

THE FIRST REFUGEE CAMP IN WEAT BENGAL AFTER PARTITION

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ABSTRACT

At the time of independence of India in 1947, India was divided and separate Pakistan was created. Bengal and Punjab province was divided at the time of partition. East Bengal and West Punjab were included in Pakistan and West Bengal and East Punjab remained in India. The minority Hindus of East Bengal becomes refugees and they had been coming to the different adjoining border provinces of India for having shelter since the partition of India. The majority of the refugees of East Bengal took shelter in West Bengal. The Govt. of West Bengal had to take responsibility for these refugees. The Government took initiatives to establish some camps for the shelter of these refugees. The establishment of Cooper's Camp and some more camps in the district of Nadia were the first step of this initiative of the Government.

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