

Chittaprosad's erased portrait opens fresh front in JU battle

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Calcutta: A self-taught artist whose sketches of the 1943 Bengal Famine created a powerful visual record of human suffering and colonial neglect has been pitchforked into Bengal's latest political slugfest.

It involves a hostile takeover bid for one of the few remaining Left bastions in the country, fuelled by the BJP's stunning victory in the state polls.

What began with a physical attack on the campus at 1am on August 20 is now playing out on the university's walls, with the authorities wiping out students' graffiti and students returning with more.

One of the casualties of a midnight whitewash drive at Jadavpur University was a portrait of Chittaprosad (1915–1978) on the wall of an academic building. The portrait was drawn in 2022 as a tribute to the artist.

The erasure has drawn widespread criticism.

Arjun Dasgupta, a doctor, said on Facebook: "An artist who did not care for institutional rewards in his lifetime was recognised by the world decades after his death. A paint job to cover his face does not erase history. The slaked lime will dry out, the colours will fade, but the truth that was upheld by the portrait will keep coming back."

Anushna Das, a postgrad-

uate student of film studies at Jadavpur University, posted a video message on social media in which she stood in front of the wall bearing the remains of Chittaprosad's portrait after the whitewash.

"Imagine being so scared of love that you have to whitewash a wall that speaks of love and compassion, belonging and resistance.... It is people like Chittaprosad who have taught us that you should not remain silent when there is injustice all around... You can try and poison our minds with mindless hatred. But we will continue talking about love, compassion and resistance," she says as Bob Dylan's immortal song *Blowin' in the Wind* plays



The portrait of Chittaprosad on the JU campus before and (right) after it was whitewashed



in the background.

Anushna, Dasgupta and many others pointed out that Chittaprosad dropped his Brahminical surname, Bhat-tacharya, as a personal and political protest against the caste system and social discrimination.

"It does not augur well for the BJP and RSS, organisa-

tions that believe in trampling Dalits and other marginalised people," Anushna told **Metro**. The devastating Bengal Famine inspired profound and harrowing responses across visual art, literature and cinema.

Somnath Hore, Gobardhan Ash, Zainul Abedin and Chittaprosad were among the artists who documented the famine.

Chittaprosad, then a member of the undivided Communist Party of India, travelled through famine-ravaged

Bengal. His stark black-and-white drawings, reportage and gut-wrenching sketches were published in the CPI weekly *People's War* and compiled into a seminal booklet titled *Hungry Bengal*. Copies of the booklet were burnt by the British after it was first published in 1943.

Chittaprosad studied at Chittagong Government College and worked as an artist for CPI publications and propaganda material. In the late 1940s, he dissociated himself from the party, but his political commentary continued through his linocuts and cartoons.

In the 1950s, he moved to (then) Bombay and did illustrations for children's books. He also designed the poster for Bimal Roy's *Do Bigha Zamin*. He died in Calcutta in 1978.

DAG (formerly Delhi Art Gallery), which holds a major collection of Chittaprosad's works, has organised retro-

spectives and exhibitions on the artist.

"Humanism was the central pillar of his life and practice. One cannot separate his life from his art. When he was in Bombay, he would be fascinated but still organised puppet theatre for slum children," said an art historian who has studied Chittaprosad. He did not want to be named in this report.

The historic Jadavpur University emblem, designed by painter Nandalal Bose, was defaced, allegedly by ABVP supporters, on August 20 during a face-off with Left-leaning student groups.

Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya, CPM leader and the party's vanquished candidate from the Jadavpur Assembly seat, said in a Facebook post that damaging the emblem portended the "desecration of great artworks by raging bulls".

"The people who came to

whitewash the walls were ordinary workers. They don't know who Chittaprosad is. But the civic body, police and the university administration must answer why the portrait was erased. The BJP, the RSS and the entire Right-wing ecosystem are medieval in their thoughts. Obviously, Chittaprosad would be anathema to them," he said.

Debjit Sarkar, the BJP's chief spokesperson for Bengal, said: "We are not Right-wing. We are *rashtravadis* (nationalists). Nationalism is our currency. The CPM should not talk about casteism. All their top leaders are from the upper castes. In contrast, the BJP has made Narendra Modi, who is from a backward class, the Prime Minister."

The portrait of Chittaprosad did not deserve to be alongside walls "full of anti-national and separatist slogans", he said.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002)

LAST DATE OF EMD SUBMISSION

TIME UP TO

Online : 24.09.2026

Up to 1.00 PM

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [The Said Properties are under Constructive Possession/ Physical possession of the Secured Creditor]

Lot No.	BRANCH NAME / NAME OF THE A/C NAME & Address of the Borrowers / Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged, Owner's Name (Mortgagors of property(ies) & Possession	A) Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Date of Possession u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 C) Outstanding Amount	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amt D) Property ID	A) Date & Time of E-Auction B) Details of the Encumbrances known to the Secured Creditors
1.	Branch name: ARMB MURSHIDABAD(828300) M/s Koylash Homoeo Enterprise At - Krishna Nath Roy Road Market Complex, P.O. & P.S.- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, PIN-742101 SMT. AMITA BISWAS, W/o. Kanailal Biswas Residing at 19/3/A, Kalikapur Road, P.O.- Cossimbazar Raj, P.S.- Berhampore, Dist - Murshidabad, PIN-742102. SHRI KANCHAN BISWAS(prop) SHRI KANAILAL BISWAS, S/o. Late Sajani Biswas (Gurantor) SMT. SIPRA BISWAS, W/o. Kanchan Biswas(Gurantor).	All that part and parcel of Residential building situated at Mouza: Kalikapur, JL No. 99, Khatian No. LR-1420 & 510, Dag /Plot No. LR – 56, RS – 28, LR -56, area of measuring 0.03 acre Vill – Kalikapur, P.O. – Cossimbazar Raj P.S. – Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad Owned By: Amita Biswas W/o Kanailal Biswas. (Possession-Constructive)	A) 17.02.2012 B) 29.05.2012 C) Rs. 36,46,664 (Rupees Thirty six lac forty six thousand six hundred sixty four only) as on 17.02.2012 interest charged up to 30.11.2011 plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. thereon.	A) Rs. 44,01,000 B) Rs. 4,40,100 C) Rs. 50,000.00 D) PUNBU43215816K0Y	A) 24.09.2026 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM B) Not Known to Bank at present

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:
1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement, or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
4. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.
5. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanknet.in> on 24.09.2026 @ 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
6. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer to <https://baanknet.in> & <https://www.pnbindia.in/EAuction.aspx>
7. For any queries regarding the terms and conditions of the sale, the interested bidders may contact, Mr. Dhurjati Sen (CM) Mob: 9432821680

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date : 03.09.2026
Place : Berhampore

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE DATED 24.09.2026

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH, BURDWAN
Sree Durga Market, 2nd Floor, Police Line Bazar, P.O. - Sreepally, Burdwan, Pin - 713 103, e-mail : bo819300@pnb.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE / MOVABLE PROPERTIES

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD (Earnest Money) AND DOCUMENTS : On 24.09.2026 up to 03.00 P.M.
Sale of Immovable / Movable Property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / Movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
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The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE / MOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & Addresses of the Borrowers / Guarantors Account	Description of the Properties & Owner's Name	A) Date of Demand Notice B) Amount of Demand C) Date of Possession D) Possession Type	A) Reserve Price B) EMD Amount C) Bid Increase Amt.	Date / Time of E-Auction Details of Encumbrance known to the Secured Creditor
1.	Branch Name : Burdwan Medical College (141820) M/s. Rakesh Enterprise Proprietor : Abdul Alim Village : Goda, Bandhpara, Lakurdi, District - Purba Burdwan West Bengal, Pin -713102 Abdul Alim, S/o. Md. Mostafa Goda, Bandhpara, Lakurdi, District - Purba Burdwan West Bengal, Pin - 713102 Md. Mostafa (Guarantor) Goda, Bandhpara, Lakurdi, District - Purba Burdwan West Bengal, Pin - 713102 Asura Bibi (Guarantor / Mortgagor) W/o. Md. Mostafa, Goda, Bandhpara, Lakurdi, District - Purba Burdwan West Bengal, Pin - 713102 Account Nos. 1418250021298 (CCOTH) 1418304726267 (DLCOV) 1418304726911 (TLGCL)	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at District - Purba Bardhaman, Mouza - Goda, J. L. No. 41, L. R. Kh. Nos. 102, 103, 348, 428, 908, 2594, R. S. Kh. Nos. 1840 & 1841, R. S. Plot No. 1222, L. R. Plot No. 1331, Area - 360 Sq. Ft. more or less as per Regd. Sale Deed No. 00236/2013, in the name of Asura Bibi , W/o. Sekh Md. Mostafa registered at A.D.S.R. Burdwan.	A) 31.07.2021 B) Rs. 35,78,397.56 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Fifty Six only) as on 30.06.2021 with further interest and Bank charges until payment in full. C) 18.11.2021 D) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 10,48,000.00 B) Rs. 1,04,800.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00	24.09.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM Not known to Bank
2.	Branch Name : G. T. Road Burdwan (054100) M/s. Santi Trading Proprietor : Sri Swarup Jash Village : Sihigram, P. O. : Paraj, Galsi - I Purba Burdwan, Pin - 713403 Sri Jay Chand Ray Gushkara Raipur, Ward No. 12 Near Hanuman Mandir Purba Burdwan, Pin - 713128 Sri Subrata Jash Village : Sihigram, P. O. : Paraj, Galsi - I Purba Burdwan, Pin - 713403 Account No. 0541008700004722 (CCOTH)	Property - 1 : All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Mouza : Guskara, Burdwan. (J. L. No. 110, Khatian No. 1850, present L. R. Khatian No. 7626, Plot No. 348/4204, Holding No. 72, Mahalla-Sibtala Road, Ward No. 5), Area - 0.10 Acre, in the name of Sri Jay Chand Ray . Registered Gift Deed No. I-3311/2013 Dated 20.08.2013 with ADSR - Guskara. Property - 2 : All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Sihigram, Mouza Sihigram, PS Galsi, Burdwan (J. L. 49, Khatian No L. R. 427 & 428, Plot No. 522 & 523), Area 0.10 Acre, in the name of Sri Swarup Jash & Sri Subrata Jash . Registered Gift Deed No. 1872/2010 Dated 26.04.2010 of DSR-I Burdwan.	A) 31.10.2014 B) Rs. 82,60,570.00 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy only) as on 22.10.2014 with further interest and Bank charges until payment in full. C) 24.07.2015 D) Symbolic Possession (For Property No. 1) Physical Possession (For Property No. 2)	For Property -1 A) Rs. 23,83,000.00 B) Rs. 2,38,300.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00 For Property - 2 A) Rs. 17,17,000.00 B) Rs. 1,71,700.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00	24.09.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM Not known to Bank

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3.	Branch Name : Nimbuj Bazar (149500) KGN Plast Industries Proprietor : Meer Sajjad Khichi Village - Suryapur, P. O. Algoria P. S. Kalna, District - Purba Bardhaman West Bengal, Pin - 713405 Meer Sajjad Khichi Proprietor of KGN Plast Industries 396/2, G. T. Road, Uttar Salkia Howrah Corporation, District - Howrah West Bengal, Pin - 711106 Account Nos. 1495008700003597 (CCMPP) 149500CN000000011 (TLMPP) 149500CN000000020 (TLMPP)	Property - 1 : All that piece and parcel of Land and Building situated at District - Purba Bardhaman, P. O. - Algoria, P. S. - Kalna, Mouza - Suryapur, J. L. No. 59, L. R. Khatian No. 2282, Plot No. 1508, Class - Karkhana, Total Area 0.14 Acre, in the name of Meer Sajjad Khichi , S/o. Haji Md. Ishaque Khichi as per Deed No. I-3433 by 2021 Dated 07/09/2021 registered at ADSR Kalna, Purba Bardhaman. Property - 2 : All that piece and parcel of Land and Building situated at District - Purba Bardhaman, Gram - Panchayet - Sultapur, P. S. - Kalna, Mouza - Ultra, J. L. No. 24, L. R. Khatian No. 1085, L. R. Plot No. 894, Class - Bastu, Total Area 0.05 Acre, in the name of Meer Sajjad Khicchi , S/o. Haji Md. Ishaque Khichi as per sale Deed No. I-3439 by 2003 Dated 23.04.2003 and Deed No. I-1889/2020 Dated 10.04.2020 registered at ADSR Kalna Purba Bardhaman.	A) 09.10.2025 B) Rs. 81,81,807.76 (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seven and Seventy Six Paise Only) as on 30.09.2025 with further interest and Bank charges until payment in full. C) 25.02.2026 D) Symbolic Possession	Property - 1 A) Rs. 64,92,000.00 B) Rs. 6,49,200.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00 Property - 2 A) Rs. 18,60,000.00 B) Rs. 1,86,000.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00	24.09.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM Not known to Bank
4.	Branch Name : Burdwan Medical College (141820) M/s. Nayan Electric Proprietor : Sri Ashok Chatterjee 20, K. B. Central Main Road, Ward No. 7, Badamtala District - Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, Pin - 713101 Sri Ashok Chatterjee, S/o. Kashi Nath Chatterjee Chandmari Road, Badamtala District - Purba Burdwan, Pin - 713101 Smt. Snigdha Chatterjee (Guarantor) W/o. Sri Ashok Chatterjee, Chandmari Road, Badamtala, West Bengal, Pin - 713101 Account Nos. 1418250021720 (CCOTH), 1418304726850 (TLGCL)	EM of Property situated at District - Purba Burdwan, Mouza - Nari, J. L. No. 70, R. S. Kh. No. 625, L. R. Kh. 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, Present L. R. Kh. Nos. 12943 & 12944, R. S. Plot No. 389, L. R. Plot No. 389, L. R. Plot No. 638, Area - 405.17 Sq. Feet more or less, in the name of Sri Ashok Chatterjee, S/o. Kashinath Chatterjee and Smt. Snigdha Chatterjee as per Sale Deed No. 08247/2012 registered at A.D.S.R. Burdwan.	A) 13.07.2022 B) Rs. 52,79,590.81 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and Paise Eighty One only) as on 30.06.2022 with further interest and Bank charges until payment in full. C) 03.01.2023 (Symbolic) 02.07.2026 (Physical) D) Physical Possession	A) Rs. 12,00,000.00 B) Rs. 1,20,000.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00	24.09.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM Not known to Bank
5.	Branch Name : Burdwan B. C. Road (319400) M/s. Islami Hardware Proprietor - Sekh Monirul Islam Sekh Monirul Islam (HBL Borrower & Proprietor of M/s. Islami Hardware) S/o. Based Ali Sekh, Village - Sajipur, Chowberia P. O. - Paratal, P. S. - Jamalpur District - Purba Burdwan, Pin - 713408 Rojina Parvin (HBL Co-Borrower) W/o. Sekh Monirul Islam, Village - Sajipur, Chowberia P. O. - Paratal, P. S. - Jamalpur District - Purba Burdwan, Pin - 713408 Based Ali Sekh (HBL Co-Borrower & Guarantor of M/s. Islami Hardware) Village - Sajipur, Chowberia, P. O. - Paratal P. S. - Jamalpur, District - Purba Burdwan Pin - 713408 Account Nos. 3194008700002321 (CCOTH), 319400CN00005708 (TLPHL)	All that piece and parcel of Land and Building comprising in regd. Deed No. I-2078 Dated 21.07.2010 under ADSR Jamalpur, Panchra Gram Panchayat, P. S. & District - Burdwan, Mouza - Chowberia, J. L. No. 11, R. S. Plot No. 607, L. R. Plot No. 708, R. S. Khatian No. 30, L. R. Khatian No. 503, Area 3.833 Satak, Class - Bastu converted to shop, in the name of Sekh Monirul Islam .	A) 23.05.2019 B) Rs. 45,18,027.49 (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Eighteen Thousand Twenty Seven and Paise Forty Nine only) as on 31.03.2019 with further interest and Bank charges until payment in full. C) 05.09.2019 D) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 37,35,000.00 B) Rs. 3,73,500.00 C) Rs. 25,000.00	24.09.2026 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM Not known to Bank

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4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer to <https://baanknet.com> & <https://www.pnbindia.in>
5. Bank shall not be liable for any kind of statutory dues against the property. Buyers shall be solely responsible for payment of any kind of taxes.
6. For any queries regarding the terms and conditions of the sale, the interested bidders may contact Mr. Nayan Ranjan Purohit (Chief Manager), Mob : 8827650888.

STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) & RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST ENFORCEMENT ACT, 2002.

Date : 04.09.2026
Place : Burdwan

Sd/- Mr. Nayan Ranjan Purohit, Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank, ARMB - BURDWAN