

# Govt reaches out to Nadia convicts' kin

**HELP** Families will be trained to attain self-sufficiency

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**KRISHNAGAR (NADIA):** It is the brainchild of Nadia district magistrate Vijay Bharati. The Nadia administration is going to help the families of the convicts, who are serving life imprisonment or a long-term sentence in jail.

The families, where the convicted persons were the only earning members, would get special help. According to DM, the members of such families spend days in a critical condition and with plethora of problems as their only earning members are behind the bars.

The Nadia Administration will help them through Individual Benefit Schemes (IBS) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Vijay Bharti went to visit the Krishnagar Correctional Home with nodal officer Babulal Mahato on January 26, 2016.

During conversation with the inmates, he realised the plight of the families of the convicted persons, especially those fami-



## IN NEED

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lies where the convicted persons were the only earning members.

He said, "The family members, including children and aged parents of convicts of long term or lifer, remain in plight. So, I thought to do something for them from the government scheme."

He discussed the issue with the officials and took the decision to help the families through Individual Benefit Schemes under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) So the process was initiated.

DM Vijay Bharti said, "It was found that there were about 250

convicts in correctional homes in Nadia, who were the only earning members of their families. Ninety per cent of them were from Krishnagar Correctional Homes."

Nadia administration will teach them to produce litchi, coconut, mango and guava, and run animal farms.

Administration will help the individual beneficiaries to work in their own projects and simultaneously they will get wages as the MGNREGA workers. Thus they will earn on a daily basis in their own projects. The project will start from July, 2016, district magistrate said.