed to recommend Cooch Behar to family/friends as a good place to live which indicates a reasonable level of overall satisfaction amongst the residents, in spite of particular dissatisfactions with selected issues. The following sections present people's assessment of existing scenario and their future expectations.

### 7.5.1 Assessment of Existing Scenario

The major motivation of the people for staying in Cooch Behar is the Royal Legacy and Heritage of the city (21%). With a majority of the residents being native to the town, it is understandable that this nostalgic value has come out as the prime motivator. Several other prominent reasons include natural environment (15%), peaceful and quiet surroundings (12 %). It can be inferred that rather than a single reason, the overall environment of the town, which is a combination of the above aspects, motivates people to settle down here.

Very less percentage (27 %) of the people agree that the employment situation has improved in the last three years while majority of the people (73 %) agrees that the employment situation has decreased or has become stagnant. The maximum increase in employment has been reported in the retail sector (31 %) while the craft sector has seen the least improvement (1 %). There is also substantial increase in the construction and industry sector (21% and 20% respectively).

Majority of the population (76%) agrees to improvement of the quality of life in Cooch Behar, during the last five years. The main reason for improvement is perceived to be better provision of infrastructural facilities (water/ electricity etc.) (27%) followed by better provision of service options related to health, education, recreation etc. (26%).

It can be observed that the main reason cited for a perceived decline is lack of employment opportunities (22%). Other reasons contributing to a perception of decline are Environmental degradation/ lack of cleanliness (14%), and poor health facilities (12 %)

Traffic bottlenecks are cited to be the major drawbacks for staying in Cooch Behar City (23 %). This is followed by lack of recreational activities (11 %), and environmental degradation (9 %). Also, major problems are associated with fairs like Raas Mela and Rath Yatra where problems like insufficient parking facilities are faced by the people on a major level due to lack of space on the mela ground. Festivals like Holi on the other hand create other problems like unlawful activities and chaos.

Most people opined to be satisfied or very satisfied with Heritage and Culture (94%), Restful and Peaceful life (89%), Education (79%), Roads and Walkability (76%), Safety and Security (74%), Shopping (74%), Health (67%), Transport system with state-wide access (67%), Congenial social environment and hometown atmosphere (57%), Greenery (55%).

On the other hand they were dissatisfied or not so satisfied with Proximity to employment opportunity (72%),

Lack of consensus was observed regarding satisfaction / dissatisfaction with Entertainment, Recreation and Public Spaces, Affordable Housing, Cleanliness and Aesthetic Quality of Environment, and Regional Connectivity.

It has been reported that the majority of the population (83 %) considers the development of Cooch Behar sensitive to the character/ legacy of the town. Although a certain number of the people (42%) have stated that the cultural/ heritage character of Cooch Behar is negatively impacted because of present growth characteristics, majority of the people (58 %) think otherwise.

#### 7.5.2 Future Expectations:

According to majority of the people, facilities which generates pride in the community, preserves cultural heritage, and are economical, are most important factors for future development.

The five most important aspects identified for a high quality of life are – 1) Good health facilities (17%), 2) Good educational facilities (16 %), 3) Proximity to employment opportunities and scope of earning (15%) Safety and Security (8 %), and 5) Cleanliness and aesthetic quality of environment (7 %). This indicates that there is a latent demand for better social infrastructure, and economic opportunities. According to the citizens' perception, tourism and the allied sector (39 %) is the most promising sector in Cooch Behar, followed by micro, small and medium scale industries (31 %), and education (19%).

Majority of the population wants more number of industries (90%), hospitals and health facilities (85%), higher educational facilities (81%), convention centres (56%), Low-rise low-density plotted developments (41%), and public housing (38%). On the other hand, they mostly do not need an increase in the number of restaurants (54%), hotels (53%), retails services (43%), and multi-storey apartments (42%). It has been reported that policies that pace growth in targeted areas is most popular (48 %) while policies that restrict growth is least popular (31%).

81% of the people surveyed were aware about Cooch Behar being declared as a heritage town by the Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal and majority of the people (94%) are happy about it. This is in line with the sense of attachment the citizens have with the idea of Cooch Behar as a place of royal heritage, which was already noted as a major motivator for staying in Cooch Behar. Based on the survey, the main role / contribution from the citizen's part, as identified by the respondents, would be to maintain the cleanliness of the city (51 %) followed by spreading awareness about the importance of the heritage town (49 %). Interestingly, the respondents did not imagine other possible contributions like conservation and heritage promotion activities as significant areas of involvement. The single most important expectation from Cooch Behar getting heritage status are related to development of physical infrastructure for the town (82%). Only 9 % of people have expressed expectation for social infrastructure. Also, 9 % of people expect improvement in employment scenario.

## ANNEXURE 1: SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

### 1. HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

1.1. Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2. Address in Full : \_\_\_\_\_

Mouza: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1.3. Location/Landmark : \_\_\_\_\_

1.4. Details of Household Members (please fill in table below).

**Note1:** The first member shall be the respondent (self).

Sl. no	Name	Relationship with respondent	Age	Gender (M/F/O)	Education (I/P/S/H/T/G/PG)	Primary Occupation (S/A/IT/B/O/UE/R)	Subsidiary Occupation (S/A/IT/B/O)	Religion (H/M/C/O)	Caste (GE/SC/ST/OBC)	Native Language (B/R/N/L/H/O)
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**Note2:**

1. Please circle the Chief Wage earner / earners ( Person who contributes the most to the family expense.)
2. Put a star mark against the name of a differently abled family member

Gender: Male (M), Female (F), Others (O)  
 Education: Illiterate (I), Primary (P), Secondary (S), Higher Secondary (HS), Technical (T), Graduate (G), Post Graduate or more (PG)  
 Occupation: Student (S), Agricultural and related fields (A), Industry(I), Trade & Commerce(T), Business (B), Other Services (O), Retirted (R), Unemployed (UE)  
 Religion: Hindu (H), Muslim (M), Christian (C), Others (O)  
 Caste: General (GE), Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Class (OBC)  
 Native Language: Bengali (B), Rajbanshi (R), Nepali (N), Lepcha (L), Hindi (H), Other (O)

**Note 3:**

If Primary Occupation is (O), please note details of service along with serial number of the concerned member:

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<p>1.5. Household Income &amp; Expenses(please tick)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Range</th> <th>Income</th> <th>Expense</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>&lt;2,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2,000 – 5,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5,001 – 7,500</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7,501 – 10,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10,001 – 25,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>25,001-50,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt;50,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1.6. Does the family/ any member of the family have a bank account? Y / N</p>	Range	Income	Expense	<2,000			2,000 – 5,000			5,001 – 7,500			7,501 – 10,000			10,001 – 25,000			25,001-50,000			>50,000			<p>1.7. Does anyone in your family work as artisan in craft sector? Y / N</p> <p>1.8. If Yes, which craft? (please strike out the ones not applicable) Sitalpati / Jute / Pottery / Shola Pith If some other craft, please specify .....</p> <p>1.9. If Yes, does he/ she face any particular problem?(encircle)                  1. Market competition                  2. Non availability of raw material                  3. Lack of skilled craftsmen                  4. Young generation not interested in crafts                  5. Lack of common facility centre                  6. Others _____</p>
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<p>1.10. Does anyone in the family work in State/Central Government organization in CoochBehar? Y / N</p>	<p>1.11. Is anyone in the family associated with any activity related to Heritage of the town? Y / N</p> <p>1.12. Provide details of activity/organisation(note along with the serial number of concerned member from first table)                  .....                  .....                  .....</p>																								
<p>1.13. Has employment opportunities increased over the last 3 years? Y / N</p> <p>1.14. If it has increased, then which sector/s? (encircle)                  1. Industry                  2. Construction/ Real Estate                  3. Retail                  4. Tourism                  5. Craft _____                  6. Services _____                  7. Others _____</p>																									

**2. HOUSE PROPERTY DETAILS**

2.1. Type of Dwelling: (Strike out the options not applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detached House/ Semi-detached House/Row House/Apartment</li> <li>• Single storied/Double or triple storied/Multi-storeyed</li> <li>• Kuchchha/ Semi-pucca/Pucca</li> </ul>							
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2.4. If Self-owned, is a portion of the house rented? Y / N							
2.5. If the house / land has been provided under some scheme / what scheme? ..... .....							
2.6. Do you possess the following documents? If not what is the reason? (please tick only one option for each column)							
Reasons	Sanction/ Certificate	Land record document	Building Permit	Clearance Certificate	Occupancy Certificate	Mutation Certificate	Tax Bill
Yes, I possess this document							
No: I was unaware							
No: Applied but not received							
No: Some administrative problem							
No: Had internal problems							
No: Never applied							
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2.9. If No, in which area(s) is/are your other properties? (Strike out the options not applicable) Cooch Behar Municipality / Outside							
2.10. Are you planning to acquire any new property in Cooch Behar in the next 12 months? Y / N							
2.11. If Yes, where? (Strike out the options not applicable) Cooch Behar Municipality / Outside							
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Source of Potable Water	Own	Community
Tap		
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Tank		
Others		

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### 3. COMMUTER PROFILE

#### 3.1. Trip pattern

Sl. no	Name	Vehicle Ownership (4W/3W/2W/C/O)	Parking Facility at House/Plot (tick)	Trips															
				Trip to place of Work/ School- College etc.			Shopping Trips to Market			Trips to Health centres			Trips to Public Facilities and Recreational centres						
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#### Note 4:

Vehicle Ownership: Car (4W), Auto-rickshaw (3W), Motorbike or scooter (2W), Cycle (C), Other (O)  
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4.16. What are the services / benefits provided by Cooch Behar Municipality that you are enjoying currently?

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4.17. Which are your tourist desitnations for:  
weekend trips.....  
long vacations  
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4.18. Which of these are five most important aspects for a high quality of life?

Aspect	Tick	Aspect	Tick
Proximity to employment opportunities and scope for earning		Congenial social environment and hometown atmosphere	
Affordable housing		Cleanliness and aesthetic quality of environment	
Good health facilities		Good roads and walkability	
Good education facilities		Transport system with easy city-wide access	
Safety and security		Good regional connectivity	
Good shopping opportunities		Ample greenery and open spaces	
Good entertainment and recreational facilities		Restful & peaceful life	
Good public services		Heritage and Culture	
Others, please specify: ..... .....			

4.19. Do you feel that the cultural/heritage character of Cooch Behar is negatively impacted because of present growth characteristics?  
Y / N

4.20. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of life in Cooch Behar? (please tick only once against each)

Aspect	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Not so satisfied	Dissatisfied
Proximity to employment opportunities and scope for earning					
Affordable housing					
Good health facilities					
Good education facilities					
Safety and security					
Good shopping opportunities					
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4.21. Over the past five years, how has the quality of life changed at Cooch Behar?  
(Please strike out the option not applicable)

Improved / Declined / Remained about the same

4.22. What do you think are the main reasons for improvement?

Reasons for improvement of community	tick	Reasons for improvement of community	tick
Better connectivity and improved conveyance facilities		Better public facilities	
Better Services options related to health, commercial,		Better shopping opportunities	
Better administration		Better economic opportunities	
Better housing			

Others, Pl. Specify \_\_\_\_\_

4.23. What do you think are the main reasons for degradation?

Reasons for decline of community	tick	Reasons for decline of community	tick
Losing good citizens		Poor health facilities	
Deteriorating overall appearance of town		Poor schools or higher education	
Environmental degradation / lack of cleanliness		Poor public facilities and services	
Problems associated with tourist influx during festivals		Poor shopping opportunities	
Lack of jobs		Increasing crime rates	
Poor governance		Increasing accidents	
Unplanned development			

Others, Pl. Specify \_\_\_\_\_

<p>4.24. What do you think about the current growth rate in Cooch Behar? (Please strike out the option not applicable)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Too Fast / About Right/ Too Slow/ No Opinion</p>	<p>4.25. Do you consider the development of Cooch Behar sensitive to the character / legacy of the town?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y / N</p>
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4.26. How strongly would you support or oppose policies regarding growth in Cooch Behar Municipality?  
(Please tick one box for each policy)

Policies	Strongly Support	Support	No Opinion	Oppose	Oppose Strongly
Policies that restrict growth					
Policies that pace growth in targeted areas					
No policies; unlimited growth					

4.27. For new development, would you prefer its character to be sensitive/harmonious with the present character of Cooch Behar?  
Y / N

4.28. Can the new development have a contemporaneous character different from the present Cooch Behar?  
Y / N

4.29. What would you say are the most critical issues facing Cooch Behar Town today?  
(please rank the top three)

Three Most Critical Issues Facing Cooch Behar	Rank
Lack of Housing	
Lack of city/county government services	
Infrastructure-streets/roads/sewage/water/electricity	
Lack of public transport	
Lack of employment opportunities	
Lack of commercialisation	
Lack of alternative education facilities	
Lack of medical facilities	
Lack of sensitivity towards cultural heritage	
Lack of sensitivity towards environmental conservation	
Lack of sensitivity toward tribal and minority sections	
Lack of leadership in government and elected officials	
Overlap of roles and responsibilities affecting services	
Lack of Entertainment	
Poor law enforcement	

If others, please specify:

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4.30. Which of the following types of developments would you like to see more of/keep at the same level/or see fewer of in Cooch Behar Town?  
(Please tick one box for each development type)

Development Type	Want More	To remain Same	Want Fewer	No Opinion
Retail centres/ malls				
Neighbourhood service retail				
Mixed-use developments (live/work)				
Restaurants				
Entertainment/attractions				
Hotels/motels				
Industry				
Business parks				
Multi-storied apartments				
Low rise, low density, plotted development				
Low-income/Public Housing				
Hospitals and health facilities				
Schools and colleges				
Community /convention centres				

4.31. What according to you has been a remarkable / controversial development in Cooch Behar in the last 10 years/ 5 years and why?

Landuse	Area	Why?
Residential		
Institutional ( Schools , Colleges )		
Commercial ( Shopping Complex, Restaurant etc.)		
Retail Centres/ mall-cum-entertainment		
Industrial		
Community centres		
Mixed uses		
Others		

4.32. In constructing future facilities, how important or unimportant are the following issues?  
(Please check one box for each issue)

Issues	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important	No Opinion
That the facility generates Pride in the community					
That it preserves the cultural heritage					
That it does not affect the Dhigis					
That it is environmentally sustainable					
That is culturally sensitive					
That which will make it commercially attractive					
That which will draw tourists					
That it be economical					
That it be aesthetic					
That it be modern technology					

4.33. What are the problems associated with the following fairs and festivities?

(Please tick all applicable options against each column)

Problems	Raas Mela	Ratha Yatra	Holi	Bara Devi Mela	Sri-panchami Mela	Shiva Ratri	Baruni Mela
Chaos							
Inconvenient location							
Lack of space							
Lack of parking facilities							
Administration unable to provide appropriate service							
Unlawful activities							
Insecurity							
Change in character of the fairs and festivals over time							
Lack of stay facilities							
Abnormal price hike							
Large undesirable inflow of outsiders							

If others, please specify:

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4.34. Which is the most promising economic sector in Cooch Behar?

Sector	Specifications
Tourism & Allied Sector	
Cottage & Small to Medium Scale Industries	
Food processing (SSI to medium Scale)	
Education	
Health	
Others	

4.35. What form of communication do you prefer to be notified of public meetings?

(Please circle all that apply)

1. Posters and leaflets
2. Newspaper
3. cable TV
4. E-mail
5. Facebook
6. Signs

*Thank you for your time!*



ADM/x

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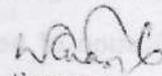
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Yours faithfully,

  
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Shri Basudeb Banerjee, Chief Secretary initiated discussion in connection with declaration of Nabadwip and Coochbehar as heritage towns. First of all, he went through the existing provision of the West Bengal Heritage Commission Act 2001 and the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act 1979. He observed that the Act contained provisions for notification of heritage buildings, monuments, precincts and sites. He requested the Chairman and members of the Commission for their views on the provisions of the Act and whether amendments were required for the declaration of Nabadwip and Coochbehar as heritage towns. After detailed discussion on the provisions of the Act, it was decided that the legal experts of the Govt. would be requested to examine the provisions of the existing Acts and suggest for any amendments, if necessary. The West Bengal Municipal Act & the Municipal Corporation Acts would also be examined in this context.

Municipal affairs Dept. was requested to survey the two towns by engaging suitable agencies viz. IIT Kharagpur, and IEST Shibpur etc. for preparation of base paper document for declaration of heritage towns, as also preparation of land use development and control plan inclusive of heritage conservation and management plan.

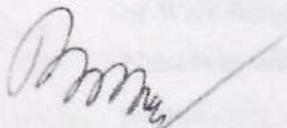
It was resolved that Municipal Affairs Dept. would take immediate necessary action for the aforesaid purpose. It was also decided that a committee would be set up under the chairmanship of DM Nadia for Nabadwip with representative of local bodies, Scholars on the subject and other related officials/persons. Similarly a committee would be set up under the Chairmanship of DM for Coochbehar. These committees would also consider adjoining areas having importance of heritage matter beyond town area.

The Principal Secretary I&CA Dept. suggested fixing of suitable plaques on the identified heritage building/monuments etc.

He also suggested issue of notification in newspapers expressing the intention of declaration of heritage town/zone in respect of the two towns as per West Bengal Heritage Commission Act 2001.

It was decided that along with declaration of Nabadwip and Coochbehar as heritage town/zone similar action would be taken for Bishnupur town and similar procedure followed in all respects.

Having no other point to discuss the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.



(Shri Basudeb Banerjee)  
Chief Secretary  
Government of West Bengal



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**Minutes of the Meeting on findings of Reconnaissance Survey done by the Team from IIT, Kharagpur to ascribe Heritage Status to Coochbehar Town.**

Dated.15.07.2016 at 05.00 pm ; Venue: Annex Building of Circuit House, Coochbehar

Attendance: As attached.

22.06.2017

Following the decision taken in the Meeting on --A-- at Kolkata Tathya Kendra the team from IIT,Kharagpur visited Coochbehar under leadership of Dr S Chattopadhyay on 14.07.2017. After successful completion of the Reconnaissance Survey the team intended to meet the Heritage Committee of Coochbehar and other distinguished persona from relevant field. Accordingly the meeting was convened.

The District Magistrate,Coochbehar took the Chair and greeted the assembly with a short briefing on the objective of the meeting. He invited self introduction and view on Heritage potentiality from each participant present in the meeting. After a fruitful interactive discussion the following points emerged as necessary to prepare the Roadmap for stepping forward to ascribe Heritage status to Coochbehar Town.

Action require from **Executive Engineer,PWD Division, Coochbehar ; PWD Highway Division, Coochbehar & PHE, Coochbehar** : following documents are to be accumulated from the concerned Departmental archive.

- 1.Old maps of the proposed Heritage Buildings and precincts.
2. Old and Present maps of the Roads of the Town.
3. Old maps of the Water supply facility.

Action require from **Hoteliers Association of Coochbehar** : Statement on year wise statistics of the visits of the tourists to Coochbehar for last 3 years, categorically for foreign and domestic tourists.

**All concerned** : Documents would be supplied directly to IIT,Team or the DM,Coochbehar

1. Old Photographs.
- 2.Historical events and anecdotes.
- 3.Relevant books and R cords.

Roadmap, Scope of Works , Budget and other relevant documents will be prepared by the IIT, Kharagpur Team and will be submitted to the Urban Development Department , West Bengal.

As there is nothing to discuss anymore the meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Chairman, Heritage Committee

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District Magistrate, Coochbehar

Minutes of the meeting held on 22.06.2017 at 01.00 pm in the Conference Hall of Kolkata Information Centre at 1st Floor, 1/1, A. J. C. Bose Road Kolkata – 700020, regarding the issues of "Declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage town"

Attendants: Refer to attendance sheet as enclosed.

With the self introduction of all attending Officers and Faculties from IIT, Kharagpur a vivid discussion took place and following decisions are taken,-

- 1) Few documents are required by the Faculties from IIT, Kharagpur, which will be delivered by the Deptt. of UD & MA and office of DM, Coochbehar within 2 days.
- 2) The Faculties of IIT, Kharagpur will visit Coochbehar tentatively on 14.07.2017 and leave on 16.07.2017 for reconnaissance survey of the city and main important heritage structures including attending meeting with District Heritage Committee. The member of WBHC will also accompany them at Coochbehar. After that visit they will provide a draft Scope of Work. After consultation with the members of West Bengal Heritage Commission, the Deptt. of UD & MA will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to IIT, Kharagpur.
- 3) The entire arrangement of meeting, accommodation, food and travel of Faculties of IIT, Kharagpur will be done by the Office of DM, Coochbehar.
- 4) The Faculties of IIT, Kharagpur also requested to arrange their Air Tickets. A travel bill from IIT Kharagpur to the Conference Hall of Kolkata Information Centre has been submitted by the Faculties of IIT, Kharagpur to the UD & MA Deptt. for payment.
- 5) The UD & MA Deptt. will apply to National Remote Sensing Centre for providing Remote Sensing Maps showing Building Footprint for both Nabbadwip and Coochbehar Cities. Based on that Sensing Maps the Base Maps of both Heritage Towns will be prepared.
- 6) The stages of preparation of Reports are also discussed which are as below,-
  - i. Stage I:
    - Preparation of Base Report
    - Identification of Planning Zones
    - Required amendment in existing rules and regulations for the purpose of declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage town.
  - ii. Stage II:
    - Preparation of Heritage Management Plan
    - Land Use and Development Control Plan inclusive of Heritage Conservation and Management Plan.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with thanks to all.

Sd/-

Secretary  
West Bengal Heritage Commission

Padma Bhushan, DND

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**Government of West Bengal  
Office of the District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar  
(General Section)**

Memo No. G/156508/XXIV-16(A)

Date:03.07.2017

From :: The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

- To ::
- 1) The Addl. District Magistrate,(L.R) and D.L.& L.R.O, Cooch Behar or her representative.
  - 2) The Subdivisional Officer, Sadar, Cooch Behar
  - 3) Sri Prosenjit Barman, Ex Member of Parliament (R.S)& Member ,Rajbanshi Basha Academy, Cooch Behar.
  - 4) Exc. Engineer, P.H.E. Cooch Behar
  - 5) Exc. Engineer,WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar Division
  - 6) The Exc. Engineer , PWD, Cooch Behar Division.
  - 7)The Associate prof. History Department, A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar.
  - 8) Sri Nripendra Nath Pal, Eminent Scholar and Historian, Cooch Behar.
  - 9) Sri Arupjyoti Mozumder, Heritage Society, Cooch Behar.
  - 10) The Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality.
  - 11) The District Library Officer, Cooch Behar.
  - 12) The District Information and Cultural Officer, Cooch Behar.
  - 13) The District Statistical Officer, Cooch Behar.
  - 14) The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Cooch Behar.
  - 15)The Secretary, Cooch Behar Kshatriya Society, Cooch Behar
  - 16) Sri Binoy Das, Representative, Cooch Behar Palace, Cooch Behar.

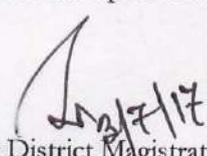
Subject:: **Accumulation of documents for declaring Cooch Behar as Heritage town.**

Sir/Madam,

In connection with the above subject as required by the Heritage Commission, West Bengal a meeting has been arranged on 05.07.2017 at 12.00 noon at the conference Hall No.1 at the office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.

So you are earnestly requested to attend the said meeting with relevant updated documents.

Encl: List of Document as required by Heritage Commission.

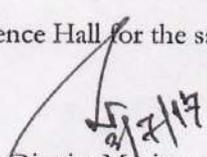
  
For District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

Date: 03/07/2017

Memo No. G/1565(16)/1(3)

Copy forwarded to :

1. The Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar for information.
2. The Principal, A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar with request to spare one associate professor well conversed in the subject.
3. The N.D.C. Cooch Behar with request to spare the aforesaid Conference Hall for the said meeting.

  
For District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

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**PRELIMINARY DOCUMENTS / INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR COOCH BEHAR:**

- 1) Recent updated Map showing all properties , roads , water bodies , institutions , open areas , parks
- 2) Copy of latest Draft Development Plan and any other documents, reports , Books , Master plan , Area plan , published / unpublished
- 3) Ownership Map
- 4) Old maps ( various times ) , documents .
- 5) Old photographs of buildings , streets , areas , events
- 6) Plan , drawings , photographs and documents for historical buildings , showing original use , and present use , ownership status ( original and present )
- 7) Infrastructure ( water supply , sewerage , electrical lines )
- 8) Institutions – names , locations , management
- 9) List of vounatry organisations , trusts , works done
- 10) Contacts and information about people and organizations who have knowledge about the city
- 11) Socio economic profile of the citizens
- 12) Tourist /visitors information ( over years)
- 13) Important events ( type , period , place , details ) and associated events if any
- 14) Any project/ plan - under preparation
- 15) Nearby sites/ structures of significance

**FIRST PHASE -**

- Reconnaissance survey , understanding significance of the city
- Historical Timeline and socio political , historical , geographical context and how the city and the region has changed .
- Evolution of the city and dynamics of change , impact
- Role/ significance of the city in the region
- Preliminary inventory of structures, sites and places of significance
- Movement pattern
- Focus group survey
- Cultural Landscape
- Townscape Analysis
- Preliminary identification of areas / zones which need detailed study
- Potential of the city and issues
- Identification of projects



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GENERAL SECTION

Memo No.: GEN/ 18301

Date: 11/07/2017

From : District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

- To : 1) Sri Rabindra Nath Ghosh, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Govt. of West Bengal, North Bengal Development Department, (PATRON)  
2) Sri Binay Krishna Barman, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Govt. of West Bengal, Forest Department (PATRON)  
3) Sabhadipati, Coochbehar, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad (Member)  
4) Member of Parliament, No. 1, Coochbehar (S.C.) Parliamentary Constituency (Member)  
5) Sri Mehboob Rahman, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Armed Police, North Bengal, Siliguri  
6) The Superintendent of Police, Coochbehar (Member)  
7) The Additional District Magistrate (G), Coochbehar (Member)  
8) The Additional District Magistrate (L & LR), Coochbehar  
8) The Member of Legislative Assembly, No. 4, Coochbehar, Assembly Constituency (Member)  
10) The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar (Member)  
11) The Divisional Forest Officer, Parks & Gardens, Northern Division (Member)  
12) The Representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University (Member)  
13) The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality (Member)  
14) Vice-Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality (Member)  
15) Officer-in-Charge, Municipality Affairs, Coochbehar (Member Secretary)  
16) Officer-in-Charge, Development, Coochbehar (Member)  
17) The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Coochbehar Division (Member)  
18) Executive Engineer, Municipal Engineering Dte. (Member)  
19) Exec. Engineer, PHE Directorate, Coochbehar  
20) Secretary, Debuttar Trust Board (Member)  
21) Principal, Coochbehar Polytechnic College  
22) Head of Department, Coochbehar Polytechnic College, Civil  
23) Head of Department, Coochbehar Engineering College, Civil  
24) Malay Kanti Roy, Head Master, Sadar Government High School (Member)  
25) Exec Officer, Coochbehar Municipality  
26) District Engineer, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad (Member)  
27) District Information & Cultural Officer, Coochbehar (Member)  
28) Smt. Prajan Paromita Sarkar, Associate Professor of History, A.B.N. Seal College, Coochbehar (Member)  
29) Asst. Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Coochbehar Palace Museum, Rajbari, Coochbehar (Member)  
30) Prasenjit Barman, Ex. Member of Parliament (R.S) & Chief, Advisor of Rajbansi Bhasa Academy (Member)  
31) Sri. Debabrata Bhadury, Chief Coordinator (e-Govt/ IT for Masses), Coochbehar Polytechnic College (Member)  
32) ADF & CEO of FFDA, Coochbehar  
33) Asst. Director, Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics  
34) Smt. Anamika Debnath, U.P & Manager, CMMU, Coochbehar Municipality  
35) Sri. Tapas Barman, Supervisor, Bureau of Applied Economics & Statistics  
36) Sri. Debabrata Kr. Das, District Library Officer, Coochbehar  
37) Sr. Rajendra Nath Boid, General Secretary, Coochbehar Chamber of Commerce  
38) Secretary, Coochbehar Sahitya Sabha  
39) Kumar Supriya Narayan, Consortium of Royal Family, Coochbehar (Member)  
40) Nripendra Nath Pal, Eminent Scholar and Historian, Coochbehar (Member)  
41) Debabrata Chaki, Editor, Uttor Prosongo, Coochbehar (Member)  
42) Arupjyoti Mozumder, Member, Heritage Society, Coochbehar (Member)  
43) Smt. Bhupali Roy, Ex. Head Mistress, Sunity Academy  
44) Smt. Annamoyee Adhikary, Head Mistress, NewTown Girls High School

Sub: Findings of the Reconnaissance Survey by IIT Kharagpur upon declaration of Coochbehar as a Heritage Town

Sir/ Madam

In connection with the above mentioned subject a meeting has been arranged on 15/07/2017 at 5:00 pm at Annex Building Meeting Hall, Circuit House, Coochbehar. You are earnestly requested to attend the meeting.

District Magistrate  
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Chairman Heritage Committee, Coochbehar



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department  
Town & Country Planning Branch  
"Nagarayan" DF-8, Sector-I, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 064.

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Memo No. 2256(3)-TCP/C-2/1C-09/2014

Date: 05.09.2017

From: The Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

- To
1. The CMD, WBSEDCL
  2. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
  3. The Chief Engineer, MED

Sub: Declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage town.

Ref: Minutes of the Meeting held on 07.08.2017 At 5.00 pm in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary at Nabanna Regarding "Declaration of Nabadwip & Coochbehar as Heritage Town"

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to request to take necessary action for preparation of DPRs and execution of the following activities for the purpose of declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage town,-

1. Renovation and rejuvenation of identified Ponds/water bodies
2. Laying of underground power cables for the Core Zone
3. Drainage/sewerage and solid waste management
4. Improvement of Street Lighting with LED light
5. Traffic Management
6. Any other miscellaneous works necessary for the purpose

The immediate action may kindly be taken on urgent basis. The Department may be kept apprised about the developments on regular basis.

Yours faithfully

Encl: Copies under reference

*Magari*  
The Joint Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal

Memo No. 2256(3)/1(6)-TCP/C-2/1C-09/2014

Date: 05.09.2017

Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to-

1. Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay, Head of the Department, IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur.
2. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
3. The OSD to the MIC of this Department
4. The Secretary, WB Heritage Commission
5. The PS. to the Principal Secretary of Information & Cultural Affairs Department
6. The PS. to the Secretary of this Department

*Magari*  
The Joint Secretary to  
the Government of West Bengal

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07.08.2017 AT 5.00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY AT NABANNA REGARDING THE ISSUES OF  
"DECLARATION OF NABADWIP & COOCHBEHAR AS HERITAGE TOWN"

Shri Malay Kr. De, Chief Secretary presided over the meeting. The list of other officials present in the said meeting attached at Annexure-I.

Secretary UD&MA Dept. briefly outlined the steps taken by Government of West Bengal regarding development of Nabadwip and Coochbehar Towns as Heritage Towns, in pursuance to the public declaration by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The first meeting on the subject was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, followed by meetings by I&CA Department, WB Heritage Commission and UD&MA. Interactions with the stakeholders at Coochbehar and Nabadwip were organised by the two Institutions viz. IIT, Kharagapur at Coochbehar and IEST Shibpur at Nabadwip during their visits. Both Institutions have been requested to prepare Base Line Survey and Heritage Development Plan for their respective Heritage Towns. The Institutions made detailed presentations, with the permission of the Chair. A brief summary of the presentations is as follows:

#### Coochbehar

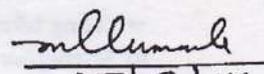
- The Faculties of IIT, Kharagpur visited Coochbehar from 14.07.2017 to 16.07.2017 for a reconnaissance survey and attending necessary meetings. As per their observations, the entire project preparation will be done over the duration of 20 months.
  - The Head of the Department, Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur accompanied by other faculties, presented the methodology for declaring Coochbehar as Heritage Town.
  - In Coochbehar, most of the Heritage Structures including the Rajbari being under the Public ownership, it will be easier to take up the process of restoration and preservation.
  - The following historical significant facts about Coochbehar were stressed upon,-
    - Late Suniti Devi's contribution as an educationist and a women's rights activist,
    - The great contribution of Acharya Brajendra Nath Seal, Philosopher of Coochbehar
    - Sri Brajendranath Seal invented the Assamese Script
    - Maharani Gayatri Devi born at Coochbehar Royal Family
  - Similar international case studies (eg. Florence, Italy) could be referred to for inspiration.
  - A Draft Master Plan needs to be prepared as early as possible for the announcement of declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage Town with the following actions,-
    - **Immediate Deliverables** for the purpose of rejuvenation and beautification of Coochbehar as below, has to be initiated. The DPRs may be prepared by the concerned Departments for immediate execution.
      1. Renovation and rejuvenation of identified Ponds/water bodies
      2. Laying of underground power cables for the Core Zone
      3. Drainage/sewerage and solid waste management
      4. Improvement of Street Lighting with LED lights
      5. Traffic Management
    - **Long term Deliverables** for Heritage Management Plan and LUDCP.
- IIT Kharagpur will provide the suggestion for incorporation of necessary amendments/changes in the existing Act for the purpose of declaration of Heritage Town. The committee constituted for this purpose will deliberate on all issues related to said issue.

## Nabadwip

- IEST, Shibpur visited Nabadwip on 24.06.2017 for reconnaissance survey and attending meetings with District Heritage Committee. As per their findings, Preparation of Base Report including defining the area of Nabadwip Heritage Town incorporating the important heritage monuments, Buildings, Precincts, Areas within Nabadwip Municipal boundary and in near vicinity of it, will take 3 (three) months from the date of issue of Work.
  - Prof. Aditya Bandyopadhyay, the faculty of the Department of Architecture, Town and Regional Planning, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur gave the presentation on Nabadwip. He also mentioned that Mayapur and Nabadwip are close in location in terms of religious, infrastructural activities so integrated development may be required for Nabadwip Heritage Town.
  - Most of the heritage structures at Nabadwip are under private ownership and approach roads are also very congested and narrow. A financial model is required for the purpose of investment towards restoration and conservation of those structures.
  - A Draft Master Plan needs to be prepared as early as possible for the announcement of declaration of Nabadwip as Heritage Town with the following actions,-
    - **Immediate Deliverables** for the purpose of rejuvenation and beautification of Nabadwip as below, has to be initiated. The DPRs may be prepared by the concerned Departments.
      1. Drainage/sewerage and solid waste management
      2. Renovation of Ghats
      3. Improvement of Street Lighting with LED lighting
      4. Completion of laying of underground power cables for the Core Zone
      5. Traffic Management
    - **Long term Deliverables for Heritage Management Plan and LUDCP.**
- IEST Shibpur will provide the suggestion for incorporation of necessary amendments/changes in the existing Act for the purpose of declaration of Heritage Town. The committee constituted for this purpose will deliberate on all issues related to said issue. If required, New Heritage Town Act as separate Act and Rule may be introduced.

## Decisions

1. IIT Kharagpur and IEST Shibpur will do Base Line Survey and prepare Heritage Development Plan inclusive of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan of Coochbehar and Nabadwip respectively followed by the agreement. The UD & MA Department will monitor the entire procedure.
2. Concerned Departments/ULBs will prepare DPRs for immediate actions to be taken for execution of the projects.
3. The Committee constituted vide No. 476-Home(Cons.)/CE/N/RIM(Cons)-50/2017 dated 19.06.2017 under the Chairmanship of the Addl. Chief Secretary, Home&Hill Affairs with the Pr. Secy, I&CA Deptt as Member Secretary will examine the existing provisions of WB Heritage Commission Act,2001 & WBT&C(P&D) Act,1979 and any other Act on the said issue.

  
25/8/17  
Chief Secretary

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Memo No: G/1043(18)

Date: 17.04.2018

From: The District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

- To:
1. The Superintendent of Police, Coochbehar
  2. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
  3. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Coochbehar Division
  4. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Electrical, Coochbehar
  5. The Executive Engineer, PHED, Coochbehar Division
  6. The Executive Engineer, Municipal Engineering Dte, Coochbehar
  7. The RM, WBSEDCL, Coochbehar
  8. The District Engineer, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad
  9. The DFO, Parks & gardens, Coochbehar
  10. The DFO, Coochbehar Division
  11. The DFO, Wildlife II, Coochbehar
  12. The District Information & Cultural Officer, Coochbehar
  13. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Coochbehar
  14. The Museum-in-Charge, Coochbehar Palace Museum, ASI
  15. Shri Prasenjit Barman, Coochbehar
  16. Shri Nripendra Nath Pal, Coochbehar
  17. Shri Debabrata Chaki, Coochbehar
  18. Shri Arupjyoti Majumdar, Coochbehar

Sub: Meeting regarding review of draft report submitted by IIT, Kharagpur in connection with declaring of Coochbehar as heritage town

With reference to the above subject, an urgent meeting is hereby convened on 19.04.2018 at 11 am at the Conference Hall I, Office of the District Magistrate, Coochbehar.

In this regard you are requested to attend the said meeting.

District Magistrate  
Coochbehar

Memo No: G/1043/1(5)

Date: 17.04.2018

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

1. The Additional District Magistrate, General, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
2. The Additional District Magistrate, Development, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
3. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
4. The Officer in Charge, Municipal affairs, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
5. The NDC, Coochbehar with a request to book Conference Hall I for the said meeting and also arrange tea, snacks for the participants.

For District Magistrate  
Coochbehar



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Minutes of the meeting held on 19.04.2018 in connection with review of the draft base line survey report of proposed Coochbehar Heritage Town, submitted by IIT Kharagpur

Members Present

1. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
2. The Additional District Magistrate, General, Coochbehar
3. The Additional District Magistrate, Development, Coochbehar.
4. The Additional Superintendent of Police, Coochbehar
5. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar
6. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
7. The Deputy DL&LRO, Coochbehar
8. The Officer in Charge, Municipal Affairs, Coochbehar
9. The Officer in Charge, Heritage, Coochbehar
10. The Assistant Engineer, PWD, Coochbehar Division
11. The Assistant Engineer, PWD, Electrical, Coochbehar
12. The Executive Engineer, PHED, Coochbehar Division
13. The Junior Engineer, Municipal Engineering Dte, Coochbehar
14. The RM, WBSEDCL, Coochbehar
15. The District Engineer, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad
16. The DFO, Coochbehar Division
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20. The Sub Assistant Engineer, Coochbehar Municipality
21. The Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Coochbehar Palace Museum, ASI
22. The Senior Conservation Assistant, Coochbehar ASI
23. Shri Prasenjit Barman, Coochbehar
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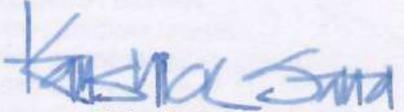
The Hon'ble District Magistrate chaired the meeting. He welcomed all the participants and briefed the house about the draft baseline survey report submitted by IIT, Kharagpur. He revealed to the house the premises of the base line survey along with the methodology adopted by IIT, Kharagpur and the various acts and statues perused by the team of Professionals from IIT, Kharagpur. Further, he briefed the house regarding the division of the Heritage Areas into two main zones namely Heritage Zone I and Heritage Zone II and the compartmental division of tangible heritage sites and intangible heritage sites.

After threadbare discussion the following points were resolved.

1. Stakeholders wise action point- A basic framework for action to be taken by various stakeholders was initiated and the concerned stakeholders were requested to take appropriate action.

2. Feedbacks/ suggestion if any from the stakeholders present in the meeting to be submitted by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 for onward transmission to the Urban Development department.

As there was nothing more to discuss, the meeting ended on the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

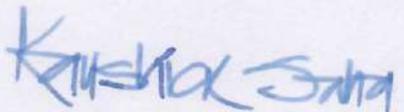
  
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Memo No: G/1052/A/24/XXIV-16

Date: 19.04.2018

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2. The Additional District Magistrate, General, Coochbehar
3. The Additional District Magistrate, Development, Coochbehar.
4. The Additional District magistrate, Land Reforms, Coochbehar
5. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar
6. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
7. The Officer in Charge, Municipal Affairs, Coochbehar.
8. The Officer in Charge, Heritage, Coochbehar
9. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Coochbehar Division
10. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Electrical, Coochbehar
11. The Executive Engineer, PHED, Coochbehar Division
12. The Executive Engineer, Municipal Engineering Dte, Coochbehar
13. The RM, WBSSEDCL, Coochbehar
14. The District Engineer, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad
15. The DFO, Parks & gardens, Coochbehar
16. The DFO, Coochbehar Division
17. The DFO, Wildlife II, Coochbehar
18. The District Information & Cultural Officer, Coochbehar
19. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Coochbehar
20. The Museum-in-Charge, Coochbehar Palace Museum, ASI
21. Shri Prasenjit Barman, Coochbehar
22. Shri Nripendra Nath Pal, Coochbehar
23. Shri Debabrata Chaki, Coochbehar
24. Shri Arupjyoti Majumdar, Coochbehar

  
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Memo No: 9/1108(28)

Date: 27.04.2018

From: The District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

To:

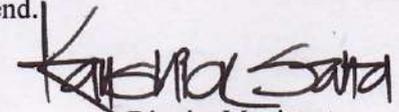
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15. The RTO, Coochbehar
16. The GM, DIC, Coochbehar
17. The Principal, Coochbehar Polytechnic
18. The DI, Secondary, Coochbehar
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Sub: Meeting regarding collection of secondary data by IIT, Kharagpur in connection with declaring of Coochbehar as heritage town

Sir/ Madam

With reference to the above subject, an urgent meeting is hereby convened on 30.04.2018 at 11 am at the Lansdowne hall, Office of the District Magistrate, Coochbehar.

In this regard you are requested to attend the said meeting along with up to date report on the secondary data collection format which has been mailed to your end.

  
District Magistrate  
Coochbehar

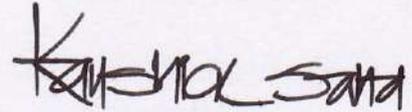


Memo No: G/1108(28)/1(10)

Date: 27.04.2018

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

1. Professor Subrata Chattopadhyay, Dept. of Architecture & Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur
2. The Additional District Magistrate, General, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
3. The Additional District Magistrate, Development, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
4. The Additional District Magistrate, Land Reforms, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting
5. The Additional Executive Officer, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting
6. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
7. The Officer in Charge, Municipal affairs, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting.
8. The Officer in Charge, Health, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting
9. The Officer in Charge, JM, Coochbehar with a request to attend the meeting
10. The NDC, Coochbehar with a request to book Lansdowne hall for the said meeting and also arrange tea, snacks for the participants.



District Magistrate  
Coochbehar



Heritage

Smp. BDO  
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Adm (by)  
O/c, Heritage

Government of West Bengal  
Information and Cultural Affairs Department  
Nabanna, Howrah

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Date: 03 /08/2018

Memo No: 1320-ICA(W)/1C/O/17A(XIII)-37/15 Pt I

15.8.18.

To  
Shri Shuvaprassanna  
Chairman,  
West Bengal Heritage Commission

Shri Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri  
Co-Chairman,  
West Bengal Heritage Commission

Shri Partha Ranjan Das  
Member,  
West Bengal Heritage Commission

The Secretary  
West Bengal Heritage Commission

The District Magistrate  
Coochbehar

The District Magistrate  
Nadia



Sir,

A meeting will be held on 24.08.2018 at 12 noon at P.W.D conference Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Nabanna in connection with declaration of Nabadwip and Coochbehar Town as Heritage Town . IIT Kharagpur and IEST Shibpur engaged for survey of the towns have submitted their baseline survey report and they will make presentations about their findings including proposals for amendments of the existing Acts for consideration.

I am advised to request you to be kind enough to make it convenient to remain present in the meeting as per above.

Yours faithfully,  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
31/8/18  
Special Secretary

Memo No: 1320/1(1)-ICA(W)/1C/O/17A(XIII)-37/15 Pt I

Date: 03 /08/2018

Copy forwarded for information to:

Smt. Sumita Bagchi, Joint secretary, UD& MA Deptt. for information. She is requested to remain present along with concerned officials of the Deptt. She is also requested to inform IIT Kharagpur and IEST Shibpur. The IEST Shibpur may be requested for presentation at 12 noon and IIT Kharagpur for presentation at 1 pm.

Special Secretary

## REPORT ON DECLARING OF COOCHBEHAR TOWN AS HERITAGE TOWN

1. A special meeting Chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt of West Bengal, was held on 19.05.2017 for declaring Coochbehar as a Heritage Town. In the said meeting it was resolved that IIT, Kharagpur would be deployed for preparation of base line document and also prepare land use development and control plan inclusive of Heritage Conservation and management Plan. It was also decided in the said meeting for formation of a Heritage Committee at the district level under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate.

2. IIT, Kharagpur was directed to prepare the Base Line Report on Coochbehar by the Urban Development & Municipal affairs Dept, Town and Country Planning Branch, Govt of West Bengal on 06.06.2017.

The Stage of preparation of Reports by IIT, Kharagpur

i. Preparation of Base Report

ii. Preparation of Heritage Management Plan and Land Use and Development Control Plan (LUDCP) inclusive of Heritage Conservation and Management Plan.

3. A Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble District Magistrate, Coochbehar on 13.06.2017.

4. A Reconnaissance survey was conducted by team from IIT, Kharagpur from 14.07.2017 to 16.07.2017. The delegates visited again at the time of Ras Mela, November, 2017

5. A part proposal was send amounting to Rs 4.40 Crore for 16 nos of Projects to the Urban Development & Municipal affairs Dept, Town and Country Planning Branch, Govt of West Bengal on 7.11.2017 after consultation with all stakeholders. Department wise action plan was prepared and circulated.

6. Work order was issued to IIT, Kharagpur for completing the process within 20 months by Urban Development & Municipal affairs Dept, Town and Country Planning Branch, Govt of West Bengal on 15.01.2018

6. A draft Base Line Survey Report for Proposed Heritage Town of Cooch Behar was submitted by IIT, Kharagpur 13.04.2018 and a feedback on this draft report from the end of the District Administration which was sought for was submitted by 23.04.2018.

7. The delegates from IIT, Kharagpur visited Coochbehar on 30.04.2018 to discuss the draft Base Line Survey Report and also to prepare for the second stage i.e. preparation of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan. In this visit they trained 15 students from Coochbehar Polytechnic for conducting socio economic survey for preparation of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan. They also collected secondary level data for preparation of these 2 reports.

8. The team from IIT, Kharagpur visited the district from 22.05.2018 to 30.05.2018 for visiting some sites and collection of Secondary Level data.

9. The Team from IIT, Kharagpur visited the district from 13.07.2018 to 17.07.2018 for conducting the Traffic Survey and Land Use Survey.

### Synoptic view

ITEM/ ISSUE	Status
Base Line Survey Report for Proposed Heritage Town of Cooch Behar by IIT, Kharagpur	Draft report submitted and feedback from the district has been submitted to the Department.
LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan by IIT, Kharagpur	Data collection and site visit completed. Report is expected to be submitted by IIT, Kharagpur within 12 months.
Scheme Proposal	Already send to the department for 16 schemes amounting to Rs 4.40 Crore (Initial Part Proposal)
Visit of IIT Team (5 times)	1. Reconnaissance Survey July 2017 2. During Ras Mela, November 2017 3. Review on Draft Base Line Report and Collection of Secondary Level data for preparation of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan , April 2018 4. For identifying other Heritage Sites, May 2018 5. For LUDCP Survey and Traffic Survey, July 2018
Surveys for LUDCP and Heritage management Plan	1. Socio Economic Survey by students from Coochbehar Polytechnic selected by delegates from IIT- Completed 2. Traffic Survey by students from Coochbehar Polytechnic selected by delegates from IIT- Completed 3. Land Use Survey by students from Coochbehar Polytechnic selected by delegates from IIT- Survey ongoing

Government of West Bengal  
Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department  
Town & Country Planning Branch  
"NAGARAYAN", DF-8, Sector-1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064

Memo No. 364 -TCP/C-2/2C-29/2017

Date: 06.02.2019

From: The Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: 1. The Special Secretary, Department of Information & Culture Affairs, GoWB  
2. The Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission  
3. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar  
4. The District Magistrate, Nadia  
5. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality  
6. The Chairman, Nabadwip Municipality  
7. Prof. Aditya Bandyopadhyay, Department of Architecture, Town and Regional Planning Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur  
8. Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay, Former Head of the Department, Department of Architecture & Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur

Sub: Declaration of Nabadwip & Coochbehar as Heritage town.

Ref: Minutes of the meeting held at NAGARAYAN, Salt lake on 29/01/2019 at 1.30 pm in connection with declaration of Coochbehar and Nabadwip as heritage towns.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting held on 29.01.2019 at 1.30 pm in the Conference Hall at "NAGARAYAN", DF-8, Sector-1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064.

You are further requested to take necessary action on urgent basis.

Yours faithfully

Encl: as stated

*[Signature]*  
The Joint Secretary to  
the Government of West Bengal

Memo No. 364/8(7) -TCP/C-2/2C-29/2017

Date 06.02.2019

Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action,-

1. The Chief Town Planner of this Department
2. Ar. Partha Ranjan Das, Member, West Bengal Heritage Commission
3. Prof. Joy Sen, Head of the Department, Department of Architecture & Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur
4. The Head of the Department, Department of Architecture, Town and Regional Planning Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
5. Prof. Sanghamitra Basu, Department of Architecture & Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur
6. PS to the Pr. Secretary, Department of Information & Culture Affairs, GoWB
7. PS to the Pr. Secretary of this Department

*[Signature]*  
The Joint Secretary to  
the Government of West Bengal

*Nagarayan Bnkm*  
*Pls put up*  
*1. Format Report on Tuesday.*

*9/02/19*

Narayan Borku

Top Singh

Minutes of the meeting of this Department towards declaration of Nabadwip and Coochbehar as Heritage Town.

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019,

Venue: Conference room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of Nagarayan, DF-8, Sector-I, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700064 at 1.30 pm

The meeting started with self-introduction of all participants. The attendance sheet is attached as Annexure A. The Joint Secretary initiated the discussion. A Power Point Presentation on the issue and entire project development was given by the Associate Town Planner, UD&MA Department to give an overall understanding. The details of the development works taken up in both towns was presented.

IIT Kharagpur, and IEST Shibpur described the specific recommendations related to specific Acts (WB Heritage Commission Act 2001 & as amended 2007, West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979 WB Municipal Act, 1993). Recommendations of IIT Kharagpur is attached at Annexure B.

The Secretary, WB Heritage Commission also gave his views towards declaration of Heritage Town. He stated that declaration of Heritage Areas and Heritage Buildings can be taken up at this stage.

Both The Chairmen of Nabadwip and Coochbehar Municipalities also expressed their views and concerns. They said that as the Municipal Authorities are already executing development works in the towns, it would be appropriate to declare Planning Authorities under T&CP Act.

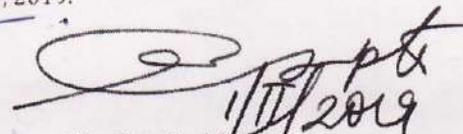
The Principal Secretary of the Department emphasised the key role of Municipality as per 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment and following decisions were taken: -

1. In view of the opinions expressed in the meeting, the UD & MA Department would prepare proposals for declaration for Planning Areas and Planning Authority under the WB T&C (P&D) Act, 1979.

The District Magistrates of Nadia and Coochbehar Districts were requested to submit the necessary proposals in the format as below:-

District	Block	Gram Panchayat/ Municipality	Police Station	Name of the Mouza	J.L. No.	Full/ Part	Area (Unit)	Population 2011	Remarks

2. IIT Kharagpur and IEST Shibpur will jointly submit their proposals for amendment in the format attached (Annexure C), with justification, reference to other laws and guidelines pertaining to preservation of heritage through the District Magistrates.
3. The institutes may also provide a draft of the chapter on Building Rules specifically pertaining to the Heritage Towns /precincts/ zones etc.
4. The WB Heritage Commission was requested to consider the following actions :
  - a. Preparing list of buildings to be included as Heritage Building under WB Heritage Commission.
  - b. Necessary procedures to be taken towards declaration of Heritage Towns.
  - c. Necessary meetings may be coordinated with both the institutes along with the Chief Town Planner of this Department.
5. All the necessary project proposals for Heritage development in Nabadwip and Coochbehar towns may be given by the Chairmen of both municipalities, through the District Magistrates.
6. The entire process to be completed within the month of February, 2019.

  
 1/11/2019  
 The Principal Secretary  
 to the Government of West Bengal



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Memo No. :G/ 1386 (4)

Date: 09.07.2019

From: District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

To: 1. Additional District Magistrate, Coochebhar Zilla Parishad  
2. Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar  
3. Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality  
4. DICO, Coochebhar

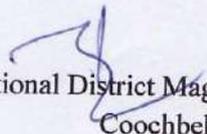
Sub: Meeting on declaring of Coochbehar Town as Heritage Town

Sir,

Reference to the above subject an urgent meeting is hereby convened on 10.07.2019 at 10.30 am at Conference Hall I, Office of the District Magistrate, Coochbehar.

You are kindly requested to attend the said meeting at the aforesaid date, time and venue.

Yours faithfully

  
Additional District Magistrate (Gen)  
Coochbehar

Memo No. :G/ 1386/ 1(2)

Date: 09.07.2019

Copy forwarded for information to:

- 1) NDC, Coochbehar with a kind request to book the said Hall and also arrange for refreshment.
- 2) CA to the District Magistrate, Coochbehar for bringing the same to the kind notice of the higher authority

For District Magistrate  
Coochbehar



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Minutes of the meeting held on 10.07.2019 in connection with the declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage Town, with reference to the memo no 1621/PRS/ICA dated 08.07.2019 of the Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.

Member Present

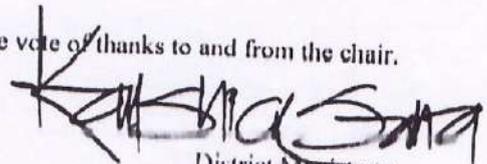
1. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
2. The Additional District Magistrate, General, Coochbehar
3. The Sub Divisional Office, Sadar, Coochbehar
4. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
5. The SDICO, Sadar Coochbehar

The Hon'ble District Magistrate chaired the meeting. He welcomed the participants and briefed the house about the steps needed to be taken towards declaring Coochbehar as Heritage Town. He briefed that delegates from the IIT Kharagpur has earmarked 155 sites as probable Heritage in the town of Coochbehar of which 45 nos of probable sites are private. The letter of the Principal Secretary I & CA Dept, Govt. of West Bengal vide memo no 1621/PRS/ICA was discussed in the meeting.

After threadbare discussion the following points were resolved.

1. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality will issue notice to the owner of the 45 private probable heritage sites inviting claim, objection/opinion them that their property may be enlisted as Heritage site. Prior to serving the notices to the concerned persons, the Municipality will get the draft notice checked from the concerned Officer of the Office of the District Magistrate.
2. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality will send the name of unnamed dighi in SL No 4, 35 & 135 in the main list
3. The SDICO was directed to prepare an IEC plan for commemorating the event as and when it happens.

As there was nothing more to discuss, the meeting ended with the vote of thanks to and from the chair.

  
District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

Memo No. G/14/HA(3)

Date: 10.07.2019

Copy Forwarded for information and taking necessary action.

1. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar
2. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
3. The SDICO, Sadar, Coochbehar

  
For District Magistrate,  
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Memo No : G/1474

Date: 16.07.2019

From: District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

To: Principal Secretary,  
Department of Information & Cultural Affairs,  
Government of West Bengal, Nabanna, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
325, Sarat Chaterjee Road, P.O. Shi9bpur  
Dist.-Howrah, PIN 711 102

Sub: Declaration of Coochbehar town as places of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc  
Ref: Your letter vide No 1621/Prs/ ICS, dt 08.07.2019

Sir,

Reference to the above subject and instruction received from your kind end, the following steps has been taken:

1. A meeting was held on 10.07.2019 with the Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality, Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar, DICO, Coochbehar regarding the identification of roles and responsibilities prior and aftermath of the declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage Town. DICO was instructed to prepare an exhaustive IEC plan.
2. A team of Officers has completed the re-verification of all sites as proposed by IIT, Kharagpur.
3. Constitution of Special Cell at Coochbehar Municipality: A special cell has been constituted at the Coochbehar Municipality with adequate man power to hear to claims and objections when raised.

As all the heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites falls under the Municipal areas, and as such, there was no need to constitute special cell at the Zilla Parishad.

This is for your kind information and perusal please.

Yours faithfully

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Memo No. G/1490(28)/XXIV-16(A)

Date: 17.07.2019

From: District Magistrate,  
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To:

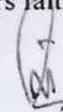
Sub: Meeting in connection with declaration of Coochbehar town as places of heritage buildings/  
temples/ precincts/ sites etc.

Sir,

Reference to the above subject, a meeting will be held on 18.07.2019 at 2.00 pm at Conference Hall-I,  
Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.

You are kindly requested to attend the said meeting at the aforesaid date, time and venue.

Yours faithfully

  
17.07.19  
Additional District Magistrate (Gen),  
Coochbehar

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs  
Town & Country Planning  
Nagarayan, DF-8, Sector-I, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 064

No. : 1911 -T&CP/C-2/2C-29/2017

Dated, Kolkata, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

**NOTICE**

The meeting for reviewing the process of declaration of Nabadwip and Coochbehar as Heritage Town is scheduled to be held at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, NABANNA (13th Floor), 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah-711 102 on **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019** sharp at **11.00 a.m.** as per the following Agenda.

The Chief Secretary has kindly consented to chair the meeting.

All concerned are requested to kindly attend the said meeting on the given date and time.

**AGENDA**

1. Declaration of Heritage Town- present status and further steps to be taken
2. Status of relevant Act amendment - the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993 and West Bengal Municipal (Building) Rules, 2007, West Bengal Heritage Commission Act, 2001, WB&C(P&D) Act, 1979
3. Review of preparation of Baseline survey work - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase by the consultants
4. The status of the developmental projects at Coochbehar and Nabadwip
5. Miscellaneous

*Magchi 18/7/19*  
Joint Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal.

No. : 1911/1(12) -T&CP/C-2/2C-29/2017

Dated, Kolkata, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

Copy forwarded for information with the kind request to attend the meeting to (SL.No. 1 to 11):

1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Power and Non-Conventional Energy Sources
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Information & Culture Affairs
3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs
4. The Chairman & Managing Director, West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.
5. The Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission
6. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
7. The District Magistrate, Nadia
8. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
9. The Chairman, Nabadwip Municipality
10. The Executive Officer, Coochbehar Municipality
11. The Executive Officer, Nabadwip Municipality
12. The Sr. P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal. With the request to apprise the Chief Secretary regarding the said meeting.

*Magchi 18/7/19*  
Joint Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal.

No. : 1911/2(2) -T&CP/C-2/2C-29/2017

Dated, Kolkata, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

Copy forwarded for information with the kind request to attend the meeting to:

1. Prof. Aditya Bandyopadhyay, Department of Architecture, Town and Regional Planning Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
2. Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay, Head of the Department, Department of Architecture & Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur

*Magchi 18/7/19*  
Joint Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal.

**REPORT ON DECLARING OF COOCHBEHAR TOWN AS HERITAGE TOWN FOR MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY**

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL on 23.07.2019**

1. A special meeting Chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt of West Bengal, was held on 19.05.2017 for declaring Coochbehar as a Heritage Town. In the said meeting it was resolved that IIT, Kharagpur would be deployed for preparation of base line document and also prepare land use development and control plan inclusive of Heritage Conservation and management Plan. It was also decided in the said meeting for formation of a Heritage Committee at the district level under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate.

2. IIT, Kharagpur was directed to prepare the Base Line Report on Coochbehar by the Urban Development & Municipal affairs Dept, Town and Country Planning Branch, Govt of West Bengal on 06.06.2017.

The Stage of preparation of Reports by IIT, Kharagpur

i. Preparation of Base Report

ii. Preparation of Heritage Management Plan and Land Use and Development Control Plan (LUDCP) inclusive of Heritage Conservation and Management Plan.

3. A Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble District Magistrate, Coochbehar on 13.06.2017.

4. A Reconnaissance survey was conducted by team from IIT, Kharagpur from 14.07.2017 to 16.07.2017. The delegates visited again at the time of Ras Mela, November, 2017

5. Work order was issued to IIT, Kharagpur for completing the process within 20 months by Urban Development & Municipal affairs Dept, Town and Country Planning Branch, Govt of West Bengal on 15.01.2018

6. A draft Base Line Survey Report for Proposed Heritage Town of Cooch Behar was submitted by IIT, Kharagpur on 13.04.2018 and a feedback on this draft report from the end of the District Administration which was sought for was duly submitted by 23.04.2018.

7. The delegates from IIT, Kharagpur visited Coochbehar on 30.04.2018 to discuss the draft Base Line Survey Report and also to prepare for the second stage i.e. preparation of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan. In this visit they trained 15 students from Coochbehar Polytechnic for conducting socio economic survey for preparation of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan. They also collected secondary level data for preparation of these 2 reports.

8. The team from IIT, Kharagpur visited the district from 22.05.2018 to 30.05.2018 for visiting some sites and collection of Secondary Level data.

9. The Team from IIT, Kharagpur visited the district from 13.07.2018 to 17.07.2018 for conducting the Traffic Survey and Land Use Survey.

10. Vide notice no 79/N-1/WBHC/2008-09 dated 05.07.2019 by the West Bengal Heritage Commission the WBHC intends to declare Coochbehar town as a place of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc. 30 days window has been given to receive claims and objection.

11. 155 nos of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc has been proposed based on the report submitted by IIT Kharagpur and concurred by the Coochbehar Municipality.

12. A special cell opened at the Coochbehar Municipality for receiving claims and objection.

13. A special meeting with all stakeholders (Municipality, PWD, Forest, Eminent person, Historians, Media person etc.) for the dissemination of the Notice of WBHC for declaring Coochbehar town as a place of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc.

Synoptic view

ITEM/ ISSUE	Status
Base Line Survey Report for Proposed Heritage Town of Cooch Behar by IIT, Kharagpur	Report submitted and feedback from the district has been submitted to the Department.
Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP) and Heritage Management Plan by IIT, Kharagpur	Data collection and site visit completed.
Heritage Zones	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage Zone 1 covering the main Core Areas</li> <li>Heritage Zones covering the peripheral areas</li> </ol>
Visit of IIT Team (5 times)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconnaissance Survey July 2017</li> <li>During Ras Mela, November 2017</li> <li>Review on Draft Base Line Report and Collection of Secondary Level data for preparation of LUDCP and Heritage Management Plan , April 2018</li> <li>For identifying other Heritage Sites, May 2018</li> <li>For LUDCP Survey and Traffic Survey, July 2018</li> </ol>
Surveys for Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP) and Heritage management Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socio Economic Survey by students from Coochbehar Polytechnic selected by delegates from IIT Kharagpur- Completed</li> <li>Traffic Survey by students from Coochbehar Polytechnic selected by delegates from IIT Kharagpur- Completed</li> <li>Land Use Survey for 80,000 plot by students from Coochbehar Polytechnic selected by delegates from IIT Kharagpur- Survey completed</li> </ol>
Work/ Activities undertaken	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Underground cable covering Heritage Zone I by WBSEDCL amounting to Rs 51 crores- Physical Progress: 70 % ; Deadline for Completion: October 2019</b></li> <li>Removal of Hoardings from Heritage Sites by Coochbehar Municipality</li> <li>Awareness generation through several meetings with stakeholders and positive response of the general public during field visit and survey by team from IIT, Kharagpur</li> </ol>
Aftermath of the Notice issued by the West Bengal Heritage Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vide notice no 79/N-1/WBHC/2008-09 dated 05.07.2019 by the West Bengal Heritage Commission the WBHC intends to declare Coochbehar town as a place of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc. 30 days window has been given to receive claims and objection.</li> <li>155 nos of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc has been proposed based on the report submitted by IIT Kharagpur and concurred by the Coochbehar Municipality.</li> <li>Special meeting convened on 18.07.2019 to disseminate the Notice of the West Bengal Heritage Commission .</li> <li>A special cell opened at the Coochbehar Municipality for receiving claims and objection.</li> </ol>

# COOCH BEHAR MUNICIPALITY

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## Memorandum

Memo No.:

EH/3131/19

Date: 17.07.19

Cooch Behar town is going to be declared as places of Heritage in terms of Memo No.: 162/PRS/LCA dt. 08.07.2019 of the Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. of WB. As a Owner of the building, Temple, Dighi, Precincts etc., as the case may be, it is brought to the notice of the owner/board/managing committee of the aforesaid site, it has been enlisted as places of Heritage as shown in the list attached herewith.

With a view to considering the views, objection or suggestions which will be received from owners or occupiers or lease holders, as the case may be of the said notified building/temples/monuments/Institution/precincts/sites within the Cooch Behar Town, a special cell for places of Heritage is constituted comprising of the following 7 (Seven) members:-

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1) Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality   | President        |
| 2) Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality  | Member Secretary |
| 3) Shri Badal Sarkar, SAE   | Member           |
| 4) Shri Subhamay Saha, SAE  | Member           |
| 5) Shri Biplab Kumar Dutta, SAE   | Member           |
| 6) Shri Gopal Chandra Dey,-<br>Office Superintendent, Cooch Behar Municipality                                    | Member           |
| 7) Shrimati Anamika Debnath, Manager, Social & Infrastructure<br>Development under NULM, Cooch Behar Municipality | Member           |

The aforesaid special cell will consider/look into the matter of the claim or objections which may be/will be received from the owners or occupiers or lease holders of the aforesaid buildings/temples/precincts/sites etc. within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of the constitution of this special cell.

  
Chairman,  
Cooch Behar Municipality  
Cooch Behar

Chairman  
Cooch Behar Municipality  
Cooch Behar



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Memo No : G/1474

Date: 16.07.2019

From: District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

To: Principal Secretary,  
Department of Information & Cultural Affairs,  
Government of West Bengal, Nabanna, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
325, Sarat Chaterjee Road, P.O. Shi9bpur  
Dist.-Howrah, PIN 711 102

Sub: Declaration of Coochbehar town as places of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc  
Ref: Your letter vide No 1621/Prs/ ICS, dt 08.07.2019

Sir,

Reference to the above subject and instruction received from your kind end, the following steps has been taken:

1. A meeting was held on 10.07.2019 with the Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality, Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar, DICO, Coochbehar regarding the identification of roles and responsibilities prior and aftermath of the declaration of Coochbehar as Heritage Town. DICO was instructed to prepare an exhaustive IEC plan.

2. A team of Officers has completed the re-verification of all sites as proposed by IIT, Kharagpur.

3. Constitution of Special Cell at Coochbehar Municipality: A special cell has been constituted at the Coochbehar Municipality with adequate man power to hear to claims and objections when raised.

As all the heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites falls under the Municipal areas, and as such, there was no need to constitute special cell at the Zilla Parishad.

This is for your kind information and perusal please.

Yours faithfully

District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

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## NOTICE

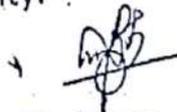
Memo No.:- Estt/3130/19

Date – 17.07.19

It is hereby informed to all concerned about the fact that Cooch Behar Town is going to be declared as places of Heritage in terms of Memo No.: 162/PRS/ICA dt. 07.07.2019 of the Information and Cultural Affairs Deptt., Govt. of WB.

As a owner of building/temple/dighi/precinct etc., as the case may be, it is brought to the notice of the owner/board/managing committee of the aforesaid sites, it has been enlisted as places of Heritage as shown in the list attached herewith.

If there is any objection/views/claim regarding declaration of the concerned site as places of Heritage that may be brought to the notice of the special cell on Heritage site so constituted by the Cooch Behar Municipality.



Chairman,

Cooch Behar Municipality,

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Memo No.:

From: The President,  
Special Cell for places of Heritage Committee  
Cooch Behar Municipality,  
Cooch Behar  
&  
The Chairman,  
Cooch Behar Municipality,  
Cooch Behar



To: The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar

Sir,

I forward herewith a report in connection with hearing held before the Special Cell on Heritage of Cooch Behar Municipality by different Owners/Organisations/Occupiers of various sites as a place of Heritage within Cooch Behar Municipality on 31.08.2019 along with the requisite papers submitted by the Owner/Organisation/Occupiers of different sites for favour of your kind information (Copy of the papers are enclosed.).

Yours faithfully,

SD/-

President,

Special Cell for places of Heritage Committee-  
of Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar  
&

Chairman,

Cooch Behar Municipality,  
Cooch Behar

Memo No.: ERH/3867/(10)/2019

Date: 04.09.2019

Copy forwarded for information to :

- 1) The Additional District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar.
- 2) Sub-Divisional Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality.
- 3) The Deputy Magistrate (Environment), In-Charge of the Heritage Sites, Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar
- 4) Mr. Indranath Sarkhel & Others C/O Ananda Bhavan, Keshab Road, Ward No.: 07, Cooch Behar
- 5) Mr. Sunil Kumar Roy, C/O Roy Bari, Pal Para, P.B.Road, Ward No.: 20, Cooch Behar.
- 6) The Adhyaksha, Ramkrishna Math, New Town, Cooch Behar.
- 7) Mr. Ratan Chandra Das, C/O Ganaker Dighi, Assam Access Road, Ward No.: 09, Cooch Behar.
- 8) The Officer-In-Charge of ABN Seal College, C/O Bani Bhavan, Ward No.: 17, Cooch Behar.
- 9) The Office Superintendent, Cooch Behar Municipality.
- 10) Reference Section, Cooch Behar Municipality.

SKB  
Joy President, 04.09.2019

Special Cell for places of Heritage Committee-  
of Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar

&

Chairman,  
Cooch Behar Municipality,  
Cooch Behar

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Hearing before the Special Cell on Heritage of Cooch Behar Municipality by different owners/organisation of various sites as a place of Heritage within Cooch Behar Municipality on 31.08.2019.

- 1) Ananda Bhavan: One of the Co-owner of Ananda Bhavan had appeared before the Special Cell on Heritage of the Cooch Behar Municipality on 31.08.2019. He requested the Special Cell to exclude the Ananda Bhavan from declaring as a place of Heritage. On behalf of Ananda Bhavan, Sri Indranath Sarkhel and Sri Biswajit Sarkhel had submitted an objection letter which are self explanatory.

Opinion of Municipality: Special Cell of this Municipality is of the opinion that the Ananda Bhavan is of 7 cattah land was constructed almost 100 years back. Special Cell has come to its opinion that the said Building along with its adjacent land may be excluded from declaring places of Heritage.

- 2) Bani Bhavan: Bimal Kumar Saha along with two other representatives (Officer-In-Charge of the ABN Seal College, Cooch Behar) appeared before the Special Cell on Heritage of this Municipality for hearing on 31.08.2019. ADM(G) and Deputy Magistrate, (Environment) & Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality went to the site of the Bani Bhavan. It has been ascertained that Bani Bhavan was established on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1954, measuring the area of 10(Ten) Kathas (Approx). Representatives of the ABN Seal College had raised their objection in declaring the Bani Bhavan as a place of Heritage. They had also submitted two written representation *against* declaring Bani Bhavan, Cooch Behar as a place of Heritage which are self explanatory.

Opinion of Municipality: We are of the opinion that 'Bani Bhavan' which is under the control of ABN Seal College may be excluded from declaring the place of Heritage.

- 3) Roy Bari: 'Roy Bari' is measuring the area of about 11(Eleven) Kathas. The House and its adjoining Land was originally resided by poet, eminent singer late Abbasuddin who used to reside in that house for a long time. Subsequently he migrated' to 'Bangladesh'. The said house and its adjacent land was sold out several times. The present owner Sri Sunil Kumar Roy and others purchased this property from Sri Debi Prosad Karnani in the year of 1965. It was then called Debi Prosad Karnani Mansion – Sri Sunil Kumar Roy and Sri Snehangshu Kumar Roy had submitted a written prayer (enclosed) which is self explanatory.

P.T.O.

Opinion of Cooch Behar Municipality: As this property was originally resided by poet, eminent singer Late Abbasuddin, so this property, perhaps should be included in the list of Heritage site.

- 4) Ram Krishna Math: One representative of Ram Krishna Math appeared before the Special Cell on Heritage of this Municipality. In this connection, it may be mentioned that a written representation of Swami Vijneyananda, Adhyakasha, Ram Krishna Math had submitted a written representation which is self explanatory. (Copy Enclosed).

Opinion of Cooch Behar Municipality: Opinion of this Municipality is that the Ram Krishna Math may be allowed to re-construct the Temples and other buildings as per their written representation.

- 5) Ganaker Dighi, Assam access Road: Sri Ratan Chandra Das of the said property appeared before the Special Cell on Heritage of Cooch Behar Municipality on 31.08.2019. Sri Das purchased the said property in the year 2004. It appears that the said property can't be termed as a place of Heritage. He also submitted a written representation which is self explanatory. (Copy of the representation is enclosed.)

Opinion of the Cooch Behar Municipality: Having seeing the said property, it is of the opinion of this Municipality that there is little relation for declaring the said site as a place of Heritage.

  
J. President, 04.09.2019

Special Cell for places of Heritage Committee-  
of Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar  
&  
Chairman,  
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Memo No 9/2003

Date: 12/09/19

From: District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

To:

Sub: Meeting in connection with declaration of Coochbehar town as places of heritage buildings/  
temples/ precincts/ sites etc.

Sir,

Reference to the above subject, a meeting will be held on 17.09.2019 at 4.00 pm at Conference Hall-I,  
Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.

You are kindly requested to attend the said meeting at the aforesaid date, time and venue.

Yours faithfully

  
Additional District Magistrate (Gen),  
Coochbehar

**ATTENDANCE SHEET OF THE MEETING ON DECLARATION OF COOCHBEHAR TOWN AS PLACES OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS/TEMPLES/PRECINCTS/ SITES**

Venue: Conference Hall I, Office of the District magistrate, Coochbehar

Date: 17.09.2019 Time: 4.00 pm

Sl no	Name of the Official	Designation	Mobile No	Email Id	Signature
1	ARUPJYOTI MAJUMDAR	SECRETARY CGR HERITAGE SOCIETY	94349 25418	arupj@gmail.com	
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3	Biswajit Datta Chaudhary	SAL, PNB	767762344		
4	Malay Kanti Roy	Head Master Sadakgovt. H. School	9434443564	Sadkgovt,highschool @gmail.com	
5	Pranabendu S. Pal	Ex-govt emplty.	83718453	X	
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7	Krishna Lada Mondal	Assistant Engineer M.E. Dte.	8918672139	coochbehardivn med@gmail.com	
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9	Debananda Mahapatra	District Engr nser, C.Z.P	9433214 698	dec6722@gmail.com	
10	Mithun Barua	MIC Representative	9733719087	mithun09barua@gmail.com	
11	Ratan Barman	DIO Sadar.	9933597570		
12	Kumar Supriya Naraya	Secretary C.B. Loyal Hall.	8759423582		
13	Pratapa Parmita Saha	Associate Prof. A.B.N. Seal College	94344- 53500	pragraparmita gmail.com	
14	Dr. Dipanwita Dasgupta	Department of History, Representative	7384209770	ddgcbpc@gmail.com	
15	Tandra Chakraborty Das	Jouralist	9733320822	tandra.cd@gmail.com	

**ATTENDANCE SHEET OF THE MEETING ON DECLARATION OF COOCHBEHAR  
TOWN AS PLACES OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS/ TEMPLES/ PRECINCTS/ SITES**

Venue: Conference Hall I, Office of the District magistrate, Coochbehar  
Date: 17.09.2019 Time: 4.00 pm

Sl no	Name of the Official	Designation	Mobile No	Email Id	Signature
1					
2	Abhijit Bhattacharya	ADM(G)			
3.	Bhuvan Singh	Chairman, CSB Municipality			
4	Mehar Ghoshal	S.M.L.A.	9434367477		
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Minutes of the meeting held on 17.09.2019 in connection with declaration of Coochbehar Town as a place of heritage buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites etc.

Members Present

1. Shri Mihir Goswami, Hon'ble MLA, 4, Coochbehar Uttar
2. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
3. The Additional District Magistrate, General, Coochbehar
4. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar
5. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
6. The DPO, Coochbehar
7. The Officer in Charge, Municipal Affairs, Coochbehar
8. The Officer in Charge, Heritage, Coochbehar
9. The Secretary, Debutter Trust Board, Coochbehar
10. The District Engineer, Coochbehar Zilla Parishad
11. The DIO, Sadar
12. The Sub-Assistant Engineer, PWD, Coochbehar Division
13. The Assistant Engineer, Municipal Engineering Dte, Coochbehar
14. The SDI&CO, Coochbehar Sadar
15. The Sub Assistant Engineer, Coochbehar Municipality
16. Kumar Supriya Narayan, Secretary Coochbehar Royal Family
17. Shri Prasenjit Barman
18. Dr Dipankar Dasgupta, Department of History, Representative of VC, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University
19. Shri Malay Kanti Roy, HM, Sadar Government School
20. Smt Prajnaparamita Sarkar, Associate Professor, A.B.N Seal College
21. Shri Nripendra Nath Pal
22. Shri Debabrata Chaki
23. Shri Arupjyoti Majumdar
24. Shri Mithun Baishya, Representative of Hon'ble MIC, NBDD
25. Smt Tandra Chakraborty Das

The Hon'ble District Magistrate chaired the meeting. He welcomed all the participants and briefed the house regarding the purpose of the meeting.

The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality told the house that 6 nos of objections for exclusion from the list of sites had been received at the Special Cell, Coochbehar municipality. He briefed that due hearing was given to those objectors.

Shri Prasenjit Barman & Dr Nripendra Nath Pal told that there are certain typographical error in the name and address of the Heritage sites which needs to be changed.

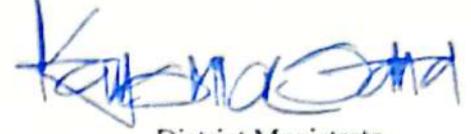
After threadbare discussion the following points were resolved.

1. All the 155 heritage sites in the Notification issued by the West Bengal Heritage Commission vide No:79/N-1/WBHC/2008-09 dated 05.07.2019 will remain intact.

2. The name and address of the Heritage sites which needs correction will be communicated to the West Bengal Heritage Commission.

3. For new inclusion of Heritage sites, due process of consultation and field inspection by delegates of IIT, Kharagpur will be done.

As there was nothing more to discuss, the meeting ended on the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

Copy forwarded for information:

Memo No 6/2199(25)

Date: 20/09/19

1. Shri Mihir Goswami, Hon'ble MLA, 4, Coochbehar Uttar
2. The Sub Divisional Officer, Sadar, Coochbehar
3. The Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality
4. The DPLO, Coochbehar
5. The Officer in Charge, Municipal Affairs, Coochbehar
6. The Officer in Charge, Heritage, Coochbehar
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15. Shri Prasenjit Barman
16. Dr Dipankar Dasgupta, Department of History, Representative of VC, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University
17. Shri Malay Kanti Roy, HM, Sadar Government School
18. Smt Prajnaparamita Sarkar, Associate Professor, A.B.N Seal College
19. Shri Nripendra Nath Pal
20. Shri Debabrata Chaki
21. Shri Arupjyoti Majumdar
22. Shri Mithun Baishya, Representative of Hon'ble MIC, NBDD
23. Smt Tandra Chakraborty Das
24. CA to the District Magistrate, Coochbehar
25. CA to the Additional District Magistrate (Gen), Coochbehar



For District Magistrate,  
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Memo No : G/ 2208

Date: 30.09.2019

From: District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

To: Secretary,  
West Bengal Heritage Commission,  
Government of West Bengal,  
1 Satyen Roy Road, Behala, Kolkata 700 034,

Sub: Declaring Coochbehar town as a place of heritage buildings /temples /precincts /sites etc

Ref Memo: 170/D-11/WBHC/2017-18 daed 25.09.2019 of the Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission

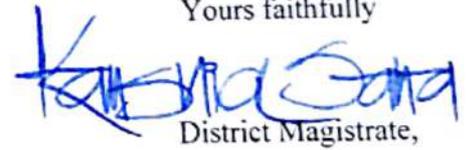
Sir,

Reference to the above, kindly find enclosed herewith the resolution adopted by the District Heritage Committee for declaring Coochbehar town as a place of heritage buildings /temples /precincts /sites etc.

Further, some changes in the name & address of the heritage sites has been received from the Chairman Coochbehar Municipality and from Shri Prasenjit Barman, Dr. Nripendranath Pal & Shri Debabrata Chaki (Members District Heritage Committee) which may be incorporated in the final list. Both copies are enclosed.

This is for your kind perusal and taking necessary action please.

Yours faithfully



District Magistrate,  
Coochbehar

- Encl:1. Resolution adopted by the District Heritage Committee  
2. Memo no: Estt/4059/19 dated 27.09.2019 of the Chairman, Coochbehar Municipality  
3. Letter received from Shri Prasenjit Barman, Dr. Nripendranath Pal & Shri Debabrata Chaki (Members District Heritage Committee, Coochbehar)



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Memo No: G/ 1544 /

Date: 04 /11/2020

From : The District Magistrate  
Cooch Behar.

To : .....  
Patron / Committee Member,  
Cooch Behar Heritage Committee.

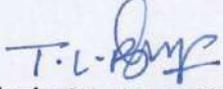
Sub: Meeting icw declaration of Cooch Behar as Heritage Town.

Sir,

This is to inform you that an urgent meeting of the Cooch Behar Heritage Committee has been scheduled on **10.11.2020 at 3pm** at the Conference Hall-I, DM's Office, Cooch Behar to discuss different agenda.

You are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

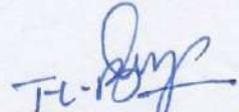
  
Addl. District Magistrate(G)  
Cooch Behar

Memo No.: G/ 1544 /1(2)

Date: 04 /11/2020

Copy forwarded for information to the:

- 1) Nezarath Deputy Collector, Cooch Behar with the request to spare Conference Hall on the above-mentioned date and time and arrange to supply drinking water, refreshment etc.
- 2) CA to District Magistrate for kind appraisal of the authority.

  
Addl. District Magistrate(G)  
Cooch Behar

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10.11.2020 AT 3.00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL,  
D.M.'S OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR IN CONNECTION WITH DECLARATION OF COOCH BEHAR AS  
HERITAGE TOWN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Sri Rabindra Nath Ghosh, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, N.B.D.D, Govt. of West Bengal and Patron, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
2	Sri Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
3	Smt. Lakshmi Bhavya Tanneeru, IAS, Additional District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
4	Sri Sanjay Pal, SDO (Sadar), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
5	Sri Kallol Roy, WBCS( Exe), DM&DC, Dist Planning Officer, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
6	Sri Umasankar Das, WBCS( Exe), DM&DC, O/C-Heritage, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
7	Sri Prasanta Kr. Mahata, WBCS (Exe), DM&DC, Cooch Behar, [O/C- MA] and Member-Secretary, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
8	Smt Suparna Biswas DM&DC,(SADAR)Cooch Behar & Secretary D.T.B	Sd/-
9	Sri Bhusan Singh, Administrator, Cooch Behar Municipality and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
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13	Sri Amlan Bhattacharyya, EE, CEO, PWD and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
14	Sri Prasenjit Sarkar, Exe Officer, Cob. Municipality and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
15	Sri Krishna Pada Pal, AE, MED, COB Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
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The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all members present in the meeting. After thorough discussion, the following points were resolved in the meeting:

- 1) Brief history of a minimum 20 (twenty) sites from the list of Heritage Sites of Cooch Behar town as selected by the members in the meeting would have to be prepared by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November. The brief history is to be of 40 words each in English and Bengali languages. History Department of ABN Seal to extend necessary assistance for the above action.

ACTION : Sri Arupjyoti Majumdar and other Members

- 2) ADF, Cooch Behar and Shri Rzishikalpa Pal, President, Cooch Behar Archive would be co-opted in the Heritage Committee as Member.

ACTION: O/C, Heritage

- 3) Acquired information about Heritage Sites will be published in future as Coffee Table Book.

ACTION : O/C, Heritage

- 4) Clock Tower of Harish Paul Chowpathi, Cooch Behar would have to be painted and repaired.

ACTION : Administrator, Cooch Behar Municipality,

- 5) Proposal for renovation of Rajakiya Jaladhar would also to be prepared.

PWD, Civil

- 6) Bairagi Dighi Fountain which is currently working on DG set to be converted into electrical. Proposal would have to be prepared.

ACTION : PWD, Electrical

- 7) Design of proposed Welcome gate to Cooch Behar Heritage Town would have to be prepared.

ACTION : PWD, Civil

- 8) Maintenance Manual of Heritage sites would have to be prepared.

ACTION : IIT, Kharagpur

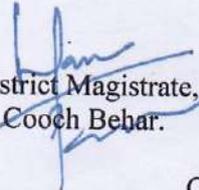
- 9) Proposal for restoration of identified lakes in Cooch Behar would have to be prepared.

ACTION : ADF, Cooch Behar

- 10) Members of the Cooch Behar Heritage Society would have to acquire/ gather more authentic information about the Heritage Sites other than the already listed 155 sites. Information of such Heritage Sites should have to be submitted to the O/C, Heritage, Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar by 4<sup>th</sup> week of November, 2020.

ACTION : All Members

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

  
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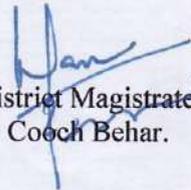
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Dated : 26 /11/2020

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Memo No.: G/42

Dated: 08/01/2021

From : The District Magistrate,  
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Chairman, District Heritage Committee,  
Cooch Behar.

To : \_\_\_\_\_  
Patron/Committee Member,  
Cooch Behar Heritage Committee.

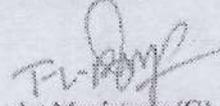
Sub: Meeting i.e.w various issues related to the Heritage Sites of Cooch Behar.

Sir/Madam,

This is to inform you that a meeting of the Cooch Behar Heritage Committee has been scheduled on 13.01.2021 at 12 pm at the Conference Hall-I, D.M.'S Office, Cooch Behar to discuss various issues related to the Heritage Sites of Cooch Behar.

You are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

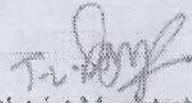
  
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Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF COOCH BEHAR HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13.01.2021  
AT 12.00 PM AT THE CONFERENCE HALL-I, D.M.'S OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Sri Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
2	Smt. Lakshmi Bhavya Tanneeru, IAS, Additional District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
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16	Sri Chunchun Kumar, Assistant Archaeologist, ASI, Cooch Behar Palace Museum.	Sd/-
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The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all members present in the meeting. After thorough discussion, the following points were resolved in the meeting:

- 1) Plaques will be erected in front of the 40 heritage sites selected in the first phase after obtaining the administrative approval of UD&MA Department.

ACTION: O/C Heritage

- 2) One Heritage Gate will be constructed at a suitable place of Khagrabari, Cooch Behar. Detailed Project Report would have to be prepared and sent to UD&MA Department.

ACTION: O/C. Heritage and PWD(Civil)

- 3) One more similar Heritage Gate will be constructed at any of the two entry points of Cooch Behar town (Ghughumari and Baburhat). Suitable site would have to be selected.

ACTION: O/C. Heritage and Others members.

- 4) As per direction received from the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta in its Order dated 31/12/2020 passed in WPA No.11962 of 2020,(Dipanwita Dasgupta -Vs.- The State of West Bengal & Ors.) a Team of officials from amongst the Members of the District Heritage Committee was formed and has conducted the investigation accordingly and submitted joint investigation report to the District Heritage Committee. The said Report needs to be sent to the State Advocate for submission to the Hon'ble High Court by 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021 as directed by the Court.

ACTION: The District Heritage Committee gave concurrence to the same.

- 5) An estimate after due vetting for renovation of Heritage Water Tank of Cooch Behar would have to be sent to the UD&MA Department for administrative approval.

ACTION: EE, MED & O/C Heritage.

- 6) Garden would have to be maintained in the surrounding vacant areas of Heritage Water Tank for beautification.

ACTION: DFO, Parks & Garden/C Heritage.

- 7) Pillars of the back gate of Cooch Behar Palace would have to be renovated.

ACTION: Chairperson, Cooch Behar Municipality.

- 8) Heritage Dighis (Water bodies) of Cooch Behar town would have to be maintained properly. Vetted estimates for the same would have to be sent to UD&MA immediately. Municipal Engineering Dte. would have to be directed to submit plan incorporating renovation, fencing, illumination etc. of the Heritage Dighis (Water bodies).

ACTION: ADF, Cooch Behar & MED

- 9) Prayer dated 11.01.2021 submitted by Sri Alope Guha & others, residents of 28, Hitendra Narayan Road, Cooch Behar would have to be sent to the ADM and DL&LRO, Cooch Behar for submitting enquiry report.

ACTION: O/C Heritage.

- 10) Matters related to Sagar Dighi and Bairangi Dighi Action Area Plan will be raised in the next Video Conference of Green City Mission.

ACTION: Chairman Cooch Behar Heritage Committee & O/C MA.

- 11) Illumination proposal with vetted estimate of RajBari Palace would have to be submitted to UD&MA Deptt.

ACTION: EE, PWD (Elec.)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

  
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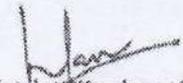
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Dated: 13 /01/2021

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Memo No.: G/ 429

Dated: 19.02.2021

From : The District Magistrate,  
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To : \_\_\_\_\_  
Patron/Committee Member,  
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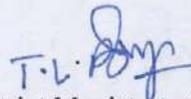
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This is to inform you that a meeting of the Cooch Behar Heritage Committee has been scheduled on **23.02.2021 at 12 pm** at the **Conference Hall-I, D.M.'S Office, Cooch Behar** to discuss various issues related to the Heritage Sites of Cooch Behar.

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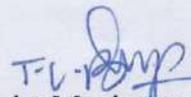
  
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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

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- 1) **155 sites** are finalized as the heritage sites of Cooch Behar district vide notification No 23/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 30.09.2020 from Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission. Appeal was made to the members that if there is any others local name for any of the sites, that will also be incorporated in the final list.
- 2) A letter was also issued from the Secretary, WB Heritage Commission to the Principal Secretary, UD & MA Department vide Memo No. 74/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 10.02.2021 regarding declaration of Cooch Behar as Heritage Town. Manual of Heritage Town for maintenance of Heritage sites is being prepared by UD & MA Dept. Amendment of WB Heritage Commission Act is at final stage.
- 3) **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of SagarDighi** – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction of Rs. 6.3549 Crore is obtained from State Govt. 02 tenders are already floated from MED, Siliguri for road and roadside drain and construction of boundary wall, greeneries, sitting arrangement. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase estimates are also being prepared.
- 4) **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of Bairagi Dighi** – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction of 5.2936 Crore is obtained from State Govt. Tender will be floated from Med soon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase estimates are also being prepared.
- 5) **Underground Cabling of Cooch Behar Heritage Town** - Work is completed for 1<sup>st</sup> phase in February, 2021. Proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of UG Cabling from WBSEDCL is sent to State Govt. for approval.
- 6) **For Improvement And Beautification Of Water Bodies** - Water quality testing will be completed soon from pollution Control Board, Siliguri for all the water bodies in the heritage list.  
In the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase, for improvement and beautification of 04 number of water bodies (Lamba Dighi, Rajmata Dighi, Narasingha Dighi and Police Line Dighi) detailed project report along with estimate is sent to State Govt. for approval. Concurrence from District Heritage Committee is obtained. Communication is sent to Fisheries Department for No Objection Certificate.
- 7) **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of Rajakiyo Jaladhar, Cooch Behar** - Detailed project report along with estimate is sent to the State Govt. for approval. Concurrence from District Heritage Committee is obtained.
- 8) **Heritage Welcome Gate of Cooch Behar at Keshab Road, Khagrabari, Near Rony Square Cinema Hall, Cooch Behar** - Proposal along with estimate, hand sketch and DPR is sent to the WB Heritage Commission and to State Govt. for approval. Concurrence from District Heritage Committee is obtained.
- 9) **Heritage Site Plaques** will be erected in front of the 40 heritage sites selected in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase from among all the Heritage sites of Cooch Behar. Write up prepared by district heritage Committee is sent for approval to WB Heritage Commission and to State Govt. Plaque design is finalized. Work will be started shortly.
- 10) **Comprehensive Covered Drainage Network at Cooch Behar town** – Detailed project report along with estimate is prepared, Drainage Contour Map Survey is completed, and are sent to State Govt. for technical sanction and approval.
- 11) **Solid Waste & Fresh waste management in Cooch Behar Town**- MSW generated (TPD) 45.69 MT. Movable Compactor, Dumper, Fuel operated Tipper are supplied from the State Govt. along with Household bins. Door to door collection of waste is going on. Segregation of waste at source will be started soon. Tender is floated for engagement of Agency for **Removal of Legacy Waste for Bio Mining**. Tender is also floated for engagement of Agency for establishing an **Wet Waste Processing Plant & Material Recovery Facility for Dry Waste** and 10 years O&M for Cooch Behar Town. ODF declaration and IHHL construction is completed 100% household.

- 12) Proposal for **Illumination of Rajbari** for preserving its grandeur and heritage is taken. Detailed Project along with estimate is sent to State Govt for approval. Also letter is sent to ASI for getting their No Objection Certificate/consent.
- 13) Proposal for digitizing and preserving the heritage manuscripts at **Cooch Behar Library (North Bengal State Library)** and establishment of **Museum** is prepared. Concurrence of District heritage Committee is obtained.
- 14) Preparation of **audio-visual matter for Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism with Heritage Logo** is being developed. The book/document on Cooch Behar Heritage Town is being prepared.

As there was nothing else to be discussed, the meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

Dated: 23.02.2021

Memo. No.: G/458/1(33)

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3. Sabhadhipati, Cooch Behar ZillaParishad
4. Member of Parliament, No.1, Cooch Behar (SC) Parliamentary Constituency
5. Member of Legislative Assembly, No.- 4, Cooch Behar Assembly Constituency
6. Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar,
7. Addl. District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar,
8. Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Cooch Behar,
9. O/C-Municipal Affairs, Cooch Behar,
10. Secretary, Debottar Trust Board, Cooch Behar,
11. Administrator, Cooch Behar Municipality,
12. Vice-Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality,
13. District Engineer, Cooch Behar ZillaParishad,
14. Executive Engineer, PWD, Cooch Behar Division,
15. Executive Engineer, Municipal Engineering Directorate, Cooch Behar Division,
16. Executive Engineer, CEO, PWD, Cooch Behar,
17. Executive Engineer, PWD (Electrical), Cooch Behar,
18. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality,
19. District Information and Culture Officer, Cooch Behar,
20. Assistant Engineer, Municipal Engineering Directorate, Cooch Behar Division,
21. ADF, Cooch Behar,
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23. Deputy Ranger/ Forester, Range Officer, Cooch Behar, Parks & Gardens Range,
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33. Sri JahirulHaque, Associate Professor of Cooch Behar PNB.U.
34. District Library Officer, Cooch Behar
35. CA to ADM (G).

  
District Magistrate,  
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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, COOCH BEHAR

Sagar Dighi Complex, P.O.: Cooch Behar, Dist.: Cooch Behar, Pin: 736101, West Bengal

Memo No: G/\_1213\_/ (23)

Date: 06/07/2021

From : The Office of the District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar

- To :
1. The Sabhadhipati, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad
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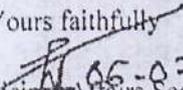
Sub: Meeting of District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar

Sir / Madam,

This is for your kind information that a meeting of the Cooch Behar Heritage Committee has been scheduled on 09/07/2021 at 11:30 AM at the Lansdowne Hall, DM's Office, Cooch Behar to discuss different agenda.

I am directed to request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully

  
06-07-2021  
The Officer in charge, Municipal Affairs Section, Cooch Behar

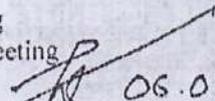
&  
The Member Secretary, District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar

Memo No.: G/\_1213\_/ (23)(4)

Date: 06/07/2021

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- 2) Nezarath Deputy Collector, Cooch Behar with the request to spare Lansdowne Hall on the above-mentioned date and time and arrange to supply drinking water, refreshment etc.
- 3) Regional Manager, WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar with a request to attend the meeting
- 4) Assistant Director of Fisheries, Cooch Behar Sadar with a request to attend the meeting

  
06.07.2021  
The Officer in charge, Municipal Affairs Section, Cooch Behar

&  
The Member Secretary, District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF COOCH BEHAR HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON 09.07.2021  
AT 11.30 PM AT THE LANSDOWNE HALL, D.M.'S OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Sri Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
2	Smt. Lakshmi Bhavya Tanneeru, IAS, Additional District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
3	Sri Rakibul Rahaman SDO, Sadar & the Chairperson of Board of Administrator, Cooch Behar Municipality and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
4	Sri Wrik Saptashaw, WBCS (Exe), DM&DC, O/C-Heritage& O/C MA, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
5	Sri Biswadip Mukherjee, WBCS (Exe) DM&DC, Secretary Debottar Trust Board and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
6	Sri Arijit Paul Chowdhuri, Dy SP (HQ), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
7	Sri Sumpat Maji, Asst. Director of Fisheries Cooch Behar	Sd/-
8	Sri Amlan Bhattacharyya, EE, PWD, COB Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
9	Sri Debananda Mahapatra, District Engineer, Cooch Behar ZillaParihsad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
10	Sri Santu Biswas, DICO Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
11	Sri Krishna Pada Mandal, AE, MED, COB Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
12	Sri Kousik Ghosh AE, PWD(Civil) COB Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
13	Sri Debabrata Majumder, P.W.D (Electrical) Estimator/J.E., Cooch Behar	Sd/-
14	Sri Bidyut Roy, AE,MED, COB Division	Sd/-
15	Sri Atindra Chandra Paul, JE, MED, COB Division	Sd/-
16	Sri Bikash Chandra Dey, DE(E),Regional Officer, WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar	Sd/-
17	Sri Dipak Chandra Nag, Supervisor, N.N. Park Cooch Behar	Sd/-
18	Sri Binoy Das, ASI, Cooch Behar Rajbari & Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
19	Sri Malay Kanti Roy, Head Master, Sadar Govt.High School and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
20	Sri Debabrata Chaki, Editor,Uttor Prosanga. Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
21	Sri, Jahirul Haque, Assistant Professor, CBPBU and Representative of Vice-Chancellor, CBPBU	Sd/-
22	Sri Nripendra Nath Pal, Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
23	Sri Arupjyoti Majumdar, Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
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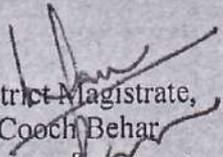
The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all members present in the meeting. After thorough discussion over the power point presentation prepared from District Heritage Cell, the following points were resolved in the meeting:

1. **Cooch Behar is declared as a Town with heritage buildings, precincts and 155 sites** notified by the West Bengal Heritage Commission as the heritage sites of Cooch Behar district vide notification No 74/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 10.02.2021 from Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission. All the members have approved the list.
2. **Heritage Site Plaques** will be erected in front of the 41 heritage sites selected in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase from among all the Heritage sites of Cooch Behar. Text matter for write up of the Plaques from WB Heritage Commission is received with a letter vide Memo No. 23/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 (Part-I) dated 30.06.2021. The matter is discussed in the body and it was decided that Municipal Engineering Directorate, Cooch Behar will be the Program Implementing Agency in this regard. The technical details of the Plaque are discussed in the meeting and it was further decided that the material will be Granite and the colour will be Golden on Black along with necessary measurement. The proposed District Logo was approved by all the Committee members, which will further be used in each Plaque. Proposal for next 40 sites for Plaque erection is also taken in the meeting and it will further be sent to West Bengal Heritage Commission and Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department end for necessary concurrence.
3. **Heritage Welcome Gate of Cooch Behar at Keshab Road, Khagrabari, Near Rony Square Cinema Hall, Cooch Behar** – 03 separate Designs (one from WB Heritage Commission, One from PWD and one from District end) along with hand sketch is discussed in the District Heritage Committee. It was unanimously decided that the third design i.e the design presented from the District end itself is the most befitting one and captures Cooch Behar's Heritage element properly. PWD is requested to make detailed sketch, estimate and DPR over that design and submit immediately to the District Magistrate's office for further sending to UD & MA Department for approval. It was also decided another 02 Welcome Gate proposals will be proposed after the first one gets approval. The proposed locations may be at in front of Baburhat Bridge and at Harinchowra respectively.
4. **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of Sagar Dighi** – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction of Rs. 6.3549 Crore is obtained from State Govt. The electrical works will be taken up from KMDA. 02 tenders for Civil works are already matured from MED, Siliguri for road and roadside drain and construction of boundary wall, greeneries, sitting arrangement. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase estimates are also being prepared. MED has submitted a few sample pictures of Gate Design, Boundary Wall Grill Design, Design of Pavement, Design of Foot Path, Design of Parking Zone for selection of the committee. More designs need to be seen before finalizing the selection. It was also decided that no further statue will be erected in the Sagar Dighi premises. It was further stated from the end of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar that the Agency should give a presentation of the entire project in front of the District Authority before initiation of any kind of work. SDO Cooch Behar Sadar is requested to ensure the Cable lines (hanging over the existing statues and spoiling the view of the area) are to be removed from that place.
5. **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of Bairagi Dighi** – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction of 5.2936 Crore is obtained from State Govt. The electrical works will be taken up from KMDA. For civil works, Tender is floated from MED. Like Sagar Dighi, MED is requested to submit sample pictures of the detailed components before the Committee accordingly.
6. **For Improvement And Beautification Of Water Bodies** – Water quality testing is completed from Pollution Control Board, Siliguri for 15 number of Water Bodies from the list of the Water Bodies in the Heritage List. For 04 Dighis (Lamba Dighi, Narsingha Dighi, Police Line Dighi, Rajmata Dighi), Detailed Project Report is sent for Administrative Approval to the UD & MA Department. For 03 Water

Bodies under Fishery Department, (Fisheries Seed Farm 1, 2, 3) estimate is prepared and will be sent to the UD & MA Department from MED for approval. One concern is noted in the meeting that there should not be any trees or plantation near the bank of the water bodies as the fallen leaves will pollute the water. As a rule of thumb, trees shade should not fall on the water similarly. Also it was decided that for any Dighi, the banks will not be cemented.

7. **Comprehensive Covered Drainage Network at Cooch Behar Town** –Drainage Contour Map Survey is completed & MED has prepared the Detailed Project Report along with estimate, so that it can be signed and sent by the Chairman, Board of Administrators, Cooch Behar Municipality to UD & MA Department for necessary Administrative Approval.
8. **Underground Cabling of Cooch Behar Heritage Town** - Work is completed for 1<sup>st</sup> Phase in February, 2021 covering 40% area of the entire Town. Proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the rest of the area of Cooch Behar Town for UG Cabling from WBSEDCL is sent to the UD & MA Department for approval.
9. **Renovation of Rajakiyo Jaladhar, Cooch Behar** - Detailed Project Report along with estimate is sent to the UD & MA Department for Administrative Approval. Concurrence from District Heritage Committee is obtained. Maintenance and further works through PWD or other Agencies should be done in consonance with design and material that was used for the initial construction of the structure.
10. Proposal for **Illumination of Rajbari** for preserving its grandeur and heritage is taken. Detailed Project along with estimate is sent to the Tourism Department of the State Govt for approval. Proposal was sent to ASI for obtaining their NOC. Based on ASI's further queries, PWD Electrical has submitted the Detailed Plan which will further be sent to ASI. One concern is raised regarding the payment of the Electricity Bill, if the project gets approval as ASI will not bear it and as it will be a recurring expenditure, one regular source of fund is to be determined. One proposal is given if the possibility of installation of Solar Trees for grid connected electricity generation can be explored.
11. Preparation of **Audio-Visual matter for Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism** is under process. State Tourism Department is preparing the same in coordination with the District Administration.
12. **Maintenance of 11 Heritage Buildings** along with the removal of weeds and other minor cleaning at Sagar Dighi Square by using physical and chemical treatments have been taken up from the District Magistrate's Heritage Cell and the Committee has praised this step of the District Administration.
13. **LUDCP** (prepared by the Department of Archaeology and Regional Planning of IIT Kanpur and sent from State end) is discussed in the District Heritage Committee Meeting. It was decided that the detailed LUDCP will be perused thoroughly by the expert committee members and observations will given soon. A copy of the LUDCP will be shared with Cooch Behar Municipality as well.

Having concluded all points of discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

  
District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar  
&  
Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage  
Committee

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, COOCH BEHAR  
Sagar Dighi Complex, P.O.: Cooch Behar, Dist.: Cooch Behar, Pin: 736101, West Bengal

Memo No: G/ 1566 / (23) Heritage (ii)

Date: 23/08/2021

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**Sub: Meeting of District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar**

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Yours faithfully

 23.08.21

The Officer in charge, Municipal Affairs Section, Cooch Behar &  
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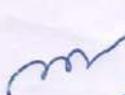
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF COOCH BEHAR HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26.08.2021 AT 1.00 PM  
AT THE LANSDOWNE HALL, D.M.'S OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR

MEMBERS & OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Sri Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/-
2	Sri Umakanta Barman, Sabhadhipati, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
3	Sri Sandip Dutta, WBCS Exe., Additional District Magistrate(LR) in charge of Additional District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
4	Sk. Rakibur Rahaman, SDO, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
5	Birupakshya Mitra, DPLO, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
6	Smt. Amina Ahamed, Vice Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
7	Sri Wrik Saptashaw, WBCS( Exe), DM&DC, O/C-Heritage & O/C MA, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
8	Sri Biswadip Mukherjee, Secretary, Debuttar Trust Board, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
9	Sri Asim Kumar De, EE, MED, COB Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
10	Sri Chunchun Kumar, Museum In-Charge, Cooch Behar Palace Museum (ASI) and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
11	Sri Sudipta Bose, A.E, PWD, Electrical COB Division	Sd/
12	Sri Debananda Mahapatra, District Engineer, Cooch Behar Zilla Parihshad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
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15	Sri Kumar Supriya Narayan, Secretary Cooch Behar Royal Family Welfare Trust and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee.	Sd/
16	Smt Urnisha Banerjee, Representative of Vice-Chancellor, CBPBU	Sd/
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22	Sri Goutam Chatterjee, E.E, PWD, Civil COB Division	Sd/
23	Sri Krishnapada Mondal, AE, MED, COB Division	Sd/
24	Nripendra Barman, SAE, Development Section, DM Office, Cooch Behar	Sd/
25	Sri Bidyut Roy, AE, MED, COB Division	Sd/
26	Sri Atindra Kumar Pal, JE, MED, COB Division	Sd/

The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all members present in the meeting. After thorough discussion over the power point presentation prepared from District Heritage Cell, the following points were resolved in the meeting:

1. **Heritage Welcome Gate of Cooch Behar at Keshab Road, Khagrabari, Near Rony Square Cinema Hall, Cooch Behar** – As informed in the last meeting of the District Heritage Committee, the hand-sketch was sent to PWD (Civil) for further preparation of estimate. As informed from the Executive Engineer, PWD (Civil), the sketch will be received from the Superintending Architect, PWD, North Zone very soon and the estimate will be sent to the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar by 1<sup>st</sup> week of September, 2021.
2. **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of Sagar Dighi** – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction of Rs. 6.3549 Crore is obtained from State Govt. The electrical works will be taken up from KMDA. 02 tenders for Civil works are already matured from MED, Siliguri for road and roadside drain and construction of boundary wall, greeneries, sitting arrangement. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase estimates are also being prepared. The Gate Design, Boundary Wall Grill Design, Design of Pavement, Design of Foot Path, Design of Parking Zone are finalized. It was also informed that during setting up of pavement blocks, natural slopes of the construction will be maintained in a planned manner.
3. **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification of Bairagi Dighi** – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction of 5.2936 Crore is obtained from State Govt. The electrical works will be taken up from KMDA. For civil works, required tenders for Civil works are already matured. It was also informed to the MED Engineers that the existing eco system in the Dighi should not be hampered by the constructions.
4. **Land Use Map Register-** A communication is received from the Additional Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, UD&MA Deptt vide Memo No. 2095-T&CP/C-2/2C-11/2017 dated 10.08.2021 along with the draft notification template and the files of editable LUMR of Cooch Behar Municipality.  
Now as mentioned in the letter and as per West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979, according to Section 28, the Cooch Behar Planning Authority (Cooch Behar Municipality is appointed the same vide Notifications bearing Memo No. 205, 206, 207-T&CP/C-2/2C-34/2019 dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 from UD&MA Deptt) may prepare a Land Use Map and a Land Use Register and as per Section 29, may make a publication inviting objection from general public within 30 days of such publication. The matter was placed before the District Heritage Committee on 26.08.2021 and following resolutions were taken:
  1. The Draft LUMR Notification may be published by the Cooch Behar Planning Authority.
  2. The signed Draft Notification needs to be sent to UD&MA Department for further necessary action from the Department including Gazette Notification.
  3. After the Gazette Notification from the Department, the Copy of the said Land Use Map and Register will be made available for inspection of public for inviting objections in writing from any person with respect to the Map and the Register within 30 days of publication of this Notice in the Office of the Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality on any working days during office hours in addition to the Office of The Chief Town Planner, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, T&CP Branch, Planning Wing at Nagarayan, DF-8, Sector-1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064. The soft copy of present Land Use Map and Land Register will be available at the following websites:-
    - a) <https://www.wburbanservices.gov.in>
    - b) The Official District Website, Cooch Behar at <https://coochbehar.nic.in>
    - c) The Official Website of Cooch Behar Sadar Municipality at <https://www.coochbeharmunicipality.com>
5. **Land Use and Development Control Plan- LUDCP** (prepared by the Department of Archaeology and Regional Planning of IIT Kharagpur based on the scope of work given to them by the State Government for Cooch Behar) was already discussed in the District Heritage Committee Meeting held on 09.07.2021. Further the detailed LUDCP was sent to the Committee members and with Cooch Behar Municipality and observations/recommendations/views were invited within 24.08.2021.

As discussed in the meeting held on 26.08.2021, following observations are recorded:

- a) NBSTC Bus Stand to be shifted to a different venue, preferably adjacent to the newly constructed RTO Office. Proposal may be sent to UD&MA Deptt after consultation with all respective Authorities.
- b) Alternative Traffic Control Plan to be made from the end of Supdt of Police in consultation with the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar for avoiding congestion in the main city.
- c) Proposal may be taken up for Digitization of Old and Heritage manuscripts at District library and turning it into a Museum. The District Library Officer may be asked to submit a detailed project Report,

6. **Observation of District Heritage Committee on the complaints of alleged illegal construction over the House of Asuman Dasgupta (listed at Serial No 56 in the list of Heritage Buildings)-** It was informed that a Writ Petition bearing WPA No. 11962 of 2020 was filed regarding alleged construction at the said building namely the "House of Asuman Dasgupta" (Serial No 56 in the Heritage List) in 2020. In compliance of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court Order in the said WP dated 31.12.2020, an Enquiry was conducted in the month of January, 2021 and after being accorded concurrence in the District Heritage Committee in its earlier meeting dated 13.01.2021 the report was submitted to the Hon'ble High Court.

Upon further communication from the Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission Vide Memo No. 60/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 30.07.2021 and from the Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar Vide Memo No. G/1417(3)/Heritage/(i) dated 06.08.2021, another Enquiry was conducted on 18.08.2021 and the Enquiry Report along with all relevant documents and photographs is tabled before the District Heritage Committee today for the views of the Members.

After thorough discussion, all the Members present opined that it is a private property dispute and the District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar has no stake in this matter.

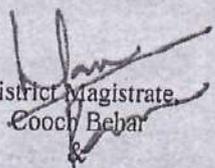
Among the present members of the District Heritage Committee, 14 (fourteen) numbers of members stated that the property in discussion may be removed from the existing Heritage List on the ground that the building does not have any tangible heritage or archaeological value and being a private property. 01 member while recommending for delisting the property from the Heritage List also added that the construction of the building mentioned in the Heritage List happened around the Year 1944 - 50 where the families of two brothers Asuman Dasgupta and Dhritiman Dasgupta resided in their respective areas. He further stated that the families should sit together and resolve their internal disputes.

02 (two) members stated that the property in discussion may remain in the existing Heritage List. One of them stated that Late Asuman Dasgupta was associated with the Maharaja and in that sense his residence has some intangible heritage value. He also stated that the alleged construction is in the extension part of the said building which had been in possession of Sri Bhaskar Dasgupta, son of late Dhritiman Dasgupta.

It is resolved in the meeting that the Enquiry report along with the Annexures and the view of the District Heritage Committee will be sent to the West Bengal Heritage Commission.

7. **Observation on WPA 997 of 2021 regarding enlistment of Dev Bakshi Bari in the Heritage List-** as the District Heritage Committee is made a party in this case, the matter is discussed in the meeting of District Heritage Committee on 26.08.2021, all the members have recommended that the property in discussion may be dropped from the existing Heritage list as that the current building that stands there does not have any tangible heritage or archaeological value and being a private property.
8. **Comprehensive Covered Drainage Network at Cooch Behar town --Drainage Contour Map Survey and DPR etc.** are completed and MED has already sent the detailed estimate after obtaining the concurrence from the Chairman, Board of Administrator, Cooch Behar Municipality to the Chief Engineer, MED at Kolkata for necessary vetting. After the vetting being completed, it would be sent to UD&MA Department for Administrative Approval and Financial sanction.
9. **Annual maintenance of Heritage Buildings-** Annual maintenance of 11 Heritage Buildings along with the removal of weeds and other minor cleaning at Sagardighi Square by using physical and chemical treatments had already been taken up.  
It is informed from the District Heritage Cell that further activities will be taken up for maintenance of the Buildings of Jenkins School and College Hostel, Magazine Building, Govt. Press Building in the form of de-weeding such as ferns, banyan & pakur trees etc. and complete eradication of any weeds in near future in the buildings along with complete cleaning of the jungles and trees over the buildings by using physical and chemical treatments along with the removal of weeds and other minor cleaning at Sagar Dighi Square by using physical and chemical treatments. The members have praised these initiatives of the District Heritage Cell.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

  
District Magistrate  
Cooch Behar

Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee



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Memo No.: G/ 588/14 Heritage-II

Date: 14/03/2022

From : The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar

To : 1. Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar Cooch Behar  
2. Executive Engineer MED, Cooch Behar  
3. District-Sub Registrar, Cooch Behar  
4. Special LAO, Cooch Behar  
5. DMDC in Charge Disaster Management, Cooch Behar  
6. Executive Officer, Municipality Cooch Behar  
7. Regional Transport Office, Cooch Behar  
8. Regional Manager WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar  
9. Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar Treasury-I  
10. District Project Officer, ICDS, Cooch Behar  
11. District Information and Cultural Officer, Cooch Behar  
12. Regional Manager, BSNL, Cooch Behar  
13. Branch Manager, SBI Sagar Dighi Branch  
14. Secretary/ President, Bar Association, Cooch Behar

**Sub: - Meeting of regarding Sustainable Development around Sagar Dighi Square**

Madam/sir,

This is for your kind information that a meeting is convened on 15.03.2022 at 5:15 PM at the Conference Hall-1 Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar regarding Sustainable Development around Segar Dighi Square.

You are hereby requested to attend the meeting on stipulated date and time with the map of your Office Building accordingly.

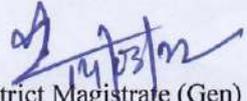
Yours Faithfully

  
Addl. District Magistrate (Gen)  
Cooch Behar

Date: 14/03/2022

Memo No.: G/ 588 (14) (5) / Heritage (ii)  
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1. The Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar with a request to send one Competent Officer in the meeting with the Map of his Office.
2. MD, NBSTC, Cooch Behar with a request to send one Competent Officer in the meeting with the Map of his Office.
3. DMDC in Charge, Heritage Cell, Cooch Behar
4. NDC, Cooch Behar with a request to arrange for Conference Hall-I
5. CA to the District Magistrate, District Magistrate

  
Addl. District Magistrate (Gen)  
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"NAGARAYAN", DF-8, Sector-1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064

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No. : 909-TCP/C-2/2C- 11/2017

Dated, Kolkata, 02.05.2022

From: The Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

- To:
1. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
  2. The Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission
  3. The Addl. Secretary (Budget), UD&MA Deptt.
  4. The Chief Engineer, MED
  5. The SE, MED, Coochbehar Div.
  6. The Executive Engineer, GCM
  7. The Executive Officer, Coochbehar Municipality
  8. Prof. S. Chattopadhyay, Dept. of ARP, IIT Kharagpur

Sub: Minutes of the meeting on various issues of Coochbehar Heritage Town held on 28.04.2022 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference hall of Nagarayan, Kolkata 700064

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of meeting on the various projects of Coochbehar Heritage Town held on 28.04.2022 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference hall of Nagarayan, Kolkata 700064, for your kind perusal and taking necessary action.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully

Joint Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal

No. : 909/3-TCP/C-2/2C- 11/2017

Dated, Kolkata, 02.05.2022

Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Town Planner of this Department
2. The OSD to the Hon'ble MIC of this Department
3. Prof. Arjun Mukherjee, IIT Kharagpur
4. The Sr. PS. to the Pr. Secretary of this Department.

Joint Secretary to the  
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## Minutes of the meeting on Coochbehar Heritage Town

Date: 28.04.2022 at 11.30 A.M.

Venue: 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Hall of Nagarayan Kolkata - 64

*(Copy of the Attendance Sheet of the members present in the meeting enclosed)*

### Virtual attendance

- The Dy. Magistrate & The Heritage Cell of DM Coochbehar
- The EO ,Coochbehar Municipality
- The EE MED Coochbehar Division
- The SE MED Coochbehar Division

The meeting was chaired by the Joint Secretary of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.

The Joint Secretary of UD&MA Department initiated the discussion, and the subsequent points were taken up followed by decisions as given below: -

- To avoid unnecessary delay, Before sending formal proposal for AA&FS, the concerned Engineer of MED, who are preparing the project proposal under the District Administration, may share the project details by (whatsapp /email) to Executive Engineer of the Green City Mission Cell of this department and may discuss the same so that any doubts / proposed modifications, shortcomings may be addressed promptly and then the formal proposal may be submitted.
- Against the observation of the Green City Mission section of this Department, the observations against proposals for AA&FS which have already been issued but yet to be complied, may be submitted after sharing the replies informally by whatsapp / email to the Executive Engineer, Green City Mission and after proper reconciliation, so that the formal reply can be accepted without and further correspondance.
- The status and issues of all the existing scheme of Coochbehar Heritage Town are updated and discussed. A compiled report is annexed herewith.
- The Professors of IIT Kharagpur may be invited for presentation of LUMR & Draft LUDCP to the District Administration, in presence of newly formed board of Coochbehar Planning Authority and Heritage Committee at Coochbehar along with following agenda,-
  - Discussion on finalization of LUMR and publication of final gazette notification
  - Observation and discussion on LUDCP

- Overview of the Heritage Management Plan
- Discussion of preparation of notification for levying Development charge u/s 102 and 103 of the WBT&C(P&D) Act 1979.
- An orientation on several activities and manual of Heritage Town such as giving development permission u/s 46, levying dev charges u/s 103 etc.
- Discussion on implementation of Action area Plan- Sagardighi and Bairagidighi
- Concerned official of MED and GCM are also invited for inspection at least once at Coochbehar.
- The Dy Magistrate, Coochbehar presented the reply of the query received from FD on schemes of action area plan.
- The issues of restoration of Brahma Samaj building on the bank of the water body was discussed.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

*G. B. S.*

Joint Secretary,  
Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department,  
Government of West Bengal.



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Memo No.: 938(7)<sup>1/N</sup>/G(Heritage)

Date: 28/04/2022

From: The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar

To: 1. Secretary, WB Heritage Commission  
2. Jt Secretary, UD&MA Department  
3. Supdt. Engineer, PWD Civil, Cooch Behar Division  
4. Executive Engineer, PWD Civil, Cooch Behar Division  
5. Executive Engineer, PWD Electrical, Cooch Behar Division  
6. RM, WBSDCL, Cooch Behar  
7. Specialist Team, IIT Kharapur

**Sub : VC Over meeting on Proposals related to Welcome Gate at Cooch Behar Town**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform you that a Meeting over VC will be held on 29.4.2022 at 11:30 AM regarding proposals related to Welcome Gate at Cooch Behar Town as part of Heritage Works in Cooch Behar.

You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the VC at the stipulated date and time and offer your valuable views for further necessary action.

The link of the VC is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2951768943?pwd=dTZ3OHlwdWZAVlhRNElcmkdpG9KQT09>

Meeting ID: 295 176 8943

Passcode: 12345678

Yours faithfully

  
28-04-2022  
For District Magistrate  
Cooch Behar

Memo No.: 938(7)(3)<sup>1/N</sup>/G(Heritage)

Date: 28/04/2022

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality with a request to kindly attend the meeting
2. Dy. Collector-in-Charge, Municipal Affairs, Cooch Behar
3. CA to the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar

  
28.04.2022  
For District Magistrate  
Cooch Behar



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Date: 08/09/2022

Memo No.: G/2191(21)/Heritage(ii)

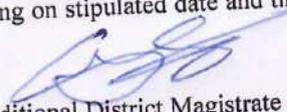
From : The District Magistrate,  
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To:

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2. DWO, Cooch Behar
3. Special LAO, Cooch Behar
4. District Sub-Registrar, Cooch Behar
5. District Manager, SC St & OBC Fin Corp, Cooch Behar
6. Secretary, Debttor Trust Board
7. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality
8. Regional Manager, WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar
9. Regional Transport officer, Cooch Behar
10. Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar Treasury-I
11. Dy Supdt of Police, Traffic, Cooch Behar
12. DMDC in charge Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Office, Cooch Behar
13. District Social Welfare Officer
14. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality
15. DPO, ICDS, Cooch Behar
16. DDMO, Cooch Behar
17. DICO, Cooch Behar
18. IC, Kotwali Police Station, Cooch Behar
19. Regional Manager, BSNL, Cooch Behar
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21. Secretary/President, Bar Association, Cooch Behar

**Sub: Sustainable Development around Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi Action Area**

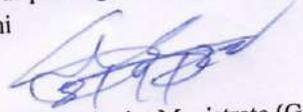
This is for your kind information that a meeting regarding Sustainable Development around Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi Action Area is convened on 12.09.2022 at 2:30 PM at Conference Hall-I of DM Office, Cooch Behar.  
You are hereby requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting on stipulated date and time with the map of your Office accordingly.

  
Additional District Magistrate (Gen)  
Cooch Behar

Dated: 08/09/2022

Memo No: G/2191(21)/1(6)/Heritage(ii)  
Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Supdt of Police, Cooch Behar with a request to instruct Dy SP Traffic and IC Kotwali to attend the meeting with the Traffic Movement details and Plan of Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi Action Area
2. MD, NBSTC with a request to send one competent Officer in the meeting
3. Exe Engineer, PWD with a request to give the presentation with the details of the Road and Drains around Sagar Dighi and bairagi Dighi
4. Exe Engineer, ~~ME~~ D with a request to give the presentation with the details of the Car parking, Boundary Walls, Designs and proposed Illumination Plan & Electric Lines around Sagar Dighi and bairagi Dighi
5. NDC with a request to arrange the Conference Hall-I
6. CA to District Magistrate, Cooch Behar

  
Additional District Magistrate (Gen)  
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Memo No: G/ 25446 Heritage (viii)

Dated: 10/11 /2022

From: District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

To:

1. Executive Officer, PWD Civil, Cooch Behar
2. Executive Officer, MED, Cooch Behar
3. Regional manager, WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar
4. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality
5. Dy Supdt of Police, Traffic, Cooch Behar
6. IC, Kotwali Police Station, Cooch Behar

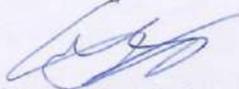
**Sub: Meeting regarding Illumination and other issues regarding sustainable development of Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi Action Area**

**Ref: No: 45/eE (EH)/komdA Cooch Behar/s0-o8/2022-13 dated 4.11.2022 from Chief Engineer, EM Sector, KMDA**

With reference to above, this is for your kind information that the Engineering Team of KMDA will be visiting Cooch Behar for physical inspection of Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi Action Area for Illumination work and in this respect a meeting is scheduled on 14.11.2022 at 4.00AM/PM at Conference Hall-I of the Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar

You are hereby requested to attend the meeting along with all required database, map etc.

Enclosed: As stated.

  
Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
Cooch Behar

Memo No: G/ 25446/1(6) /Heritage (viii)

Dated: 10/11 /2022

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Supdt of Police, Cooch Behar with a request to spare IC Kotwali and Dy SP Traffic for the meeting
2. Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality
3. Supdt Engineer, KMDA
4. DM&DC in-Charge, Heritage Section, Cooch Behar.
5. NDC, cooch Behar with a request to arrange for the meeting hall and refreshment
6. CA to District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.

  
Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
Cooch Behar

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION WORK AT SAGAR  
DIGHI & BAIRAGI DIGHI ACTION AREA BEING UNDERTAKEN BY KMDA**

Date: 14.11.2022

Officials present:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar	Sd/-
2	Shiraz Daneshyar, IAS, Additional District Magistrate(G), Cooch Behar	Sd/-
3	Goutam Roy, Supdt Engineer, KMDA	Sd/-
4	Krishnendu Dasgupta, EE, PWD, Cooch Behar Division	Sd/-
5	Suman Sarkar, EE, MED, Cooch Behar Division	Sd/-
6	Md Ansar Alam, Divisional Manager, WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar Division	Sd/-
7	Wrik Saptashaw, WBCS Exe., Dy Magistrate & Dy Collector, Cooch Behar	Sd/-
8	Dr. Chandan Das, Deputy Superintendent of Police, HQ, Cooch Behar	Sd/-
9	Amitava Das, Inspector of Police, Kotwali PS, Cooch Behar	Sd/-

The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar initiated discussion by welcoming all Officials present in the meeting. The Meeting was in line with the Task Force constituted as per instructions of the UD&MA Department in the earlier Review Meeting held in March 2022. Designs of Lights at road side, parking area, boundary walls, bollards, etc. and the designs of light posts were already finalized earlier before KMDA floated the 1st tender earlier in 2022. Presently, KMDA is examining the changes in scope of work before the 2<sup>nd</sup> call/fresh tender. The following points were discussed in the Meeting:

1. KMDA Officials apprised that they already visited the worksite locations with MED, PWD and WBSEDCL Officials and have intimated that the NIT will be called immediately and the work shall be done in close coordination with MED, PWD & WBSEDCL.

**a. For Sagar Dighi Action Area:**

The scope of illumination proposed by KMDA was as follows:

- 3 meter high Victorian Pole for Pathway
- 2.5 meter high footlight for Pedestrian Pathway
- Bollard Light to segregate the two Pathways
- Footlights on all seating spaces around the Dighi
- Mobile Charging Points
- Digital Advertisement Boards

However, on the basis of the field inspection by the Executing Agencies, it is proposed that **Street Light with Decorative Poles on all four sides of Sagar Dighi and the road adjoining Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi with sufficient illumination will be installed only**. This was done keeping in mind that decorative street lighting would be more than adequate for the intended purpose and excessive lighting might disturb vehicles, visitors and pedestrians. It was also proposed to **not have any footlights** on seating spaces around the Dighi, **no requirement of Mobile Charging Points**, and install backlit Digital Advertising Boards with rolling frames instead of high-cost LED Digital Boards. This reduces the scope of work and substantially decreases the cost estimate and subsequent financial burden of recurring electricity bill.

**b. For Bairagi Dighi Action Area:**

The scope of illumination proposed by KMDA was as follows:

- 5 meter high Victorian Pole for Pathway
- Bollard for Parking Area
- Bollard Light along the proposed Pathway around the Dighi
- Facade Lighting at Sadharan Brahma Samaj
- 3 meter high Victorian Pole around the Dighi for area lighting
- Footlight in the integrated seating, steps, and posts of arcade structures

However, on the basis of the field inspection by the Executing Agencies, it is proposed that **Street Light with Decorative Poles on roads and parking area from Bairagi Dighi to Sagar Dighi, Short height Decorative Pole around Pathway, Bollard on the Grassy area, RGB Light on the inside Railing of Bairagi Dighi, Footlight in the integrated seating, steps, and posts of arcade structures to be installed.** It is proposed that two-tier lighting proposed on walkway would be replaced by only single-tier system with lighting on the outside of the walkway, bearing in mind that sufficient lighting would be available in the new system. Facade Lighting at Brahma Samaj Area may be kept within the scope of work.

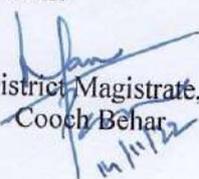
c. **For Facade Lighting:** only the following buildings are proposed:

- Building around Sagar Dighi (DM Office-old building, Victor Palace, RTO Office (Old), Court Inspector Office, Special LAO Office, Court Building, DSR Building, SDO Office Building, Treasury Building, DLLRO Office Building, Old Election Building, Revenue Inspector Building entire stretch)
- Building around Bairagi Dighi- (Anandamayee Dharmashala, Madan Mohan Temple, Kalyan Bhawan, District Library)
- Statues around Bairagi Dighi and Sagar Dighi

The other buildings may not be kept in the scope of work. This would further decrease the cost estimate and subsequent financial burden of recurring electricity bill.

2. **For both Sagar Dighi and Bairaghi Dighi, a zig zag pattern of light poles with increased cone of light was found to be effective.** This would maintain necessary required levels of luminosity on the streets/roads and also reduce the requirement of number of light poles and prevent undue obstruction on road for both pedestrians and vehicles. It was surmised that scope of work was significantly reduced from the initial design as both the light poles and electric illumination fittings are reduced in the reworked designs.
3. For sustainable heritage area development NGT and WBPCB recommended use of Solar Energy in the Heritage Action Area for electrical illumination and provide for the Area's CCTV coverage. The installation of Solar Rooftop Panels is being taken up separately from District end for seeking AAFS through convergence of funds from other sources. However, the following needs to be incorporated within the scope of illumination work being done by KMDA for their successful implementation:
  - i. **Net Metering instead of conventional Electric Meters for measuring electricity consumption** of Electrical illumination of these Action Areas and Facade Lightning of mentioned Heritage Buildings may be done. This would allow Grid Feedback from Solar Rooftop Panels and substantially reduce electricity bills thus making these projects sustainable and cost efficient for different State Government Department Offices located around Sagardighi and street-lighting bills for Cooch Behar Municipality. It may be noted that Net Metering is a standard option and widely in use for various projects executed by the State Government for various Solar Rooftop Projects. In case required, the assistance of WBSEDCL may be utilized by KMDA for estimate calculation for replacing conventional Electric Meters with Net Meters.
  - ii. **Additional Wiring to Provision for CCTV installation:** Some additional concealed wiring alongside existing wiring of KMDA may be incorporated by KMDA in their scope of work as a Provision for CCTV installation. This would not cost much as it is just additional wires along with the other cables being layed by KMDA. It would be difficult to do concealment of these cables separately otherwise at a later stage when CCTVs are being installed and help address the mandatory recommendations made by NGT and WBPCB.
4. It was emphasized that **all Agencies shall prepare their point wise date wise Activity Calendar and share with each other** for smooth coordination and execution of all works.

The meeting ended with thanks to all present.

  
District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar  
14/11/22

Memo No: G1/2558/1(10)/Heritage(ii)

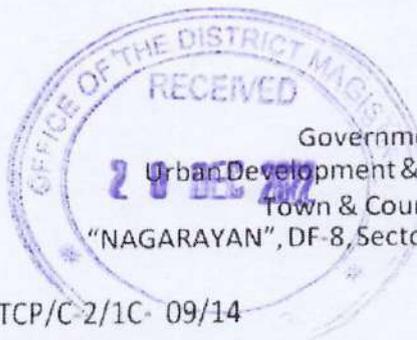
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2. PS to CEO, KMDA.
3. Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar.
4. Superintending Engineer, KMDA.
5. DM&DC in-Charge, Heritage Section, Cooch Behar.
6. Executive Engineer, PWD Civil, Cooch Behar.
7. Executive Engineer, MED, Cooch Behar.
8. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality.
9. Regional Manager, WBSEDCL, Cooch Behar.
10. CA to District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.

  
Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
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No. :2330- TCP/C-2/1C- 09/14

Dated, Kolkata, 19.12.2022

From: The Addl. Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

- To :
1. The Managing Director, WBTDCL
  2. The Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission
  3. The District Magistrate, Coochbehar
  4. The District Magistrate, Nadia
  5. The Director SUDA
  6. The Chief Engineer MED
  7. The Executive officer, Coochbehar Municipality
  8. The Executive officer, Nabadwip Municipality

Sub: Minutes of review meeting held on 9.12.2022 at 2.00 pm in the 6th Floor Conference Hall of Nagarayan, DF-8 , Salt Lake, Kol-64, related to Heritage Issues of Coochbehar and Nabadwip Towns;

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to forward herewith the minutes of meeting held on 9.12.2022 at 2.00 pm at the 6th Floor Conference Hall, Nagarayan, DF-8 , Salt Lake, Kol-64, for your kind perusal and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As stated

Approved  
19/12/2022

Addl. Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal

No. :2330/1- TCP/C-2/1C- 09/14

Dated, Kolkata, 19.12.2022

Copy forwarded with enclosure for kind information and taking necessary action to:-

1. The Addl. Secretary (Budget) of this Department
2. The Addl. Secretary (MA) of this Department
3. Sri Supriyo Maity, DG, KMDA
4. The Chief Town Planner of this Department
5. The Chief Engineer (Electrical) KMDA
6. The SE, Green City Mission of this Department
7. The SE, MED (Coochbehar Division)
8. The OSD to the Hon'ble MIC of this Department
9. The PS to Chairman, WBHC & Chief Advisor of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, WB.
10. The PS to the CEO KMDA
11. The PS to the Secretary, Tourism Department
12. The PS to the Secretary, Information & Cultural Affairs Department
13. The PS to the Secretary, Public Work Department
14. The Sr. PS. to the Pr. Secretary of this Department.

Please keep in  
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27.12.22

Approved  
19/12/2022

Addl. Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal

**Minutes of the Review meeting related to Heritage issues of Coochbehar and Nabadwip towns**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at 2.00 P.M.

Venue: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Hall of Nagarayan Kolkata -64.

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**Attended in Person:**

1. Sri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, West Bengal Heritage Commission
2. Shri Khalil Ahmed IAS, Principal Secretary, UD and MA Dept., West Bengal
3. The Secretary Tourism Department
4. The Director SUDA
5. The Secretary WBHC & team
6. The Addl. Secretaries – Planning and Budget of UD&MA Dept.
7. The Chief Engineer MED
8. The Secretary MED
9. The ADM & OCMA, Coochbehar
10. The ADM (G), Nadia
11. The DG KMDA & team
12. The Chief Town Planner & team of Planning Wing, UD&MA Department
13. The SE Green City Mission & team

Attendance sheet is enclosed as **Annexure I**.

**Attended in online (VC) mode"**

1. Sri Santanu Basu, IAS, Secretary, I&CA Deptt. & Chairman & Managing Director, WBSEDCL
2. The Director, I&CA Deptt.
3. The District Magistrate Coochbehar
4. The District Magistrate Nadia
5. The ADM (ZP), Nadia
6. The Chairman, Nabadwip
7. The Chairman, Coochbehar
8. The Exe. Engineer, Public Works Department, Coochbehar Division
9. MED, Coochbehar Division

The meeting was chaired by Sri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of the West Bengal Heritage Commission, former Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal and Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal. He welcomed all and initiated discussion on the actions taken so far for declaration of Coochbehar and Nabadwip as Heritage Towns and further actions, if any, needed to achieve the goal.

A brief presentation was made by UD&MA Department in this regard. Respective District Magistrates and Chairpersons of Municipalities (Chairpersons of Planning Authorities as well) participated in the discussion and elaborated the actions taken.

Those are placed below in brief:

- (i) In accordance with the provisions of the letter vide no. 1486/Pr.S/ICA, dated 11.05.2017 from Department of Information & Culture Affairs, GoWB, the Department of Urban Development

4. Heritage Management Plan
5. Detailed list and description of the tangible and intangible Heritage sites Action area Plans

Present Land Use Map & Register (LUMR) has been Published and Notified on 17.07.2022 and Adopted by the Nabadwip Planning Authority

Present Land Use Map & Register has been Published and Notified on 21.09.2022 and Adopted by the Coochbehar Planning Authority

Draft LUDCPs were presented before the District Heritage Committee on 14.5.22 (Coochbehar) and on 06.04.2022 (Nabadwip) by IIT, Kharagpur and IEST, Shibpur, respectively on behalf of and in presence of the concerned Planning Authority.

The Draft LUDCP of Nabadwip Heritage Planning Area has already been received by UD & MA Department and the same for Coochbehar ready and would be received on 12.12.2022. The draft publication would be made within one week.

Status of projects		Nabadwip	Coochbehar
Installation of Plaque	No. of Heritage Sites	102	154{155-1(in compliance of order of Hon'ble Court)}
	Plaque installed	20	41
	Installation of Plaque under process	36	15
Progress of work- Heritage Gate		Design has been finalized. DPR has been submitted to UD & MA Department for AA&FS.  Implementing Authority: KMDA	Design finalized, DPR was prepared and AA&FS was issued by UD & MA Department.  Implementing Authority: PWD  Utility Shifting related to Heritage Welcome Gate at Khagrabari entry point of Cooch Behar Town completed.  Heritage Welcome Gate at Khagrabari entry point of Cooch Behar Town - 10% completed

**(C) Making provision for preservation and promotion of Heritage under the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993 by making necessary amendments:**

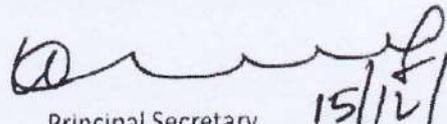
- a. Definitions with respect to Heritage were added the following:
  1. The West Bengal Municipal (Amendment) Act, 2019 (In Section 2, Clause 22A) vide Gazette Notification On Tuesday, January 7, 2020 &
  2. The West Bengal Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2019 (In Section 2, Clause 41) vide Gazette Notification on Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

Through the notification, Cultural Heritage, Heritage Area, Heritage Precinct, Heritage Zone, Historic Urban Landscape, Natural Heritage and Urban Heritage were defined.

- b. Heritage Conservation Committee:

- (i) prepare a consolidated list of the already identified and declared heritage sites and send the same with recommendation of the concerned Planning Authority and District Heritage Committee to the UD & MA Department. UD & MA Department would send the list to the West Bengal Heritage Commission.
- (ii) send a proposal along with minutes of the meetings of the Planning Authority (municipality) and the District Heritage Committee, proposing declaration of the Coochbehar and Nabadwip as heritage town and justifying the same by highlighting the rich heritage, giving appropriate references of all the actions taken by different Department, District Authorities, Municipalities, Directorates, WBHC and other stakeholders till date towards preservation, conservation of Heritage of the towns and its heritage buildings, site, precincts and preparations of all the documents. It was requested to send such recommendation to the UD&MA Deptt. within 7 (seven) days.
- The Pr Secretary, UDMA has directed the Planning Cell of the Deptt to take necessary action for giving approval for publication of the Draft LUDCPs of Nabadwip and Coochbehar Towns for public validation under section 36 of the WBT&C(P&D) Act 1979 subject to incorporation of few minor modifications, which are still required to be accommodated in the proposed LUDCPs.
  - The Chairman, Coochbehar Planning Authority and the DM, Coochbehar has been requested to forward the final Draft LUDCP to the UD&MA Department for taking onward actions in this regard by 12.12.2022.
  - In case of Nabadwip, necessary documents and information are required for all listed 102 no. of heritage precincts and the District Authority should take necessary actions towards this and forward the same to UD&MA Deptt. and the same would be sent by the UD & MA Department to the West Bengal Heritage Commission ( WBHC).
  - As agreed upon, in the Plaque, detailed information/ disputed historical facts need not be mentioned, only a very brief identification statement might be on the plaque.
  - Both the District Magistrates have been requested to take necessary action regarding installation of the Plaques of the remaining Heritage Structures, Buildings, Precincts at the earliest, if possible within 15 days.
  - The Secretary, Tourism Deptt. suggested that the recommendation and resolution of the District Heritage Committee was required for the proposed projects (Boutique hotel/ tourism promotional activities) under Tourism Deptt.
  - Steps may be taken to promote the Rash Mela in Coochbehar for achieving the status of UNESCO Heritage in the larger context of the rich and diverse heritage of Rasmela at different places in West Bengal.
  - In consultation with all concerned, the deadline for installation of Heritage Gate in Coochbehar and Nabadwip was fixed as June, 2023.

There being no other issues for discussion, the meeting was ended with from and to the chair.

  
Principal Secretary, 15/12/22.  
Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department



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Memo No: G-2794B(23)/Heritage

Dated:12/12/2022

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To:

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2. Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar.
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**Sub: Meeting of District Heritage Committee.**

Sir/Madam,

This is for your kind information that a meeting of District Heritage Committee is convened on 14.12.2022 at 4:00 PM at the Lansdowne Hall at the Office of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar regarding Heritage aspects of Cooch Behar Town.

You are requested to kindly attend the meeting on stipulated date and time.

Yours faithfully

Dy Magistrate in Charge Municipal  
Affairs, Cooch Behar

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF COOCH BEHAR DISTRICT HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
14.12.2022 AT 04.00 PM AT THE LANSDOWNE HALL, D.M.'s OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Sri Umakanta Barman, Sabhadhipati, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
2	Sri Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
3	Sri Sumit Kumar, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
4	Sri Shiraz Daneshyar, IAS, Additional District Magistrate (G), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
5	Sri Rabindra Nath Ghosh, Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality	Sd/
6	Sri Rakibur Rahaman, WBCS (Exe.), SDO Cooch Behar Sadar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
7	Sri Wrik Saptashaw, WBCS (Exe.), DM&DC, MA, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
8	Sri Chandan Das, WBPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar	Sd/
9	Sri Biswadeep Mukherjee, WBCS (Exe.), Secretary, Debutter Trust Board and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
10	Sri Suman Sarkar, EE, MED, Cooch Behar Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
11	Sri Krishnendu Dasgupta, EE, PWD, Cooch Behar Division & Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
12	Sri Debananda Mahapatra, District Engineer, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
13	Shri Pranab De, DICO, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
14	Sri Kaushik Das, EE, PWD (Electrical), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
15	Sri Bikash Mandal, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Cooch Behar	Sd/
16	Dr. Neetesh Saxena, Museum-In-Charge, Cooch Behar Rajbari Palace	Sd/
17	Sri Malay Kanti Roy, Retired H.M, Sadar Govt. High School and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
18	Sri Nripendra Nath Pal, Historian, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
19	Sri Kumar Supriya Narayan, Secretary Cooch Behar Royal Family Welfare Trust and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/

The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all Members present in the Meeting. After thorough discussion over the Power Point Presentation prepared from District Heritage Cell, the following points were resolved in the Meeting:

**155 sites** of Cooch Behar were finalized as Heritage Sites vide Notification No. 74/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 10.02.2021 of the West Bengal Heritage Commission. After the finalisation of 155 Heritage Sites/Precincts/Monuments, etc. at Cooch Behar Town, one of these sites was delisted by West Bengal Heritage Commission in compliance of the Orders of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court after a discussion on the matter in a previous meeting of the District Heritage Committee. **The WBHC finalized list of Heritage Sites/Precincts/Buildings/Monuments, etc. at present stands at 154.** A no. of initiatives have been taken up in Cooch Behar for conservation, promotion and sustainable development of Cooch Behar's heritage properties, precincts and elements by the Government of West Bengal in consultation with experts from IIT Kharagpur, District Heritage Committee under the aegis of West Bengal Heritage Commission. Some of these include Underground Cabling for several Wards of Cooch Behar Town, restoration of select Heritage Properties, preparation of Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism Plan and its stepwise implementation, projects for sustainable development of Heritage precincts and elements in Cooch Behar Town, construction of Heritage Welcome Gate and Grand Statue of Mahavir Chila Ray on the two arterial entry points of Cooch Behar Town, preparation of Cooch Behar Heritage Promotion Clip, installation of Plaques at various Heritage listed properties, etc. Similarly, many other projects and initiatives are at different stages of execution. Also, the Government of West Bengal has notified the Cooch Behar Planning Area and Cooch Behar Planning Authority covering the entire Cooch Behar Town. The Final Publication of Land Use Map & Register (LUMR) has been made by the Cooch Behar Planning Authority. The Draft Publication of Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP) has been received for development of Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town from the Cooch Behar Planning Authority on 14.12.2022 and the Draft LUDCP provisions have already been discussed at length in the District Heritage Committee in its earlier Meetings. Further, the recommendation of Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality dated 14.12.2022 has been received requesting the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar to consider the matter of declaration of the entire Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town. The said proposal is placed before the Members of District Heritage Committee and **all attendees unanimously concurred that the proposal for declaring Cooch Behar as a Heritage Town may be recommended and forwarded to UD&MA Department for further consideration as per Rules.**

The update of **Heritage Site Plaques**: Already plaques have been erected at 41 Heritage Sites selected in the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase and the matter was discussed in previous District Heritage Committee Meetings as well. Draft Write Ups for another 09 sites for Plaque erection have been sent for approval to the West Bengal Heritage Commission. Also as discussed in the last meeting held with WBHC and UD&MA Department on 09.12.2022 vide Memo No 2214-T&CP/C-2/1C-09/2014 dated 25.11.2022, it is informed that for further Plaques, indicative brief description will be provided instead of detailed description. Accordingly, EE, MED, Cooch Behar Division is requested to take up the work of installation of Plaques at all other listed Heritage Sites following due procedure. The funds for these installations would be sought from the West Bengal Heritage Commission.

Update on **Heritage Welcome Gate of Cooch Behar** at Keshab Road, Khagrabari, Near Rony Square Cinema Hall, Cooch Behar was informed in the Meeting. After detailed deliberations in previous Meetings including design, location, etc. the Work has been started after the administrative approval & financial sanction was received from the Government of West Bengal after concurrence from the West Bengal Heritage Commission. Already, the works of Utility Shifting of HT Lines and Water Pipelines around the Gate have been completed by WBSEDCL and PHE. Thereafter, the civil foundation work has been started by PWD. It is expected that the entire work would be completed within June, 2023 as per the approved design.

Update on **Sagar Dighi Action Area Plan and Bairagi Dighi Action Area Plan** was apprised in the Meeting. **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification**— All members of District Heritage Committee are apprised that work is going on in full swing as per the plans prepared by IIT Kharagpur and detailed deliberations about different aspects including designs, colours, heights, materials, etc. in previous Committee Meetings and receipt of Administrative Approval from the Government of West Bengal for Road, Road-side Drain, outer Boundary Walls, Dighi-side railings, facades of the Heritage Buildings, etc. All Executing Agencies (MED, PWD, KMDA) as assigned by the Government of West Bengal for execution of different elements of the work have been directed on multiple occasions to ensure that quality of work and timely execution is ensured on all counts. The work is being actively monitored. All Executing Agencies have also been requested to coordinate their execution and share timelines and detailed layouts, plans, etc. amongst each other and maintain liaison

with all concerned for smooth execution of the work. The Electrification related works taken up from KMDA end as part of the Action Area Plans and are at 2<sup>nd</sup> call stage of tendering as per revised scope of work based on technical observations made by KMDA. For the remaining scope of work as per the Action Area Plans, MED has submitted the revised estimates to UD&MA Department and AA&FS is expected to be received soon.

**Update on Sustainable Development of Water Bodies** – All members are apprised that as discussed in previous District Heritage Committee Meetings, for Sustainable Development of 07 Heritage listed Dighis (Lamba Dighi, Narsingha Dighi, Police Line Dighi, Rajmata Dighi, Fisheries Seed Farm Dighis 1,2, 3) the detailed Estimates have been submitted to the Government of West Bengal for according AA&FS and tendering has been initiated for them as per concurrence obtained. Further, estimate has been prepared by Assistant Director, Fisheries, Cooch Behar and subsequently placed by the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar for approval to the Government of West Bengal for water rejuvenation of 30 Heritage listed Waterbodies/Dighis.

**Update on AV Promo of Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism** – The Promo was launched in April 2022 after the approval of the competent authority of the Government of West Bengal. The matter was discussed in previous Committee Meetings as well. Further, the Tourism Department has been requested to include the Promo in its publicity campaigns and media for wide publicity of the same.

**Update on Cooch Behar Heritage Coffee-Table Book:** The Book has been completed and shall be launched after approval of competent authority. The Tourism Department has been requested for assistance in its publicity.

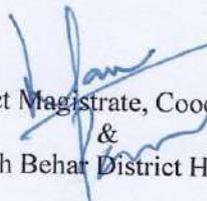
**Update on Sabitri Lodge:** The detailed estimate for essential repairs & renovation of this Heritage listed Property under the control of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar has been placed to the Government of West Bengal for according administrative approval. In today's Heritage Committee Meeting, the Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality proposed for possible use of the Sabitri Lodge to lodge tourists akin to a Dharmashala. The proposal was unanimously accorded concurrence by all attending Members. The ADM (General) was requested to take further necessary action.

**Update on maintenance of Heritage buildings & precincts:** So far, essential maintenance has been undertaken at 17 Buildings & precincts along with physical and chemical treatment. Estimates for some other Buildings that form part of the Heritage Walk have also been prepared and placed for administrative approval to the Government of West Bengal. In all these works, it has been ensured that Heritage conservation & repairing principles are adhered to. The initiatives were appreciated by the attendees in previous District Heritage Committee meetings as well.

**Update on Rajbari Eco Heritage Park:** The DPR has been prepared and placed for development of the Park near Rajbari as a tourist destination to the Government of West Bengal. Administrative approval is expected to be received soon.

Updates about **Integrated Cooch Behar Bus Terminus, Integrated Sports Village, Rajkiya Jaladhar, Cooch Behar Airport, Heritage Marathon**, etc. were also informed in the Meeting and appreciated by all attendees. The proposal placed by the representative of ABN Seal College was asked to be examined for further necessary action by PWD (Social Sector), Cooch Behar. A **new public campaign** is being launched soon by District Administration to **urge people to donate old artefacts, books, furniture, memorabilia of heritage significance for setting up a Heritage Museum** in Cooch Behar. The initiatives were appreciated by all Members.

Having concluded all Agenda, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to all.

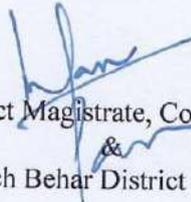
  
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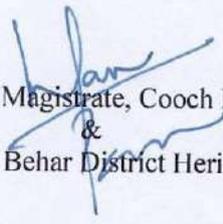
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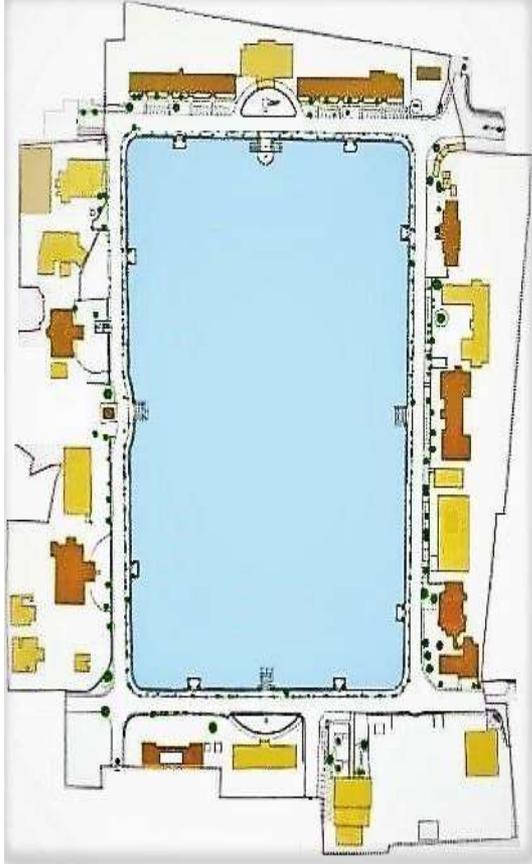
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Detailed Project Report

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## ACTION AREA : CIVIL WORKS

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ROAD & ROAD SIDE DRAIN.

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FOOTPATH, WATER POINT, DISPLAY GALLERY,  
SIGNAGE.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT, BANK PROTECTION.

CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE, ARENA, DECK AND  
REPAIRING OF EXISTING GHATS.

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ALL GREENERY AND BOUNDARY WALL, PARKS AND  
GREENERIES.

CONSTRUCTION OF SHOPS, GENERAL TOILETS,  
PARKING ZONE AND OPEN AIR GALLERY ETC.

RENOVATION OF SURROUNDING OFFICE BUILDINGS  
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## ACTION AREA : ELECTRICAL WORKS

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ELECTRICAL ILLUMINATION.



# Action Plan of Bairagi Dighi and Adjoining Action Area :



View 11: Digital Display Boards are placed between the pedestrian walkway and road



View 12: Exhibition walls are placed between the pedestrian walkway and road





# PHOTOS OF ONGOING WORK- BOUNDARY WALL AND RAILING





# BEAUTIFICATION BAIRAGI DIGHI COOCH BEHAR DETAILED PROJECT REPORT



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## ACTION AREA : CIVIL WORKS

(AA & FS RECEIVED) ROAD & ROAD SIDE PARKING ZONE

(AA & FS RECEIVED) FOOTPATH

(AA & FS RECEIVED) RENOVATION OF BATHING GHAT

(AA & FS RECEIVED) BOUNDARY WALL RAILING & GREENARIES

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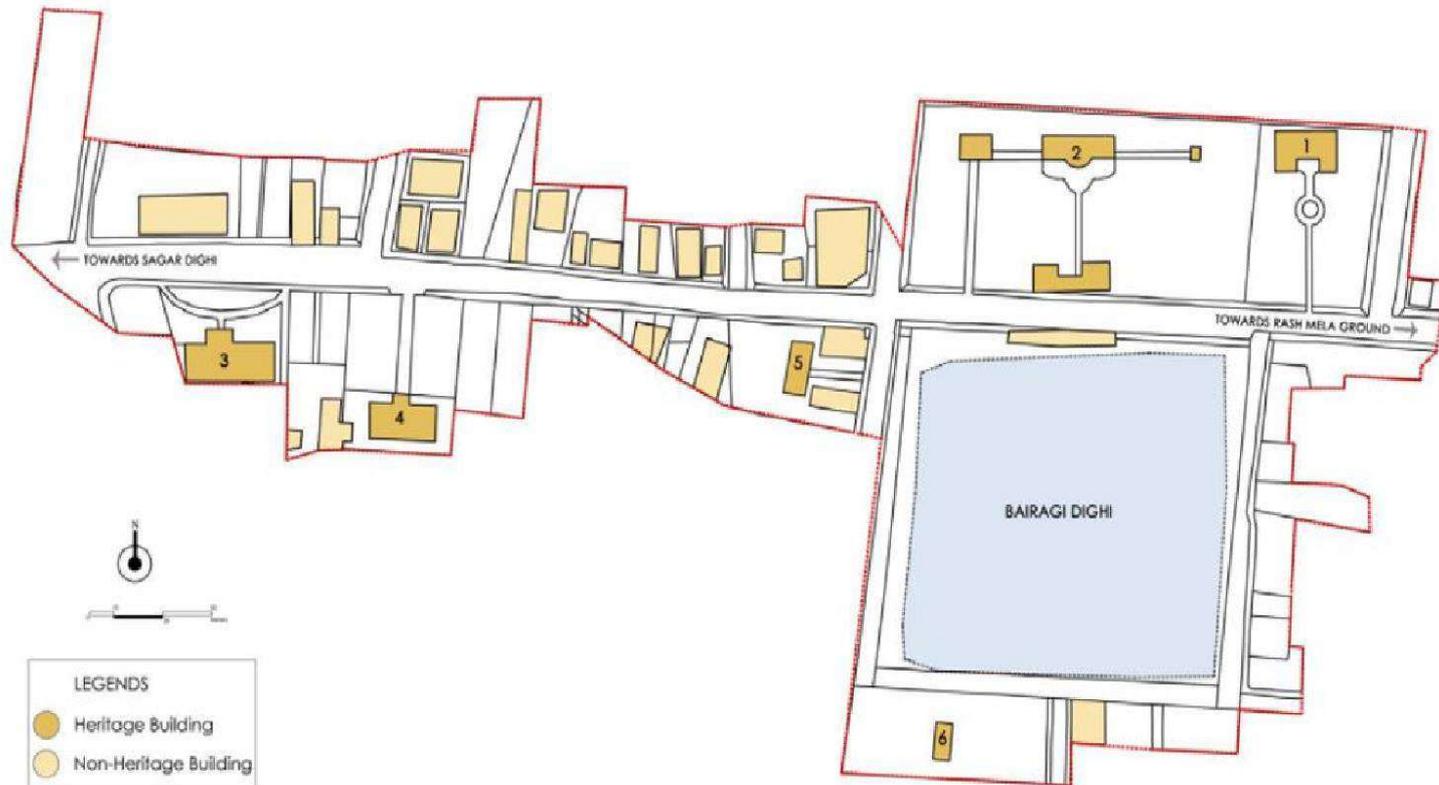
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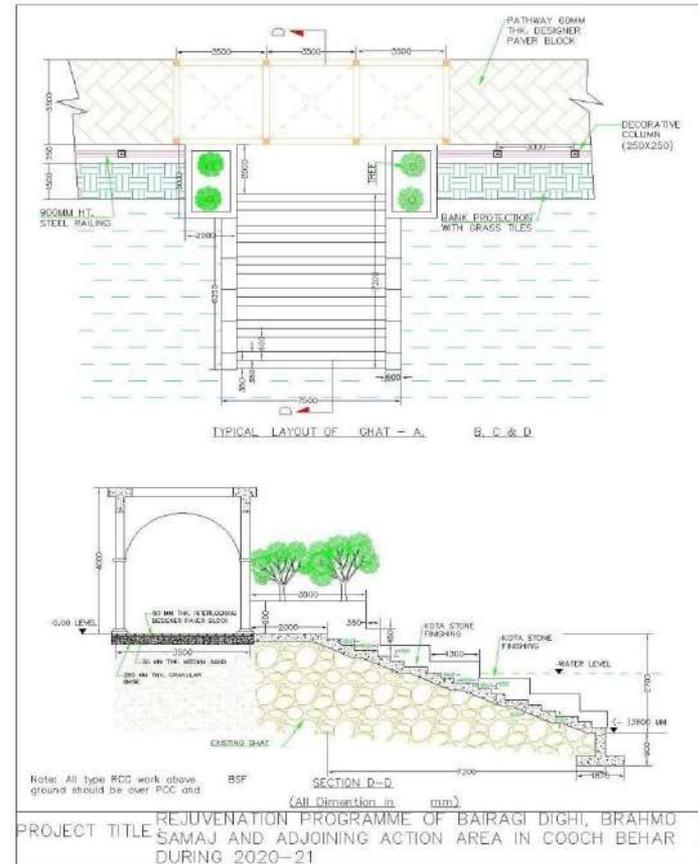
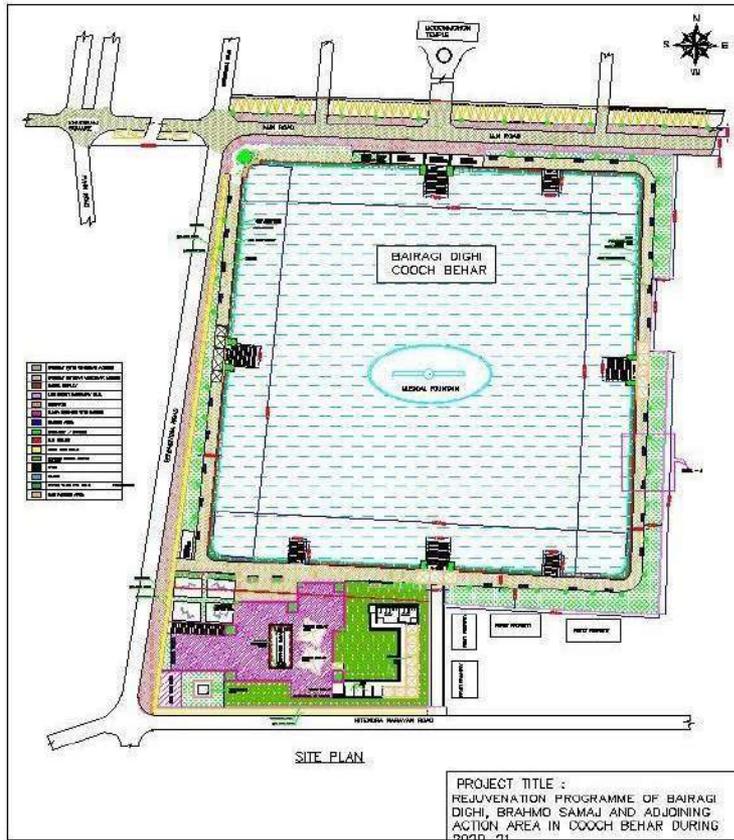
3. Kalyan Bhavan  
4. Parijat Villa

5. Kedar Kutir  
6. Sadharan Brahma Samaj

## Action Plan of Bairagi Dighi and Adjoining Action Area :



# DRAWINGS OF BAIRAGI DIGHI



# ONGOING WORK OF BAIRAGI DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA

SI NO	SCOPE OF WORK		AS & FS AMOUNT	DATE OF WORK ORDER	WORK STATUS	REMARKS
	NAME OF ESTIMATE	DETAILS OF WORK				
1	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL, RAILING & GREENERIES	(I) BOUNDARY WALL OUTSIDE OF DIGHI - SAME AS MADAN MOHON TEMPLE AND BRAMMASAMAJ AREA SAME AS SAGAR DIGHI OFFICE BOUNDARY WALL	18,835,237.00	Work Order issued on 24.12.2021	WORK IN PROGRESS, 80% completed	Outer Boundary Wall of Brama Samajnot started yet, because of Land Disput
		(ii) RAILING AROUND DIGHI (MS ORNAMENTAL GRILL WITH RCC COLUMN 1 M HT.)			WORK IN PROGRESS, 75% completed	
		(iii) GREENERIES & HEDGING			Start after completion of Boundary wall and railing	

## PHOTOS OF ONGOING WORK- BOUNDARY WALL AND RAILING



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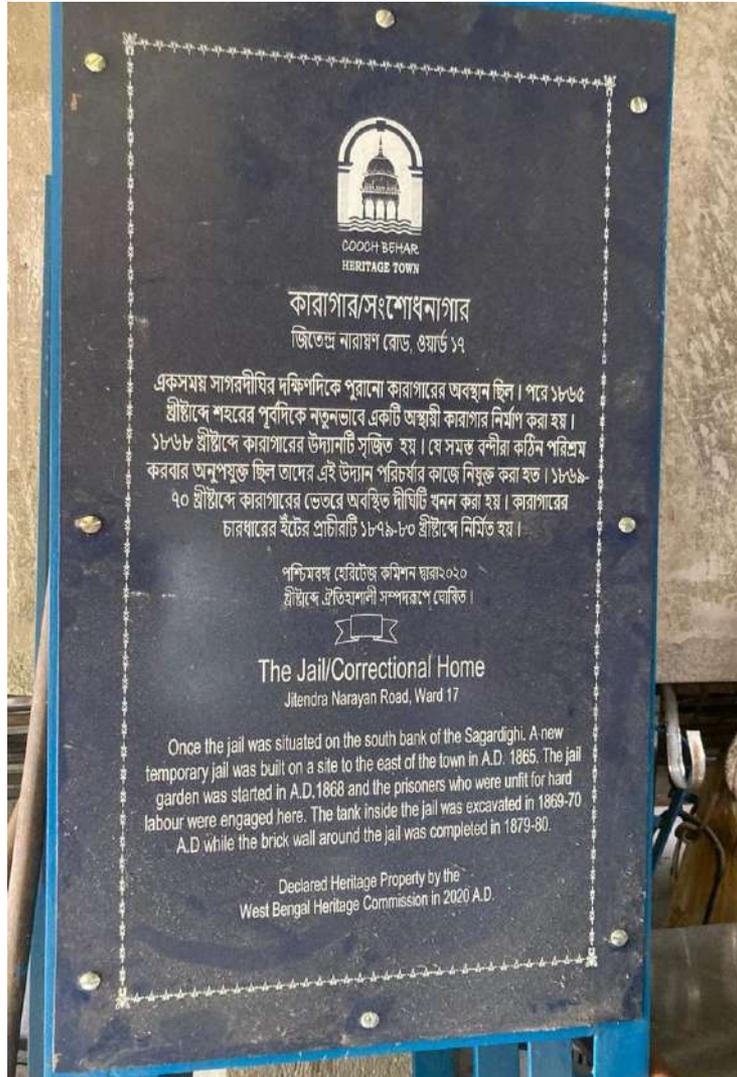


Sl. No.	Description of Heritage Activity/Project/Work	Implementing Agency	Cost involved (in Rupees)	Remarks
4	Notification of Cooch Behar Planning Authority	UD&MA Department District Administration	-	Completed. Land Schedule of Cooch Behar Municipal Area has been notified as Cooch Behar Planning Area. Cooch Behar Municipality has been notified as Cooch Behar Planning Authority.
5	Preparation of Land Use Map and Register (LUMR)	UD&MA Department District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality	-	Completed. Draft Publication done by Cooch Behar Planning Authority. Final Publication done by Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality.

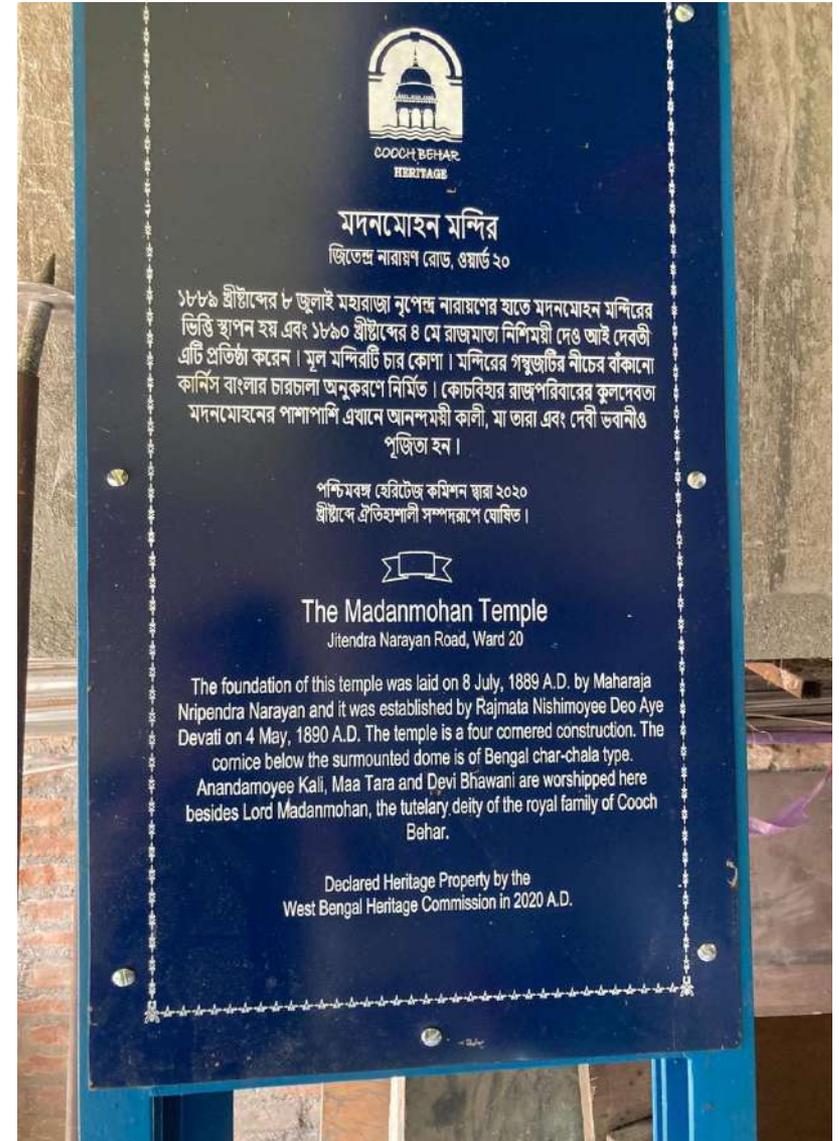
# Heritage Logo



# Heritage Plaque



# Heritage Plaque



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13	Land Use and Development Control Plan (LUDCP) for Cooch Behar Planning Area	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Draft LUDCP prepared. After Final Notification of LUMR, Draft LUDCP has been published by Cooch Behar Planning Authority inviting claims & objections, etc. Training of Cooch Behar Municipality held on LUDCP matters by District Administration and Cooch Behar Planning Authority.
14	Preparation of Heritage Maintenance Manual	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Draft Heritage Maintenance Manual prepared.
16	Preparation of Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism Plan	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Prepared. Submitted to Tourism Department.
19	Cooch Behar Heritage Marathon- for Promotion of Heritage Tourism	Police & District Administration	...	Scheduled on 10.12. 2022
20	Underground Cabling in important areas of Cooch Behar Town for heritage beautification	UD&MA Department District Administration WBSEDCL	65 crore	Completed. Covered Area: 40% of Coochbehar Town (Fully covered wards: 7, 8, 17, 19, 20 & Partially covered wards: 1, 2, 4 , 9, 15, 16)

# Rajkiya Jaladhar



# Rajkiya Jaladhar



# Cooch Behar Heritage Gate



# Cooch Behar Tourism Coffee Table Booklet

## Cooch Behar

The Heart of Heritage



# Mahavir Chila Roy Statue



Proposed Bronze Statue (15 ft. Height) Over Pedestal (8 ft. 6 Inches Height)

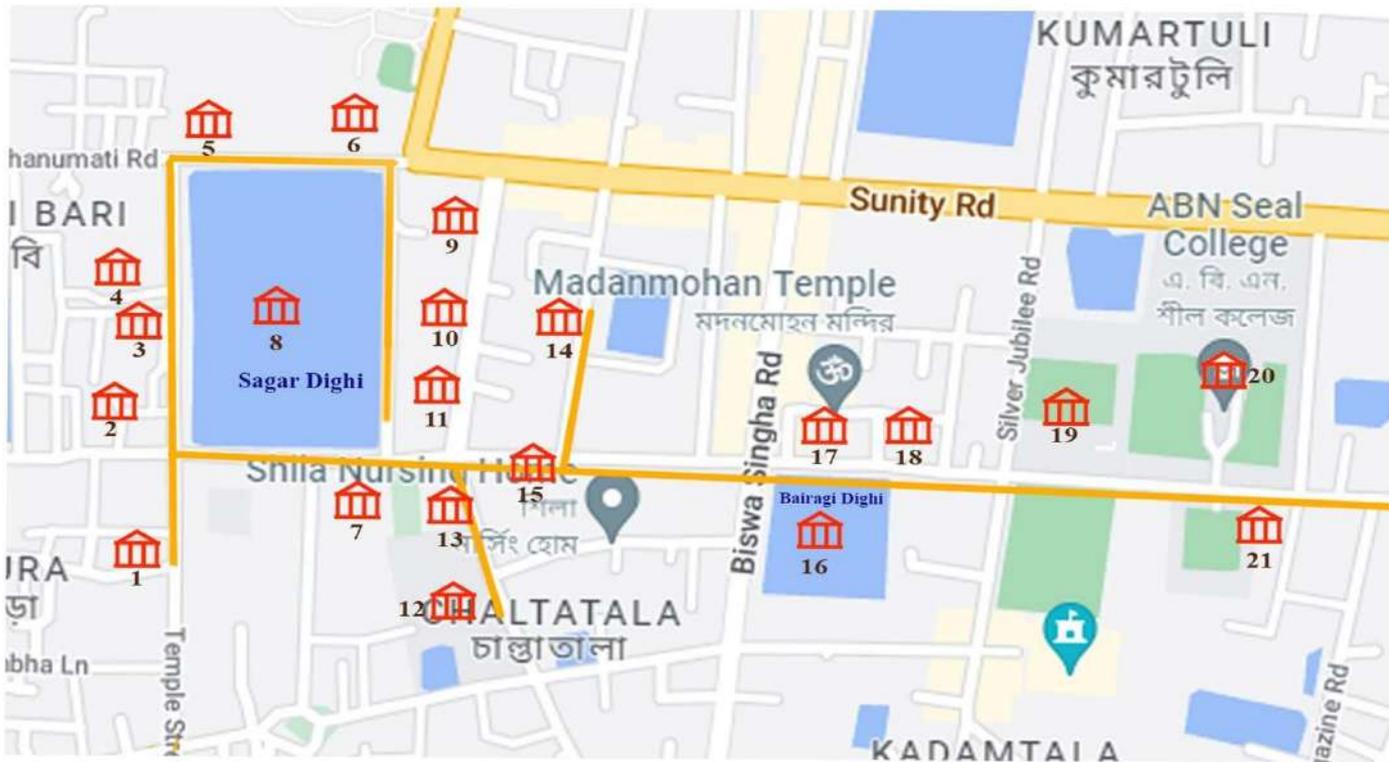
# Mahavir Chila Roy Statue



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# Cooch Behar Heritage Walk

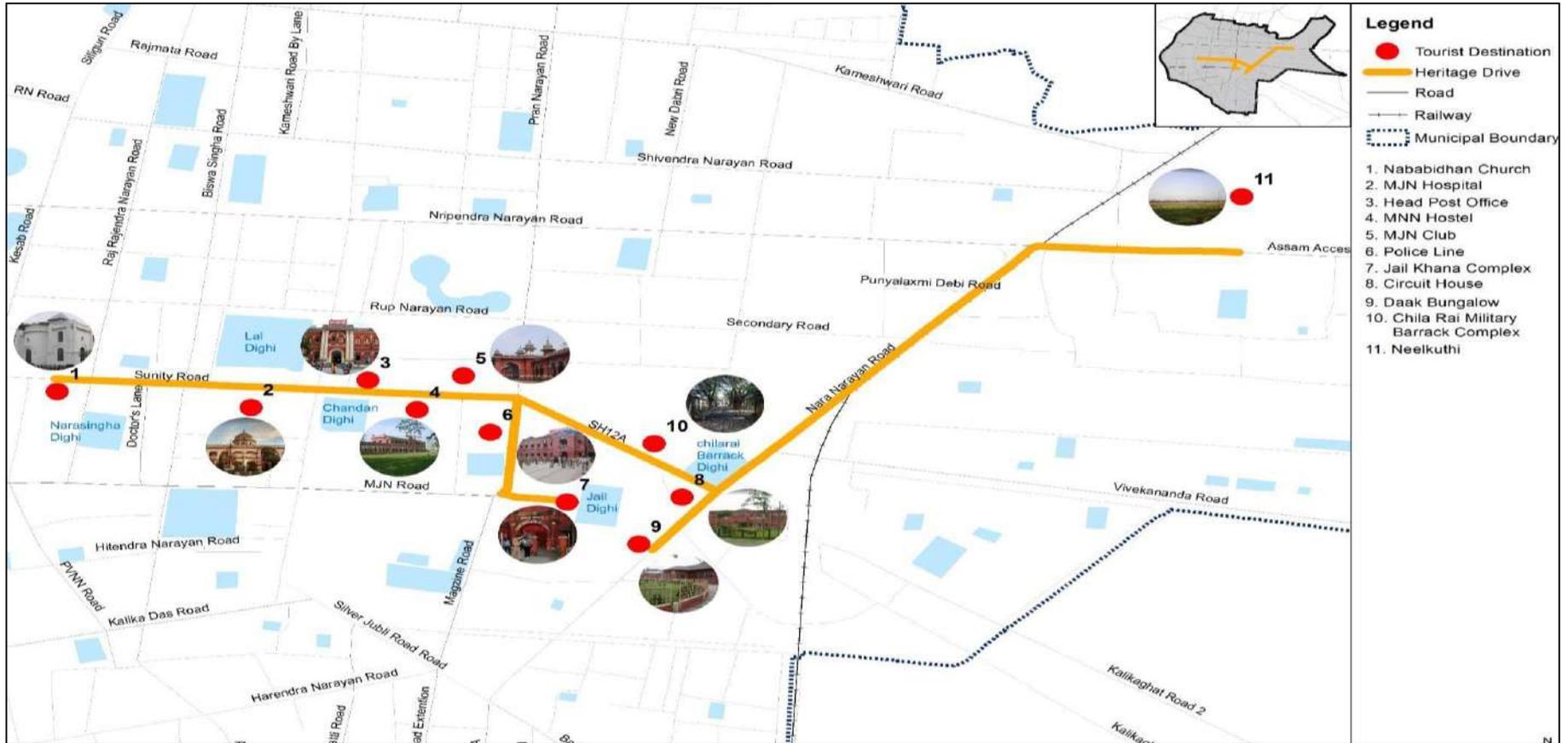
## Heritage Walk - The MAHARAJA EXPERIENCE



1. Sabitri Lodge
2. Lansdowne Hall
3. Hiranyagrava Shiba Temple
4. Victor Palace
5. RTO Office
6. Bar Association
7. District Library
8. Sagar Dighi
9. SDO Office
10. Treasury Office
11. DSW Office
12. Sunity Academy
13. Kalyan Bhawan
14. Bhola Ashram
15. Parijat Vila
16. Bairagi Dighi
17. Madon Mohan Temple
18. Anandamoyee Dharmasala
19. Jenkins School
20. A B N Seal College
21. Police Hospital

# Cooch Behar Heritage Drive

## Heritage Drive



# **Annual maintenance of 11 Heritage Buildings along with the removal of weeds and other minor cleaning at Sagardighi Square by using physical and chemical treatments**

<b>LIST OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS</b>	<b>SPECIFICATION OF WORK</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. DM Office Ancient Building</b></li><li><b>2. RTO Office Building</b></li><li><b>3. SDO Office</b></li><li><b>4. Old Election Office Building</b></li><li><b>5. Kalyan Bhawan (office of DWO and Manager, SC ST Fin Corp)</b></li><li><b>6. Victoria Palace (Rajbangshi Bhasha Academy)</b></li><li><b>7. District Registrar Office Building</b></li><li><b>8. Treasury Building</b></li><li><b>9. Land R.I Office</b></li><li><b>10. Labour Commissioner Office</b></li><li><b>11. Sabitri Lodge</b></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. The buildings are to be protected against weeds such as ferns, banyan &amp; pakur trees etc. And complete eradication of any weeds in near future in the buildings.</b></li><li><b>2. Complete cleaning of Sagardighi Square by using physical and chemical treatments.</b></li><li><b>3. Complete removal and cut down of minor branches of harmful trees.</b></li><li><b>4. Restoration of rain water pipe line</b></li><li><b>5. The tenure of the maintenance will be of 01 year.</b></li></ol>

# **Annual maintenance of 06 Heritage Buildings along with the removal of weeds and other minor cleaning at Heritage Sites by using physical and chemical treatments**

<b>LIST OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS</b>	<b>SPECIFICATION OF WORK</b>
<p><b>Maintenance and De-weeding of 06 Heritage Buildings:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Government Press,</b></li><li><b>2. Rajgun Boarding/Victoria College Hostel,</b></li><li><b>3. Bani Bhawan,</b></li><li><b>4. Maharaja Nripendra Narayan Boys Hostel,</b></li><li><b>5. Tope Khana/Magazine Room,</b></li><li><b>6. Jenkins School</b></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. The buildings are to be protected against weeds such as ferns, banyan &amp; pakur trees etc. And complete eradication of any weeds in near future in the buildings.</b></li><li><b>2. Complete cleaning of Sagardighi Square by using physical and chemical treatments.</b></li><li><b>3. Complete removal and cut down of minor branches of harmful trees.</b></li><li><b>4. Restoration of rain water pipe line</b></li><li><b>5. The tenure of the maintenance will be of 01 year.</b></li></ol>



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**BEFORE MAINTAINANCE & DURING SOME MAINTAINANCE WORK PICTURE**



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RI OFFICE AFTER CLEANING

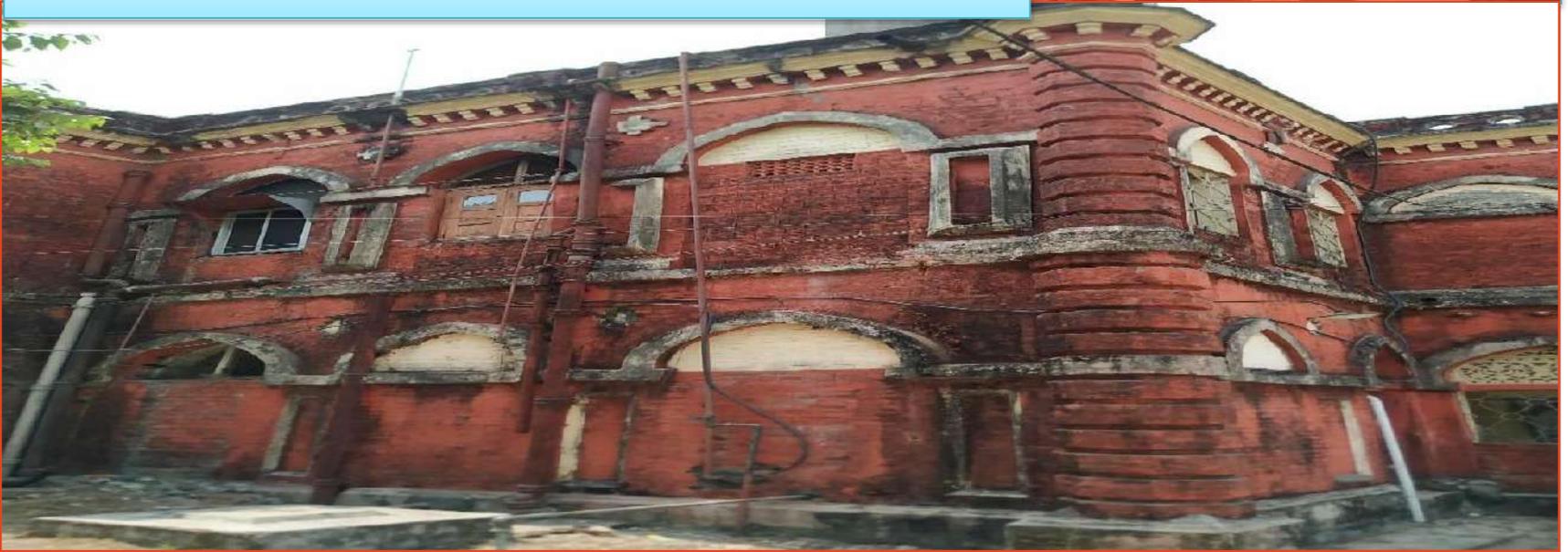


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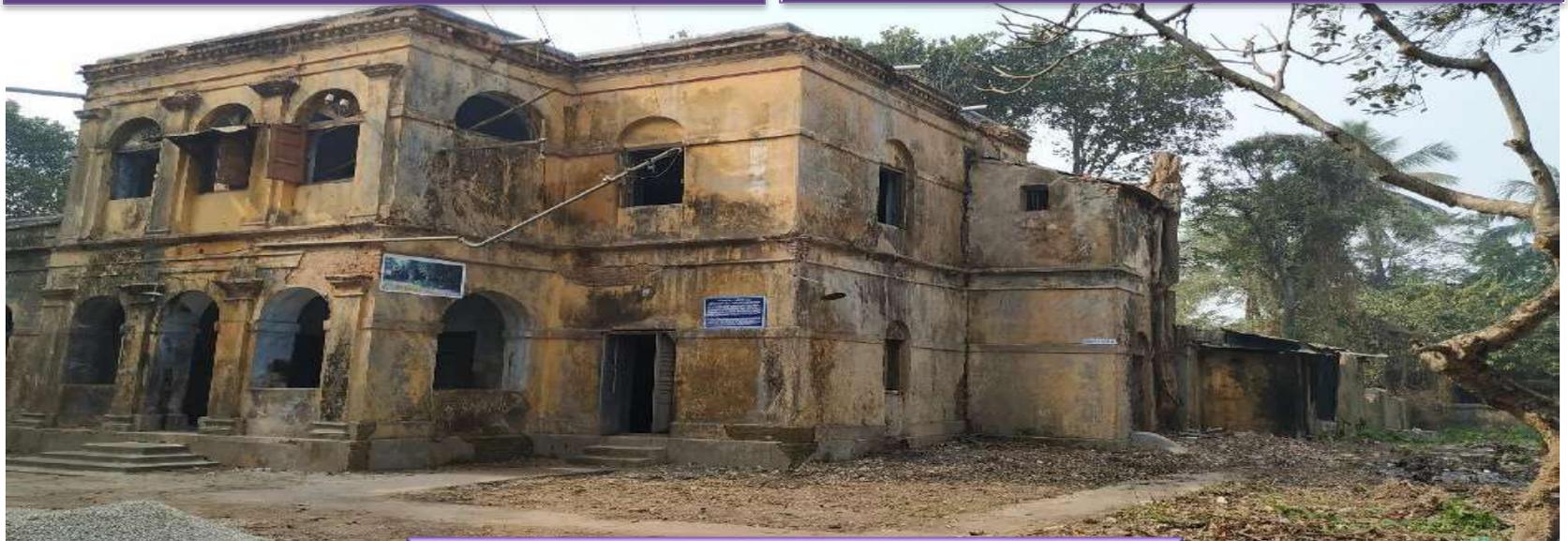




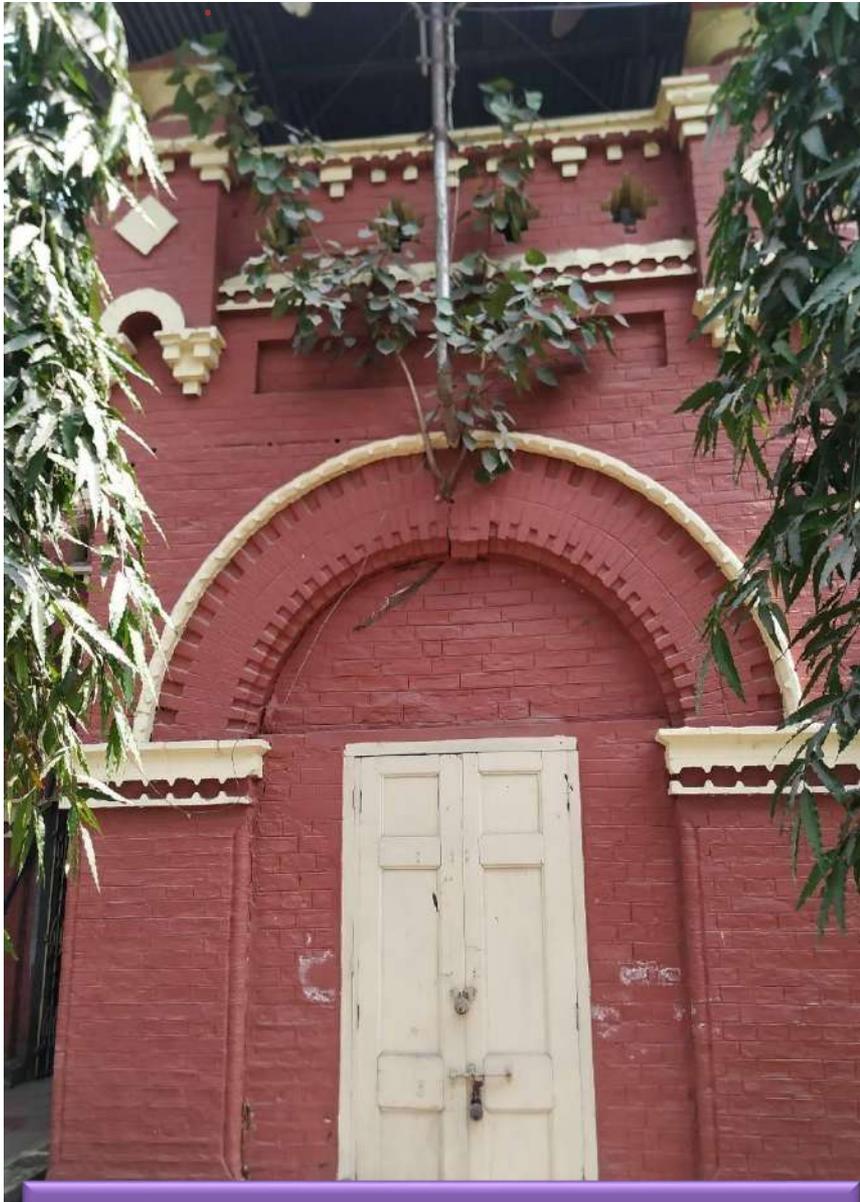
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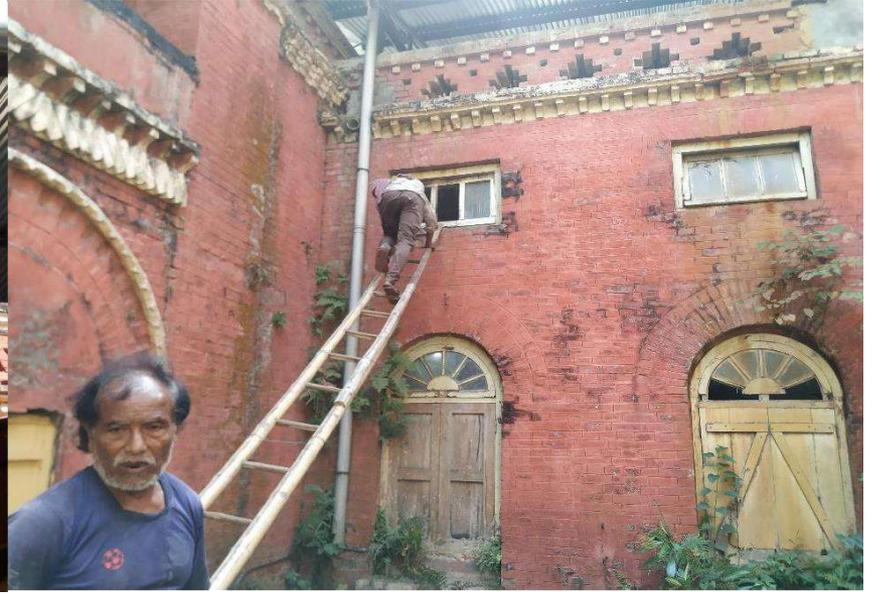
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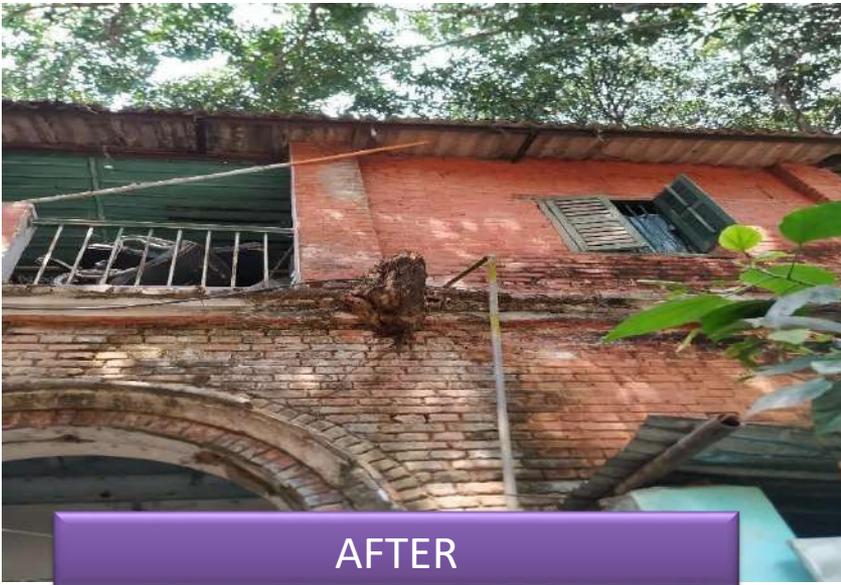
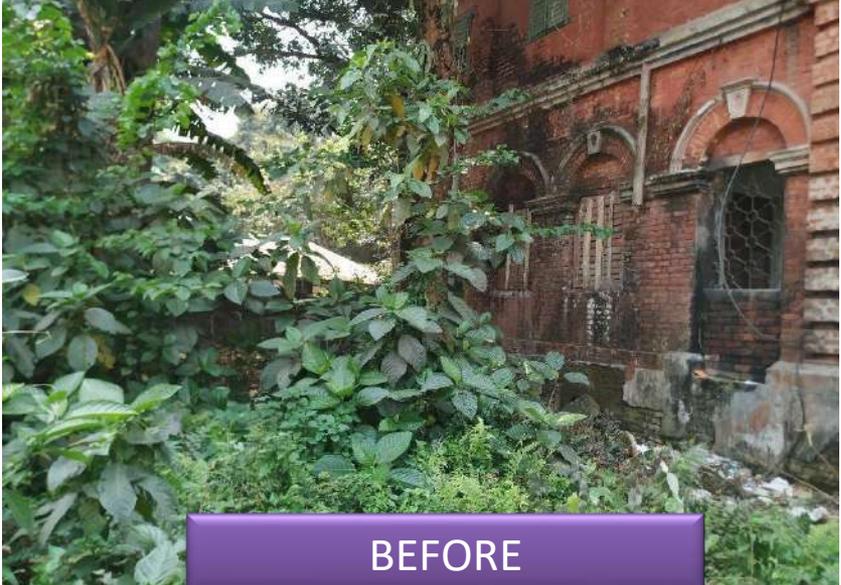
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AFTER MAINTAINANCE



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3	Improvement and Sustainable Development of 07 Heritage Water Bodies: Rajmata Dighi Police Line Dighi Narasingha Dighi Lamba Dighi Fish Seed Farm Dighi 1,2,3	District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	4.67 crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
4	Development of Rajbari Eco Heritage Park	Tourism Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	1.96 crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
5	Underground Cabling of Cooch Behar Heritage Town (outer side)	UD&MA Department WBSEDCL	82.82 crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
6	Repairing & Maintenance of Sabitri Lodge	Tourism Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	15.92 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
7	Repairing & Overall Maintenance of Old District Election Office which is an essential Part of Cooch Behar Heritage Walk	WCD&SW Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	8.91 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
8	Repairing & Overall Maintenance Kalyan Bhawan 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor which is an essential Part of Cooch Behar Heritage Walk	BCW Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	9.19 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
9	Repairing & Overall Maintenance of Kalyan Bhawan Ground Floor which is an essential Part of Cooch Behar Heritage Walk	BCW Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	8.05 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.

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10	Construction of Integrated Cooch Behar Bus Terminus outside the confines of Cooch Behar Town to decongest the road traffic in the Heritage area as per recommendation of Cooch Behar Planning Authority	Transport Department District Administration	25 crore (rough cost estimate)	Land identified by District Administration and all necessary details shared with Transport Department. DPR under preparation at Transport Department for AAFS.
11	Covered/underground Drainage Network of entire Cooch Behar Town with Sewerage Treatment Plant (Phase 1)	UD&MA Department District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	26 crore (Phase I)	Contour Mapping for entire Cooch Behar Town completed. Town divided into 6 Zones. DPR for Zone I (Phase I) submitted to UD&MA Department. AAFS under process.
12	Operationalization of Cooch Behar Airport for commercial flight operations	Airport Authority of India Transport Department I&W Department District Administration	Multiple Agencies and DPRs	VGF funding proposal to be placed by Aircraft Carrier to Transport Department soon. Flights Slots approved by DGCA from 26th December 2022. DPR under consideration by AAI for further runway extension.
13	Heritage Boutique Hotel	Tourism Department District Administration	....	Land with view identified and sent to Tourism Department for further processing
14	Basic Cleansing and Repairing Work of Heritage Water Bodies	Fisheries Department District Administration	27.64 Lakh	Requirement of fund with vetted estimate is sent
15	Integarted Sports Village at Rajbari Stadium Complex	Youth Department District Administration	2.93 Crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
16	Public Coveyance at various Tourism Spots at Cooch Behar including Toilets, drinking water facilities etc.	Tourism Department District Administration	1.14 Crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.
17	District Heritage Museum	Tourism Department District Administration	...	DPR is under process
18	Raash Mela as UNESCO Heritage	UD&MA Deptt	...	The proposal was approved from State end in December, 2021 and Application Process was initiated in January, 2021 and first Draft is ready. Documentation work is going on of the last Raash Mela as anecdotes.



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1	Identification of Heritage Sites, Draft Publication and Final Publication	WBHC	-	Draft Publication done in July 2019 Final Publication of 155 Heritage sites/precincts/structures, etc. done by WBHC in February 2021. Later it was reduced to 154 as per Calcutta HC Order	0		
2	Formation of District Heritage Committee	UD&MA Department WBHC District Administration	-	Completed.	0		
3	Preparation of Sagar Dighi Action Area Plan	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Completed. Concurrence of District Heritage Committee obtained.	0		
4	Preparation of Bairagi Dighi Action Area Plan	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Completed. Concurrence of District Heritage Committee obtained.	0		
5	Notification of Cooch Behar Planning Authority	UD&MA Department District Administration	-	Completed. Land Schedule of Cooch Behar Municipal Area has been notified as Cooch Behar Planning Area. Cooch Behar Municipality has been notified as Cooch Behar Planning Authority.	0		
6	Preparation of Land Use Map and Register (LUMR)	UD&MA Department District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Completed. Draft Publication done by Cooch Behar Planning Authority. Final Publication done by Cooch Behar Planning Authority.	0		
7	Shortlisting Heritage Sites for installation of Plaques with details of site's/structures heritage significance (Heritage Writeups)	District Administration WBHC MED, Cooch Behar	1.5 lakh	Completed. Installation of Plaques done for 40 Heritage Sites. Funds of Rs. 1.5 lakh allotted by WBHC for the Work of 41 sites. Work on further sites ongoing.	1.5		

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8	Installation of Heritage Plaque-2nd Phase	District Administration WBHC MED, Cooch Behar	...	Write-up sent to WBHC for vetting	0		
9	Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism Promo Clip - preparation & launch	District Administration Tourism Department	3 Lakh	Completed. Uploaded on YouTube. Shared with Tourism Department for wide publicity through proper channel.	3		
10	Coffee Table Book for promoting Heritage Tourism of Cooch Behar	District Administration Tourism Department	8 Lakh	Completed. Ready for launch.	8		
11	Cooch Behar Tourism Kiosk showcasing indigenuous products of Cooch Behar beside Cooch Behar Rajbari Palace	Tourism Department Tantuja District Administration	8.39 Lakh	Completed. Awaiting inauguration.	8.39		
12	Land Use and Development Control Plan (LUDCP) for Cooch Behar Planning Area	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Draft LUDCP prepared. After Final Notification of LUMR, Draft LUDCP has been published by Cooch Behar Planning Authority inviting claims & objections, etc. Training of Cooch Behar Municipality held on LUDCP matters by District Administration and Cooch Behar Planning Authority.	0		
13	Preparation of Heritage Maintenance Manual	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Draft Heritage Maintenance Manual prepared.	0		
14	Finalization of Cooch Behar Heritage Logo	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority WBHC	-	Finalized and approved by WBHC.	0		
15	Preparation of Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism Plan	District Administration Cooch Behar Planning Authority	-	Prepared. Submitted to Tourism Department.	0		

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16	Cooch Behar Heritage Walk- Planning for Tourist Stroll covering main Heritage Buildings of Zone 1 around Sagar Dighi and Bairagi Dighi at a stretch	District Administration Tourism Department	61.05 Lakh	Phase-I vetted estimate fo repairing of Heritage Buildings sent for AA& FS			61.05
17	Cooch Behar Heritage Drive- Small Trip covering main Heritage Buildings of Cooch Behar	District Administration	...	Prepared. Submitted to Tourism Department.			0
18	Cooch Behar Heritage Marathon- for Promotion of Heritage Tourism	Police & District Administration	...	Scheduled on 10.12. 2022	0		
19	Underground Cabling in important areas of Cooch Behar Town for heritage beautification	UD&MA Department District Administration WBSEDCL	65 crore	Completed. Covered Area: 40% of Coochbehar Town (Fully covered wards: 7, 8, 17, 19, 20 & Partially covered wards: 1, 2, 4 , 9, 15, 16)	6500		
20	Renovation of Anandamayee Dharmashala	Tourism Department Debuttor Trust Board	32 lakh	Completed.	32		
21	Maintenance and De-weeding of Heritage Buildings work for 11 Heritage Buildings: 1. Lansdowne Hall, 2. Council House Building, 3. SDO Office, 4. Old Election Office Building, 5. Kalyan Bhawan, 6. Victor Palace (Rajbangshi Bhasha Academy), 7. District Registrar Office Building, 8. Treasury Building, 9. Land R.I Office, 10. Labour Commissioner Office, 11. Sabitri Lodge	District Administration	3.6 Lakh	Completed.	3.6		

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22	Maintenance and De-weeding of 06 Heritage Buildings: 1. Government Press, 2. Rajgun Boarding/Victoria College Hostel, 3. Bani Bhawan, 4. Maharaja Nripendra Narayan Boys Hostel, 5. Tope Khana/Magazine Room, 6. Jenkins School	District Administration	6.39 Lakh	Work completed in 3 buildings. 3 buildings under Progress, 50 % completed.		6.39	
23	Restoration of Rajkiya Jaladhaar (Heritage Water Tank)	UD&MA Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	44.74 lakh	Work completed.	44.74		
24	Roof Restoration Work of Government Press	IC&E Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	33 lakh	Work completed.	33		
25	Solid Waste & Fresh Waste Management in Cooch Behar Town	SUDA Cooch Behar Municipality	Looked after by SUDA directly	Work Order for Biomining of Legacy Waste for Coochbehar Town and SWM Project has been issued in Sep 2021. Progress of work by the Agency is slow. Matter has been taken up with UD&MA Deptt and SUDA.		0	
26	ODF declaration of Cooch Behar Town	SUDA Cooch Behar Municipality	1.09 crore	ODF declared in 2020. Work of ODF Plus is under progress. Looked after from SUDA directly.	109		
27	Repairing and Overall Maintenance of Rajmata Temple	Tourism Department Debutter Trust Board PWD, Cooch Behar	12.6 lakh	Work in Progress. 50% completed.		12.6	
28	Greenery and Boundary Walls of Sagar Dighi adjacent heritage buildings	UD&MA Department District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	1.78 crore	Work in Progress. 50% completed.		178	

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29	Heritage Electrical Illumination around Sagar Dighi	UD&MA Department District Administration KMDA	2.55 crore	Tender by KMDA is under process. 2nd call stage.			255
30	Drainage Network around Sagar Dighi	Public Works Deptt District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	2.12 crore	Work in Progress. 20% completed. Work taken up after monsoon.		212	
31	Road upgradation around Sagar Dighi	Public Works Deptt District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	1.28 crore	Work under progress. 10% completed. Work taken up after monsoon.		128	
32	Greenery and Boundary Wall & Beautification around Bairagi Dighi	UD&MA Department District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	1.88 crore	Work is going on. 70% completed. High Court WP filed regarding Land of Brahma Samaj has affected progress of the Work.		188	
33	CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF BATHING GHAT	MED , Cooch Behar	51.29 Lakh	Work Order Issued on 06.01.2023		51.29	
34	Repairing of Brahma Samaj and construction of Panel Room at Brahma Samaj Area near Bairagi Dighi	MED , Cooch Behar	27.04 Lakh	Tender Completed but Work Order Not issued by MED due to Litigation of Brahma Samaj Land			27.04
35	Heritage Electrical Illumination around Bairagi Dighi	UD&MA Department District Administration KMDA	2.20 crore	Tender by KMDA is under process. 2nd call stage.			220
36	Construction of performance area at Brahma Samaj Area	MED , Cooch Behar	7.84 Lakh	Tender not floated due to Litigation issue at Brahma Samaj Land			7.84
37	Construction of Car parking and one side drain near Bairagi Dighi /in front of Madan Mohan Temple	MED , Cooch Behar	62.4 Lakhs	Tender Under Process			62.4
38	Road upgradation around Bairagi Dighi	Public Works Deptt District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	1.30 crore	Work under progress. 10% completed. Work taken up after monsoon.		130	

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39	Utility Shifting related to Heritage Welcome Gate at Khagrabari entry point of Cooch Behar Town	UD&MA Department WBHC District Administration WBSEDCL	32.45 lakh	Completed.	32.45		
40	Heritage Welcome Gate at Khagrabari entry point of Cooch Behar Town	UD&MA Department WBHC District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	1.49 crore	Work under progress. 10% completed. Work taken up after monsoon.		149	
41	Installation of Grand Statue of Mahavir Chila Ray at Baburhat entry point of Cooch Behar Town	Public Works Deptt District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	33 lakh + Statue Cost	15 feet high statue of Mahavir Chila Ray Statue to be installed. Base and Overall beautification of area tender completed by PWD, Cooch Behar. LoA to be issued after finalization of Specialist Sculptor for the Statue. Matter under consideration of PWD Department.			33
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Summary Report of Heritage related Proposals submitted for Approval/Planned				Dated: 08th December, 2022			
Sl. No.	Description of Heritage Activity/Project/Work	Implementing Agency	Cost involved (in Rupees)	Remarks	Completed	Ongoing	Upcoming
	<b>Renovation, Electrification &amp; Beautification of Sagar Dighi: Components:</b>		<b>Total: 6.12 crore</b>				612
	ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH, WATER POINT, SIGNAGE, DISPLAY GALLERY ETC. REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA (NORTH AND EAST SIDE)		98.33 lakh				
	ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH, WATER POINT, SIGNAGE, DISPLAY GALLERY ETC.- REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA (SOUTH AND WEST SIDE)		86.50 lakh				

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1	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE NEW STAGE TYPE GHAT FOR REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA .	UD&MA Department District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	55.18 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted to UD & MA Department with all required details. AAFS under process.			
	REPAIRING AND REMODULING OF EXISTING THREE NOS GHATS FOR REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA .		34.07 lakh				
	CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR (04) NOS CANTILEAVER DECK FOR REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA .		34.78 lakh				
	CONSTRUCTION OF SEAT, RAILING,PROTECTION WORK OF NORTH, EAST AND WEST SIDE BANK ETC.- REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA		1.05 crore				
	CONSTRUCTION OF SEAT, RAILING,PROTECTION WORK OF SOUTH SIDE BANK ETC.- REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA		26.88 lakh				
	CONSTRUCTION OF SHOPS UNDER REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA.		33.44 lakh				
	CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL TOILETS UNDER REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA.		15.15 lakh				
	ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKING- REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA		38.07 lakh				
	PAINING AND REPAIRING OF BUILDINGS AROUND SAGAR DIGHI FOR REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF SAGAR DIGHI AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA.		85.32 lakh				
	<b>Renovation, Electrification &amp; Beautification of Bairagi Dighi. Components:</b>				<b>Total: 3.91 crore</b>		
ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH (BOTH SIDE OF ROAD)		1.01 crore					
ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WALKWAY (AROUND DIGHI)		1.11 crore					

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Sl. No.	Description of Heritage Activity/Project/Work	Implementing Agency	Cost involved (in Rupees)	Remarks	Completed	Ongoing	Upcoming
2	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN & ONE SMALL CULVERT - REJUVENATION PROGRAM OF BAIRAGI DIGHI, BRAMMHA SAMAJ AND ADJOINING ACTION AREA, COOCHBEHAR, WEST BENGAL.	UD&MA Department District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	15.74 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted to UD & MA Department with all required details. AAFS under process.			
	CONSTRUCTION OF SHOPS, EXHIBITION AREA.		38.11 lakh				
	SEAT AND LAND SCAPING SAROUNDING OPEN AREA		1.05 crore				
	CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL TOILETS -		20.03 lakh				
3	Improvement and Sustainable Development of 07 Heritage Water Bodies: Rajmata Dighi Police Line Dighi Narasingha Dighi Lamba Dighi Fish Seed Farm Dighi 1,2,3	District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	4.67 crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			467
4	Development of Rajbari Eco Heritage Park	Tourism Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	1.96 crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			196
5	Underground Cabling of Cooch Behar Heritage Town (outer side)	UD&MA Department WBSEDCL	82.82 crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			8282
6	Repairing & Maintenance of Sabitri Lodge	Tourism Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	15.92 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			15.92
7	Repairing & Overall Maintenance of Old District Election Office which is an essential Part of Cooch Behar Heritage Walk	WCD&SW Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	8.91 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			8.92

Summary Report of Heritage related Activities/Projects/Works in Cooch Behar							
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8	Repairing & Overall Maintenance Kalyan Bhawan 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor which is an essential Part of Cooch Behar Heritage Walk	BCW Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	9.19 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			9.19
9	Repairing & Overall Maintenance of Kalyan Bhawan Ground Floor which is an essential Part of Cooch Behar Heritage Walk	BCW Department District Administration PWD, Cooch Behar	8.05 lakh	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			8.05
10	Construction of Integrated Cooch Behar Bus Terminus outside the confines of Cooch Behar Town to decongest the road traffic in the Heritage area as per recommendation of Cooch Behar Planning Authority	Transport Department District Administration	25 crore (rough cost estimate)	Land identified by District Administration and all necessary details shared with Transport Department. DPR under preparation at Transport Department for AAFS.			2500
11	Covered/underground Drainage Network of entire Cooch Behar Town with Sewerage Treatment Plant (Phase 1)	UD&MA Department District Administration MED, Cooch Behar	26 crore (Phase I)	Contour Mapping for entire Cooch Behar Town completed. Town divided into 6 Zones. DPR for Zone I (Phase I) submitted to UD&MA Department. AAFS under process.			2600
12	Operationalization of Cooch Behar Airport for commercial flight operations	Airport Authority of India Transport Department I&W Department District Administration	Multiple Agencies and DPRs	VGF funding proposal to be placed by Aircraft Carrier to Transport Department soon. Flights Slots approved by DGCA from 26th December 2022. DPR under consideration by AAI for further runway extension.			0
13	Heritage Boutique Hotel	Tourism Department District Administration	....	Land with view identified and sent to Tourism Department for further processing			0
14	Basic Cleansing and Repairing Work of Heritage Water Bodies	Fisheries Department District Administration	27.64 Lakh	Requirement of fund with vetted estimate is sent			27.64
15	Integarted Sports Village at Rajbari Stadium Complex	Youth Department District Administration	2.93 Crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			293

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16	Public Coveyance at various Tourism Spots at Cooch Behar including Toilets, drinking water facilities etc.	Tourism Department District Administration	1.14 Crore	Vetted DPRs submitted with all required details. AAFS under process.			114
17	District Heritage Museum	Tourism Department District Administration	...	DPR is under process			0
18	Raash Mela as UNESCO Heritage	UD&MA Deptt	...	The proposal was approved from State end in December, 2021 and Application Process was initiated in January, 2021 and first Draft is ready. Documentation work is going on of the last Raash Mela as anecdotes.			0
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WEST BENGAL HERITAGE COMMISSION, Government of West Bengal, Constituted u/s 3 (1) of West Bengal Act IX of 2001  
1 Satyen Roy Road, Behala, Kolkata 700 034, Phone: 2445-0083/2445-0037 Fax No: 33 - 2445-0083 e.mail: [pbheritage@gmail.com](mailto:pbheritage@gmail.com)

No: 74/D-9/WBHC/2017-18

Dated: 10/02/2021

To  
The Principal Secretary  
UD & MA Department  
Govt. of West Bengal

**Sub: Declaration of Cooch Behar & Nabadwip as heritage towns.**

Sir,

With reference to the minutes of the virtual meeting held by UD & Ma Department regarding above subject, on 15/01/2021 the status of action taken parts on behalf of West Bengal Heritage Commission is given hereunder:

- 1) In connection with amendment of West Bengal Heritage Commission Act, several meetings were held with IIT, Kharagpur, IEST, Shibpur & others for preparation of draft Amendment bill and in consultation with the Legal Cell of the I&CA Department the draft was finalised. It is learnt that the same is lying with the competent authority of I&CA Department for further necessary action.
- 2) 40 nos of write-ups regarding historical / architectural / cultural significance etc. have been received at the Commission from District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and the same is being considered / reviewed at the Commission level.
- 3) The Commission has decided in the meeting held on 05/02/2021 for construction of iconic heritage gate at the main entry point / suitable place of both the towns. Both the District Magistrates have been requested to send the land details of the suitable sites. Letters have been issued to the District Magistrates on 08/02/21 and Chairman West Bengal Heritage Commission contacted both the District Magistrates over telephone on this issue.

It was resolved in the meeting of West Bengal Heritage Commission that plaques may be installed by the district authority as per approved texts / content of the Commission.

- 4) Final heritage lists in respect of Cooch Behar & Nabadwip have been prepared as per reports of district authority & consulting institutes ie, IIT, Kharagpur & IEST, Shibpur. The lists are enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

West Bengal Heritage Commission

No: 74/I-VI/D-9/WBHC/2017-18

Dated: 10/02/2021

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- iii) The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar
- iv) The District Magistrate, Nadia
- v) The Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality
- vi) The Chairman, Nabadwip Municipality

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**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNCILLORS, COOCH BEHAR MUNICIPALITY**  
**and**  
**COOCH BEHAR PLANNING AUTHORITY**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. Estt./1865/22

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AND WHEREAS, no objection was received by Cooch Behar Planning Authority (hereinafter referred to as the said Authority) within the stipulated time period.

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By order of the Authority

Sd/-

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*Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar*  
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PHONE : 03582-295070

MAIL Id : chairanchm@gmail.com

No : Estt/1864/22

Date : 21.09.22

To: Sri Saibal Thakurata  
Chief Town Planner  
Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs  
Nagarayan, DF-8, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kol-700064

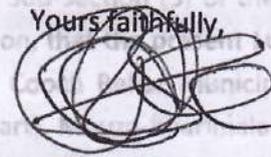
Sub: Request for publication of Gazette Notification on LUMR of Cooch Behar Municipality.  
Ref: 1912-UDMA-23/7/2021-DAC SEC-Dept. of UDMA dated 21.09.2022

Sir,

In cancellation of this office letter No. Estt/1306/22 dated 13/07/2022 and Estt/1760/22 dated 08/09/2022, a fresh content of Gazette Notification of LUMR of Cooch Behar Municipality is enclosed herewith for favour of your kind information and taking necessary action.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,



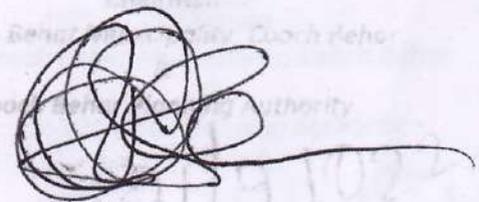
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No : Estt/1864/1(7)/22

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1. The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.
2. The Sub-Divisional Officer, Cooch Behar.
3. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality.
4. Finance Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality.
5. Office Superintendent, Cooch Behar Municipality.
6. P.S to Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality.
7. Reference Section, Cooch Behar Municipality.



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*Cooch Behar Municipality, Cooch Behar*

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*Cooch Behar Planning Municipality*



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Memo No: G/\_2858\_/Heritage

Date: 23/12/2022

From: The District Magistrate  
Cooch Behar.

To: The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of west Bengal  
Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department

**Sub: Proposal for Declaring Cooch Behar Town as Heritage Town from Cooch Behar Planning Authority and supporting Resolution of District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar.**

**Ref:**

- 1. Letter vide Memo No. Estt/2494/22 dated 14.12.2022 from Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality**
- 2. Resolution of the meeting of District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar held on 14.12.2022**

Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith the Proposal for Declaring Cooch Behar Town as Heritage Town from Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality and the supporting Resolution of the meeting of District Heritage Committee, Cooch Behar. Having been approved by the District Heritage Committee, the same is submitted for your kind consideration and placing before the West Bengal Heritage Commission.

Enclosed: - As stated above.

Yours faithfully

Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
Cooch Behar

Memo No: G/2858(1)(3)/Heritage

Dated: \_23/12/2022

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission
2. Chairman Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality
3. CA t the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar

Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
Cooch Behar

Rabindra Nath Ghosh

Chairman, (Ex-MIC, NBDD)  
Cooch Behar Municipality  
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Ref. No. Estt/2494/22

Date 14.12.2022

From: The Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority &  
Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality

To: The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar

**Sub:** Proposal for declaration of Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town – regarding.

**Ref:** Letter vide Memo No 2214-T&CP/C-2/1C-09/2014 dated 25.11.2022 from  
UD & MA Department.

Sir,

With reference to above, as you are kindly aware that the West Bengal Heritage Commission vide Memo No. 79/N-1/WBHC/2009-09 dated 05.07.2019 notified and published newspaper notice that it intended to declare Cooch Behar Town as a place of Heritage buildings/ temples/precincts/sites, etc. The Draft List of 155 Heritage Sites including buildings/ temples/ precincts/ sites, etc. of Cooch Behar Town were provided in the Notification. Based on the Notification, the Cooch Behar Municipality constituted a Special Cell to hear claims & objections and gave wide publicity inviting views, claims & objections, etc. from common people. After hearing and suitable disposal of all claims & objections as received by the Cooch Behar Municipality, the Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality recommended the declaration of 155 Heritage Sites to the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar. Thereafter, along with the District Heritage Committee Meeting resolution in this regard, the proposal of these 155 nos. of Heritage buildings/ temples/precincts / sites for declaring Cooch Behar Town as a place of Heritage buildings/ temples/precincts / sites, etc. was submitted by the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar to the West Bengal Heritage Commission. The West Bengal Heritage Commission vide its Memo No. 74/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 10.02.2021, finalized 155 sites of Cooch Behar as Heritage Sites. Later, one of the enlisted sites was delisted following due procedure after a Writ Petition was examined in compliance of the Orders of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court.

Further, besides the Notification of Heritage Sites Buildings/Precincts/Monuments, etc., in the meantime various projects have been taken up and plans formulated for development of Cooch Behar's Heritage areas & elements including underground cabling for many Wards of Cooch Behar Municipality covering the core Heritage areas, restoration & development of a no. of Heritage Sites, preparation of Heritage Tourism Plan, etc. under your guidance and approval of the Government of West Bengal along with expert support of IIT Kharagpur. Also, the Cooch Behar Planning Authority has made the Final Publication of Land Use Map & Register (LUMR) and thereafter made the Draft Publication of Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP) for development of Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town.

In this background, considering all these developments, I would like to request you to consider the matter of declaration of the entire Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town.

*Rabindra Nath Ghosh*

Chairman, (Ex-MIC, NBDD)  
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This is for your kind information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosed: As stated.

*Rabindra Nath Ghosh*

Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority  
&  
Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality

Memo No. : Estt/2494/1(2)/22

Date : 14.12.2022

Copy for information to:

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2. The PS to Principal Secretary, UD&MA Department.

*Rabindra Nath Ghosh*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF COOCH BEHAR DISTRICT HERITAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
14.12.2022 AT 04.00 PM AT THE LANSDOWNE HALL, D.M.'s OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Signature
1	Sri Umakanta Barman, Sabhadhipati, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
2	Sri Pawan Kadyan, IAS, District Magistrate, Cooch Behar and Chairman, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
3	Sri Sumit Kumar, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
4	Sri Shiraz Daneshyar, IAS, Additional District Magistrate (G), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
5	Sri Rabindra Nath Ghosh, Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality	Sd/
6	Sri Rakibur Rahaman, WBCS (Exe.), SDO Cooch Behar Sadar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
7	Sri Wrik Saptashaw, WBCS (Exe.), DM&DC, MA, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
8	Sri Chandan Das, WBPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar	Sd/
9	Sri Biswadeep Mukherjee, WBCS (Exe.), Secretary, Debutter Trust Board and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
10	Sri Suman Sarkar, EE, MED, Cooch Behar Division and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
11	Sri Krishnendu Dasgupta, EE, PWD, Cooch Behar Division & Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
12	Sri Debananda Mahapatra, District Engineer, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
13	Shri Pranab De, DICO, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
14	Sri Kaushik Das, EE, PWD (Electrical), Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
15	Sri Bikash Mandal, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Cooch Behar	Sd/
16	Dr. Neetesh Saxena, Museum-In-Charge, Cooch Behar Rajbari Palace	Sd/
17	Sri Malay Kanti Roy, Retired H.M, Sadar Govt. High School and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
18	Sri Nripendra Nath Pal, Historian, Cooch Behar and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/
19	Sri Kumar Supriya Narayan, Secretary Cooch Behar Royal Family Welfare Trust and Member, Cooch Behar Heritage Committee	Sd/

The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all Members present in the Meeting. After thorough discussion over the Power Point Presentation prepared from District Heritage Cell, the following points were resolved in the Meeting:

**155 sites** of Cooch Behar were finalized as Heritage Sites vide Notification No. 74/D-9/WBHC/2017-18 dated 10.02.2021 of the West Bengal Heritage Commission. After the finalisation of 155 Heritage Sites/Precincts/Monuments, etc. at Cooch Behar Town, one of these sites was delisted by West Bengal Heritage Commission in compliance of the Orders of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court after a discussion on the matter in a previous meeting of the District Heritage Committee. **The WBHC finalized list of Heritage Sites/Precincts/Buildings/Monuments, etc. at present stands at 154.** A no. of initiatives have been taken up in Cooch Behar for conservation, promotion and sustainable development of Cooch Behar's heritage properties, precincts and elements by the Government of West Bengal in consultation with experts from IIT Kharagpur, District Heritage Committee under the aegis of West Bengal Heritage Commission. Some of these include Underground Cabling for several Wards of Cooch Behar Town, restoration of select Heritage Properties, preparation of Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism Plan and its stepwise implementation, projects for sustainable development of Heritage precincts and elements in Cooch Behar Town, construction of Heritage Welcome Gate and Grand Statue of Mahavir Chila Ray on the two arterial entry points of Cooch Behar Town, preparation of Cooch Behar Heritage Promotion Clip, installation of Plaques at various Heritage listed properties, etc. Similarly, many other projects and initiatives are at different stages of execution. Also, the Government of West Bengal has notified the Cooch Behar Planning Area and Cooch Behar Planning Authority covering the entire Cooch Behar Town. The Final Publication of Land Use Map & Register (LUMR) has been made by the Cooch Behar Planning Authority. The Draft Publication of Land Use Development Control Plan (LUDCP) has been received for development of Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town from the Cooch Behar Planning Authority on 14.12.2022 and the Draft LUDCP provisions have already been discussed at length in the District Heritage Committee in its earlier Meetings. Further, the recommendation of Chairman, Cooch Behar Planning Authority & Cooch Behar Municipality dated 14.12.2022 has been received requesting the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar to consider the matter of declaration of the entire Cooch Behar Town as a Heritage Town. The said proposal is placed before the Members of District Heritage Committee and **all attendees unanimously concurred that the proposal for declaring Cooch Behar as a Heritage Town may be recommended and forwarded to UD&MA Department for further consideration as per Rules.**

**The update of Heritage Site Plaques:** Already plaques have been erected at 41 Heritage Sites selected in the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase and the matter was discussed in previous District Heritage Committee Meetings as well. Draft Write Ups for another 09 sites for Plaque erection have been sent for approval to the West Bengal Heritage Commission. Also as discussed in the last meeting held with WBHC and UD&MA Department on 09.12.2022 vide Memo No 2214-T&CP/C-2/IC-09/2014 dated 25.11.2022, it is informed that for further Plaques, indicative brief description will be provided instead of detailed description. Accordingly, EE, MED, Cooch Behar Division is requested to take up the work of installation of Plaques at all other listed Heritage Sites following due procedure. The funds for these installations would be sought from the West Bengal Heritage Commission.

**Update on Heritage Welcome Gate of Cooch Behar at Keshab Road, Khagrabari, Near Rony Square Cinema Hall, Cooch Behar** was informed in the Meeting. After detailed deliberations in previous Meetings including design, location, etc. the Work has been started after the administrative approval & financial sanction was received from the Government of West Bengal after concurrence from the West Bengal Heritage Commission. Already, the works of Utility Shifting of HT Lines and Water Pipelines around the Gate have been completed by WBSEDCL and PHE. Thereafter, the civil foundation work has been started by PWD. It is expected that the entire work would be completed within June, 2023 as per the approved design.

**Update on Sagar Dighi Action Area Plan and Bairagi Dighi Action Area Plan** was apprised in the Meeting. **Renovation, Electrification & Beautification**— All members of District Heritage Committee are apprised that work is going on in full swing as per the plans prepared by IIT Kharagpur and detailed deliberations about different aspects including designs, colours, heights, materials, etc. in previous Committee Meetings and receipt of Administrative Approval from the Government of West Bengal for Road, Road-side Drain, outer Boundary Walls, Dighi-side railings, facades of the Heritage Buildings, etc. All Executing Agencies (MED, PWD, KMDA) as assigned by the Government of West Bengal for execution of different elements of the work have been directed on multiple occasions to ensure that quality of work and timely execution is ensured on all counts. The work is being actively monitored. All Executing Agencies have also been requested to coordinate their execution and share timelines and detailed layouts, plans, etc. amongst each other and maintain liaison

with all concerned for smooth execution of the work. The Electrification related works taken up from KMDA end as part of the Action Area Plans and are at 2<sup>nd</sup> call stage of tendering as per revised scope of work based on technical observations made by KMDA. For the remaining scope of work as per the Action Area Plans, MED has submitted the revised estimates to UD&MA Department and AA&FS is expected to be received soon.

**Update on Sustainable Development of Water Bodies** – All members are apprised that as discussed in previous District Heritage Committee Meetings, for Sustainable Development of 07 Heritage listed Dighis (Lamba Dighi, Narsingha Dighi, Police Line Dighi, Rajmata Dighi, Fisheries Seed Farm Dighis 1,2, 3) the detailed Estimates have been submitted to the Government of West Bengal for according AA&FS and tendering has been initiated for them as per concurrence obtained. Further, estimate has been prepared by Assistant Director, Fisheries, Cooch Behar and subsequently placed by the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar for approval to the Government of West Bengal for water rejuvenation of 30 Heritage listed Waterbodies/Dighis.

**Update on AV Promo of Cooch Behar Heritage Tourism** – The Promo was launched in April 2022 after the approval of the competent authority of the Government of West Bengal. The matter was discussed in previous Committee Meetings as well. Further, the Tourism Department has been requested to include the Promo in its publicity campaigns and media for wide publicity of the same.

**Update on Cooch Behar Heritage Coffee-Table Book:** The Book has been completed and shall be launched after approval of competent authority. The Tourism Department has been requested for assistance in its publicity.

**Update on Sabitri Lodge:** The detailed estimate for essential repairs & renovation of this Heritage listed Property under the control of the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar has been placed to the Government of West Bengal for according administrative approval. In today's Heritage Committee Meeting, the Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality proposed for possible use of the Sabitri Lodge to lodge tourists akin to a Dharmashala. The proposal was unanimously accorded concurrence by all attending Members. The ADM (General) was requested to take further necessary action.

**Update on maintenance of Heritage buildings & precincts:** So far, essential maintenance has been undertaken at 17 Buildings & precincts along with physical and chemical treatment. Estimates for some other Buildings that form part of the Heritage Walk have also been prepared and placed for administrative approval to the Government of West Bengal. In all these works, it has been ensured that Heritage conservation & repairing principles are adhered to. The initiatives were appreciated by the attendees in previous District Heritage Committee meetings as well.

**Update on Rajbari Eco Heritage Park:** The DPR has been prepared and placed for development of the Park near Rajbari as a tourist destination to the Government of West Bengal. Administrative approval is expected to be received soon.

Updates about **Integrated Cooch Behar Bus Terminus, Integrated Sports Village, Rajkiya Jaladhar, Cooch Behar Airport, Heritage Marathon**, etc. were also informed in the Meeting and appreciated by all attendees. The proposal placed by the representative of ABN Seal College was asked to be examined for further necessary action by PWD (Social Sector), Cooch Behar. A new public campaign is being launched soon by District Administration to urge people to donate old artefacts, books, furniture, memorabilia of heritage significance for setting up a Heritage Museum in Cooch Behar. The initiatives were appreciated by all Members.

Having concluded all Agenda, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to all.

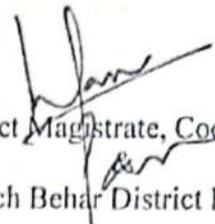
  
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&  
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Memo No. G/2857(2)/Heritage

Dated 23/12/2022

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Principal Secretary, UD&MA Department
2. Secretary, West Bengal Heritage Commission

  
District Magistrate, Cooch Behar

Chairman, Cooch Behar District Heritage Committee

Memo No: G/2857(2)(2U)/Heritage

Dated: 23/12/2022

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2. Addl. District Magistrate (G), Cooch Behar
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4. Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality,
5. DMDC-Municipal Affairs, Cooch Behar,
6. Secretary, Debottar Trust Board, Cooch Behar,
7. Executive Officer, Cooch Behar Municipality,
8. District Engineer, Cooch Behar Zilla Parishad,
9. Executive Engineer, PWD, Cooch Behar Division,
10. Executive Engineer, Municipal Engineering Directorate, Cooch Behar Division,
11. Executive Engineer, PWD (Electrical), Cooch Behar,
12. District Information and Culture Officer, Cooch Behar,
13. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Cooch Behar,
14. Deputy Ranger/ Forester, Range Officer, Cooch Behar, Parks & Gardens Range,
15. Museum In-Charge, Cooch Behar Palace Museum (ASI),
16. District Library Officer, Cooch Behar
17. Associate Professor of History, ABN Seal College,
18. Associate Professor of Cooch Behar PNB
19. Sri Malay Kanti Roy, Headmaster, Sadar Govt. High School, Cooch Behar,
20. Sri Nripendra Nath Pal, Ex-Historian, Cooch Behar,
21. Sri Arupjyoti Majumdar, Secretary, Cooch Behar Heritage Society,
22. Sri Debabrata Chaki, Editor, UttorProsanga, Cooch Behar,
23. Sri Rzishikalpa Paul, President, Cooch Behar Archive.
24. Kumar Supriya Narayan, Consortium of Royal Family, Cooch Behar

  
District Magistrate, Cooch Behar

Chairman, Cooch Behar District Heritage Committee



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Memo No: G/ 2081/Heritage(x)

Dated: 03/11/2021

From: District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

To: The Special secretary to the  
Government of west Bengal,  
Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs,  
Nagarayan, DF-8, sector-1, salt Lake City,  
Kolkata-700064.

**Sub: Regarding Order copy by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri.**

**Ref: Your letter vide Memo No.2449-UDMA-22013(99)/18/2021 dated-01.10.2021.**

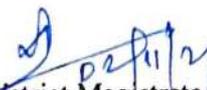
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Yours faithfully,

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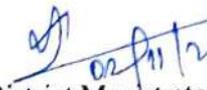
  
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Memo No: G/ 1992

Dated: 09/10/2021

From: District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

To: The Chairperson,  
Board of Administrators,  
Cooch Behar Municipality.

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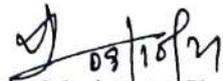
  
Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
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Memo No: G/ 1992/1(2)

Dated: 09/10/2021

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- 1) Officer-in-Charge, Heritage Section, Cooch Behar.
- 2) CA to the District Magistrate, Cooch Behar.

  
Addl. District Magistrate (G),  
Cooch Behar

Court No. 2

21.09.2021

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(S. Banerjee/BP)

**Calcutta High Court  
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri  
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**

**WPA 997 of 2021**

Ajay Kumar Deb Bakshi & Ors.  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

(Via Video Conference)

Ms. Suman Schanabis  
... for the petitioners

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh  
Ms. Bedushruti Bose  
...for the State

The petitioners claim that a property known as 'Dev Bakshi Bari' at Hitendra Narayan Road, Ward no. 18, Cooch Behar Town has been identified by the Cooch Behar Municipality as a heritage building under the West Bengal Heritage Commission Act, 2001 and the West Bengal Heritage Commission Regulations.

It is submitted that the enquiry by the Special Cell for Heritage of the Cooch Behar Municipality has opined that "so there is no reason to include Dev Bakshi Bari as a places of Heritage"(sic).

In that view of the matter, the Board of Councillors of the Municipality shall consider a detailed representation that shall be made by the petitioners within a period of fifteen days from date.

The said representation shall be enquired into the concerned officials of the concerned Municipality afresh and the matter shall be placed before the Board of Concillors in the next three available meetings and the decision so taken may be communicated to the petitioners within fifteen days thereof.

With the above observation, this writ petition is disposed of.

The petitioners shall serve a copy of this order upon all the respondents along with a copy of the writ petition afresh.

**(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)**



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**GENERAL SECTION**

Memo No.: G/ 1812/Heritage(x)

Date: 14/08/2021

From : The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

To : The Secretary  
West Bengal Heritage Commission,  
1 Satyen Roy Road, Behala, Kolkata-700034

**Sub: Forwarding of the Extract from the Proceeding of the District Heritage Committee held on 26.08.2021 regarding the site "Dev Bakshi Bari" listed in Serial No 104 in the existing Heritage List of Cooch Behar Town**

Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith the extract from the proceedings of District Heritage Committee meeting held on 26/08/2021 at 1:00 pm at the Lansdowne Hall, D.M's Office, Cooch Behar recommending dropping of the site "Dev Bakshi Bari" (listed in Serial No 104 in the existing Heritage List of Cooch Behar Town) from the Heritage List, which speaks for itself.

The IIT Kharagpur Team also informed subsequently that the Delineation of the concerned Heritage listed Property at Serial No. 104 may be assessed before being removed / downgraded as found appropriate.

This is for favour of your kind perusal and taking necessary action from your end.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully,

Additional District Magistrate (General),  
Cooch Behar

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26/08/2021  
AT 1:00 PM AT THE CONFERENCEHALL-1, D.M.'S OFFICE, COOCH BEHAR**

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The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar took the chair and initiated discussion by welcoming all Members present in the meeting. A detailed PPT on various Agenda Points was presented by the District Heritage Cell. The summary of proceedings of the meeting is as follows:

- 1) .....
- 2) .....
- 3) .....
- 4) .....
- 5) .....
- 6) .....

7) **Observation on WPA 997 of 2021 regarding enlistment of Dev Bakshi Bari in the Heritage List-** as the District Heritage Committee is made a party in this case, the matter is discussed in the meeting of District Heritage Committee on 26.08.2021, all the members have recommended that the property in discussion may be dropped from the existing Heritage list as that the current building that stands there does not have any tangible heritage or archaeological value and being a private property.

- 8) .....
- 9) .....

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

  
District Magistrate &  
Chairman, District Heritage Committee  
Cooch Behar

**OUTSIDE AND INSIDE VIEW OF DEV BAKSHI BARI, HITENRA NARAYAN ROAD  
(NEAR GOLBAGAN), WARD NO.-18.**





WEST BENGAL HERITAGE COMMISSION, Government of West Bengal, Constituted u/s 3 (1) of West Bengal Act IX of 2001  
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No: 313/D-9/WBHC/2017-18

Dated: 15/03/2022

To  
The Principal Secretary  
UD & MA Department  
Govt. of West Bengal

**Sub: Declaration of Cooch Behar & Nabadwip as heritage towns.**

Sir,

You are aware that news paper advertisement for declaration of Cooch Behar and Nabadwip towns as place of heritage building / temple / precincts / sites etc. was published on 18/07/2019. It was mentioned in the notice that owners or occupiers or lease holders of the concerned building / temple / precincts / sites etc. could submit their views or recommendation in writing to the local authority within 30 days of publication of the notice.

Some views and objection were received and disposed of suitably.

The final list was placed before the commission for declaration and the same was confirmed in the meeting dt: 13/02/2020.

It was decided that an iconic heritage gate would be constructed at the entry of the town as a mark of heritage declaration. In addition District Magistrate may also put up suitable plaque of the heritage properties.

List of heritage properties enclosed.

This is for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Secretary

West Bengal Heritage Commission

Dated: 15/03/2022

No: 313/I-IV/D-9/WBHC/2017-18

Copy forwarded for information to :

- i) The District Magistrate, Cooch Behar – List of heritage site of Cooch Behar enclosed.
- ii) The District Magistrate, Nadia - List of heritage site of Nabadwip enclosed.
- iii) The Chairman, Cooch Behar Municipality - List of heritage site of Cooch Behar enclosed.
- iv) The Chairman, Nabadwip Municipality - List of heritage site of Nabadwip enclosed.

Secretary

West Bengal Heritage Commission

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS  
COOCH BEHAR MUNICIPALITY  
COOCH BEHAR PHONE : 03582-295070

Memo No.: EstH/2347/2/21

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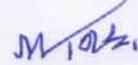
To:

1. The Secretary,  
West Bengal Heritage Commission.
2. The District Magistrate,  
Cooch Behar.

Subject: **Exclusion of the name of Deb Bakshi Bari from the Heritage List.**

Respected Sir,

It is to bring to your kind attention that we have come to the conclusion in connection with exclusion of the name of Deb Bakshi Bari from the Heritage List as per the board meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2021 after the joint inspection held by the Overseers of this Establishment.



Chairperson,  
Board of Administrators,  
Cooch Behar Municipality,  
Cooch Behar

**List of Heritage buildings /temples /precincts /sites etc of Cooch Behar Town**

Sl. No.	Name of the sites	Address
1	Dangar Aye Temple Complex a: Dangar Aye Temple b. Dangar Aye Dighi	Siliguri Road, Ward No: 1
2	Gunjabari	Siliguri Road, Ward No: 1
3	Polytechnic Dighi	Siliguri Road, Ward No: 1
4	Piyajbari Mosque	Subhas pally, Silver Jubille Road, Ward No: 2
5	Sarkar Barir Dighi	Near Siliguri Road, Ward No: 2
6	Kalabagan Chakkar Dighi	Near Kameshwari Road, Ward No: 3
7	Nilkuthi Site	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 4
8	DM Bungalow	Near Cooch Behar Airport, Ward No: 4
9	King's Hanger	Near Cooch Behar Airport, Ward No: 4
10	Swedish Missionary	Near Cooch Behar Airport, Ward No: 4
11	Cooch Behar Government School for the Blind	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 4
12	Cemetery/ European Burial Ground	Near Cooch Behar Airport, Ward No: 4
13	Goalapatti Shiva Temple	GoalaPatti, Shivendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 5
14	Shiv Bari Dighi	Beside Anathnath Shiva Temple, Ward No: 6
15	Anathnath Shiva Temple	Near Shiv Dighi, Ward No: 6
16	Anath Asram / House of Kabita Basu	Near Anathnath Shiva Temple, Ward No: 6
17	Santal Dighi	Nripendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 6
18	Priyagunj Dhopa Dighi	Pran Narayan Road, Ward No: 6
19	Rajmata Temple	Jagad dam lane, beside Rajmata Dighi, Ward No: 7
20	Rajmata Dighi	Beside Rajmata Temple, Ward No: 7
21	Bhattacharya Bari	Keshab Road, Ward No: 7
22	Ananda Bhaban	Keshab Road, Ward No: 7
23	Sipai para dighi/Bhattacharya dighi	Shivendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 7
24	Bou dighi/Banik dighi	Shivendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 7
25	Kaiya Dighi/Marwari dighi	Biswa Singha Road, Ward No: 7
26	Kabiraj Khana	Nripendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 7
27	House of Bhanwar Lal Bokaria	Nripendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 8
28	Kabiraj Bagan	Biswa Singha Road, Ward No: 8
29	Bhawaniganj Bazar	Rup Narayan Road, Ward No: 8
30	Heritage arcade	Nripendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 8
31	Dutta Poddar Bari Complex a: Dutta Poddar Bari b: Dutta Poddar Dighi	Biswa Singha Road, Ward No: 8
32	Kalischaran Temple	Amiya Bhusan Sarani, Ward No: 8
33	Batas Sardar's Mosque/Purana Masjid	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 8
34	Government Press	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 8
35	Power House	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 8
36	Rajakiya Jaladhar	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 8
37	Bijli Bhaban/ Residence of Assistant Engineers, PWD	Near Power house, Ward No: 8
38	N.N. Park Complex a: N.N. Park b: N.N. Park Dighi	Nripendra Narayan Road near Ma Bhabani Chowpathy, Ward No: 8
39	Kameswari dighi/Old Dhopa dighi/Khalasi Patti dighi	Nripendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 8
40	Office of Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wild Life Division, Cooch Behar	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
41	Banasri Abasan, Forest Department, Cooch	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9

	Behar	
42	Residence of Additional Divisional Forest Officer	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
43	Residence of Divisional Forest Officer	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
44	Govt. Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
45	Additional District Magistrate (Development) Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
46	Additional S.P. Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
47	WBSEDCL Abasan	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
48	Bungalow of Executive Engineer, PWD, Cooch Behar	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
49	ADM & AEO (CBZP) Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
50	CMOH Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
51	Divisional Forest Officer (I.F.S.) Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
52	S.P. (I.P.S.) Bungalow	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
53	Ganaker Dighi	Assam Access Road, Ward No: 9
54	Cooch Behar Railway Station	Near Station Chowpathy, Ward No: 10
55	Gangabisun Thakur Bari Complex a: Gangabisun Thakur Bari b: Shiv Dighi	Kalighat Road 2, Ward No: 10
56	House of Asruman Dasgupta	Silver Jubilee Road, near Pancharangi More, Ward No: 13
57	Ram Krishna Math	Dinhata Road (SH-12A), Ward No: 13
58	Vivekananda School	Dinhata Road (SH-12A), Ward No: 13
59	Hari Sabha	Dinhata Road (SH-12A), Ward No: 13
60	Mali Dighi	Magzine Road Extention, Ward No: 13
61	Rupsi Dighi	Ashram Road, Ward No: 15
62	Nityananda Ashram	Ashram Road, Ward No: 15
63	Kalikagunj Bazar Dighi	Kalikagunj Bazar, Ward No: 16
64	Kalikagunj Bazar	Kalikadas Road, Ward No: 16
65	Bakshi House/ Zilla Parishad Office	Kalikadas Road, Ward No: 16
66	Bakshi Barir Dighi	Kalikadas Road, Ward No: 16
67	Indira Narayan's House	Kalikadas Road, Ward No: 16
68	House of Kumar Gajendra Narayan/ Handloom Office	Beside Thakur Bari of Kumar Gajendra Narayan Jr. , Ward No: 16
69	Thakur Bari of Kumar Gajendra Narayan Jr.	Silver Jubilee Road, , opposite side of Rashmela Ground, Ward No: 16
70	House of Jatindra Narayan (Kachua Saheb)	Harendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 16
71	Bairagi Dighi	MJN Road, Ward No: 17
72	Sadharan Brahma Samaj/ SanskritikSangha	Hitendra Narayan Road, beside Bairaghi Dighi, Ward No: 17
73	Cooch Behar Club	Hitendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 17
74	Rash Mela Ground	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 17
75	Old PWD Building within present PWD Road Campus	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 17
76	Chandan Dighi	South of Sunity Road, Ward No: 17
77	Jenkins School	Beside Rashmela Ground, Ward No: 17
78	ABN Seal College	Beside Rashmela Ground, Ward No: 17
79	Rajgun Boarding/Cooch Behar Victoria College Hostel	MJN Road, opposite side of ABNS College, Ward No: 17
80	Bani Bhaban	MJN Road, opposite side of ABNS College, Ward No: 17
81	Maharaja Nripendra Narayan Boys' Hostel	Sunity Road, Ward No: 17
82	Circuit House	Nara Narayan Road, Ward No: 17
83	Dak Bungalow	Nara Narayan Road, Ward No: 17
84	Jail Khana Complex	MJN Road, Ward No: 17

	a: Jail Khana b: Jail Khana Dighi	
85	Police Club	Sunity Road, Ward No: 17
86	Police Line	Sunity Road, Ward No: 17
87	Police Line Dighi	Sunity Road, Ward No: 17
88	Old Quarter Guard/Model Dairy/Police Hospital	MJN Road, Ward No: 17
89	Old Military Mosque	Magazine Road, Ward No: 17
90	Cooch Behar Fish Seed Firm Dighi 1	Magazine Road, Ward No: 17
91	Cooch Behar Fish Seed Firm Dighi 2	Magazine Road, Ward No: 17
92	Cooch Behar Fish Seed Firm Dighi 3	Magazine Road, Ward No: 17
93	Top Khana/ Magazine Room	Magazine Road, Ward No: 17
94	New Cinema	Silver Jubilee Road, Ward No: 17
95	Old Municipality Office, Cooch Behar	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 18
96	Khasmahal Office/District Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Office/ Revenue Inspector's Office	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 18
97	Dilkhush Bhaban/ Deputy Labour Commissioner Office	Temple Road, Ward No: 18
98	Central Cottage	Temple Road, Ward No: 18
99	Sabitri Lodge	Temple Road, Ward No: 18
100	Sahitya Sabha	Temple Road, Ward No: 18
101	Joy Kutir	Temple Road, Ward No: 18
102	Kamala Kutir	Hitendra Narayan Road, near Golbagan, Ward No: 18
103	Lakshmi Kutir	Temple Road, Ward No: 18
104	Sunity Academy Complex a: Sunity Academy b: Raha Dighi/ Sunity Academy Dighi	PVNN Road, Ward No: 18
105	House of Head Mistress, Sunity Academy	PVNN Road, Ward No: 18
106	Tarafder Dighi	Hitendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 18
107	House of J.C. Roy	PVNN Road, Ward No: 18
108	Kalyan Bhaban/ Moti Mahal	MJN Road, Ward No: 18
109	Parijat Villa/Dist. Judge's Bungalow	MJN Road, Ward No: 18
110	Kedar Kutir	Biswa Singha Road, beside Bairaghi Dighi, Ward No: 18
111	Bhola Ashram	Biswa Singha Road, beside Bairaghi Dighi, Ward No: 18
112	Keshab Ashram	Hitendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 18
113	Chandra Bari Complex a: Chandra Bari b: Chandra Barir Dighi	Hitendra Narayan Road, Ward No: 18
114	Deva Bakshi Barir Dighi	Kalikadas Road, Ward No: 18
115	Cooch Behar Raj Bari Complex a: Raj Bari b: Raj Bari Jhil c: Serpentine Dighi 2 d: Maharani Dighi	Keshab Road, Ward No: 19
116	Rajbari Heritage Uddyan Dighi/ Serpentine Dighi 1	Keshab Road, Ward No: 19
117	Dhopi Dighi	Near Bandh Road, Ward No: 19
118	Gulaab Dighi	Bandh Road, Ward No: 19
119	Baro Debi Bari	Debi Bari Road, Ward No: 19
120	Lamba Dighi	MJN Road, near Baro Debi Bari, Ward No: 19
121	Sagar Dighi	Near Kachari More, Ward No: 19
122	Lansdowne Hall	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19

123	Hiranyagarbha Shiva Temple	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
124	Victor Palace/Rajbanshi Bhasa Academy	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
125	LalBagh/ CMOH Office Complex a : CMOH Office b: New BSNL Office	Debi Bari Road, Ward No: 19
126	Council Office Complex a: Motor Vehicle Office/ Police Court b: District Judge's Court c: District Registrar Office	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
127	Bar Association & Library	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
128	SDO Office, Sadar Cooch Behar	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
129	The Treasury Building	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
130	District Election Office	Sagar Dighi, Ward No: 19
131	House of Suresh Mustafi	Keshab Road, near Kachari more, Ward No: 19
132	Mustafi Barir Dighi	RRN Road, Ward No: 19
133	Saha Bari	RRN bylane, near Deepnarayan Byamagar, Ward No: 19
134	Nababidhan Brahma SamajMandir	Sunity Road, Ward No: 19
135	Ananda Ashram/DSP's Bungalow	West of Narasingha Dighi, Ward No: 19
136	Irrigation Office Dighi	Bandh Road, Ward No: 19
137	Lal Dighi	Rup Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
138	Central Calcutta Bank	Rup Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
139	Nutan Masjid	Rup Narayan Road, beside Lal Dighi, Ward No: 20
140	Artizan School/ Public Works workshop	Rup Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
141	Koyedi Khora Dighi/ B.P. Talukder Dighi	North of Sunity Road, Ward No: 20
142	Narasingha Dighi	Doctor's Lane, Ward No: 20
143	Roy Bari	MJN Road, Ward No: 20
144	Madan Mohan Temple	MJN Road, near Bairaghi Dighi, Ward No: 20
145	Anandamayee Dharmashala	MJN Road, near Bairaghi Dighi, Ward No: 20
146	MJN Hospital	Sunity Road, near Harish Paul Chowpathy, Ward No: 20
147	Head Post Office Cooch Behar	Sunity Road, Ward No: 20
148	MJN Club	Sunity Road, Ward No: 20
149	Veterinary Hospital	Pran Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
150	Sen Bari	Pran Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
151	House of Abbasuddin Ahmed	Palash Bari Road, Ward No: 20
152	House of Ahsanullah Ahmed	Pran Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
153	Kotowali Thana Office Premise	Nara Narayan Road, Ward No: 20
154	Chila Rai Military Barrack Complex a: Chila Rai Military Barrack b: Chila Rai Military Barrack Dighi	Nara Narayan Road near Station Chowpathy, Ward No: 20