

# **GITANJALI HOUSING SCHEME**

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## **Benefits (GITANJALI HOUSING SCHEME)**

- The Benefits of the scheme are to provide proper shelter to the economically weaker section of society as well as to create additional employment opportunities for construction workers etc. ■ The Government in the Department of Housing has decided to modify the Housing Scheme for new construction of houses throughout the State of West Bengal for Economically Weaker Sections of People (EWS) who have no pucca house of their own or in the name of any member of their family. ■ The benefits of the Gitanjali Housing Scheme are also multifaceted as it is related to multifaceted development. ■ 1. Those who have land but do not have money to build a house can build a house under this Scheme. 2. Under this Scheme, homeless people in the city will be able to build shelters for themselves. 3. Under this Scheme, rural people who are homeless due to financial weakness will get help from the state government to build houses. 4. Those who have become homeless due to various natural causes including river erosion and floods will be able to build houses through state government subsidies. 5. Besides, the lost land of the farmers has been returned to them under this Scheme. In this way, the farmers can cultivate the land again and live happily. 6. Under the Gitanjali Housing Scheme, the West Bengal state government will provide about 5 lakh houses. Those who are homeless will be able to get these houses. ■ Adding to it, there are the following provisions: Provision of Land The Scheme will be implemented in Rural areas on the land to be provided by the beneficiary of his/ her own land/ patta land and must be free from all encumbrances. In the case of urban areas where the land of beneficiaries is not available, the Group Housing may be built on the land supplied by District Administration, Municipality, or any Development Authority. ■ Area The dwelling unit will be in the IAY pattern. District Authority will provide a low

- cost toilet in every case. ■ Cost of the dwelling Units a) In Rural Areas and Urban Areas (plains areas):
- As per IAY pattern of Rs. 70,000/
- per unit. b) In Hilly/ Difficult and Sundarban Areas:
- As per IAY pattern of Rs. 75,000/
- per unit. The mode of selection of beneficiaries of 'GITANAJALI' and 'IAY' would be however different. ■

## Eligibility (GITANAJALI HOUSING SCHEME)

- Homeless people living in the city who are citizens of West Bengal can come under this scheme. People who have become homeless due to floods or other natural calamities will be considered eligible for the Gitanjali Housing Scheme. ■ Category of Beneficiaries: a) Poor People in Rural and Urban areas. b) Poor People in Erosion/ Flood/ Other calamity affected/ Disaster prone areas. c) Poor People affected by Government Projects (As part of rehabilitation measures). ■ Income Criterion: People having a family income of Rs. 6000/
- per month or less are eligible. People on the BPL list will get priority. ■ Extent of application of the scheme: The Scheme applies to all over the state of West Bengal including Rural and Urban areas. ■

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- At the district level, a sub-divisional governor, SDO, and block development officer BDO conduct the entire activities of the Scheme.
- In this case, the office can be contacted for the Scheme.
- In addition, a district governor and additional district governor supervise the work in each district.
- ■ If you are considered eligible for the Gitanjali Housing Scheme, you can apply online for the benefits of this Scheme.
- ■ There was no official portal for applying online but If government provides Gitanjali Housing Scheme Online Registration Then from there, you have to select Gitanjali Awas Yojana and press the registration button.
- ■ Then a form will come in front of you.
- You have to fill in the required information on this site.
- ■ However, make sure that the information you have filled in is correct.
- Then you need to attach the necessary documents and submit them carefully.
- ■ The housing money received under the Gitanjali Housing Scheme will go directly to the bank account.
- However, in this case, the housing money can come in different installments.
- ■ <https://wbhousing.gov.in/pages/display/399-gitanjali-housing-scheme>

## Documents Required (GITANAJALI HOUSING SCHEME)

- The following documents are commonly required: ■ Identity proof includes Aadhaar card
  - voter ID
  - PAN card
  - passport
  - or driving license. Address proof such as Aadhaar card
  - voter ID
  - electricity bill
  - water bill
  - or telephone bill. Income certificate issued by a competent authority. Bank account details. Photographs of the applicant. Proof of age such as birth certificate
  - school leaving certificate
  - or passport. Any other document specified by the government or the housing development authority. ■
- Reference Link is given below: 1. <https://wbhousing.gov.in/pages/display/399-gitanjali-housing-scheme>  
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