

West Bengal: East-West Metro contractors' job drive for staff

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KOLKATA: The East-West Metro is expected to gather momentum with contractors Afcons and ITD Cementation organizing vaccination camps for employees. The state government has given a leeway to infrastructure projects, but said inoculation of the workers must start first.

Over 950 construction staff, their family members and workers of Afcons received their first dose on Sunday. Similarly, 251 employees of ITD ITD-Cementation were vaccinated on Saturday. While Afcons is building the Howrah-Esplanade stretch of the 16km East-West Metro project, ITD is contracted to construct the Esplanade-Sealdah section of the corridor which will eventually link Sector V with Howrah Maidan.

“We are happy to be able to organize this vaccination camp in line with our management’s decision to extend complete vaccine support to our employees, their families and our workers. We received an overwhelming response,” said Afcons’ project manager Satya Narayan Kunwar.

Somendranath Sengupta, ITD’s senior assistant GM (admin), said, “We have tied up with Apollo Gleneagles to inoculate our employees and their family members.” Afcons, too, is doing the vaccination with Apollo Hospital. It is a shot in the arm not only for KMRC, implementing agency of the city’s biggest infrastructure project, but also for contractors to complete remaining work despite pandemic.