



The govt has acted against encroachment in Sundarbans — the habitat of the tiger

A battle to save the Bengal Tiger

THE Royal Bengal Tiger is the pride of Bengal. And, the state government is also serious about protecting the wild carnivore.

To stop encroachment and human disturbances in the Sundarbans, a UNESCO world heritage site, the West Bengal government has recently served demolition notices to nine tourist lodges inside the biosphere reserve area.

The tourist lodges located at Pakhiralaya and Dayapur have been functioning without permission and are situated in and around the embankments. The government now fears that the resorts may

endanger the embankments and cause flooding in the area.

The state government wants to do all it can to preserve the world's largest mangrove forest region and its unique ecosystem. It was declared a World Heritage site in 1989.

The state minister for Sundarbans Affairs, Kantl Ganguly, said that in addition to the tourist resorts, his department would now serve demolition notices to several other illegal buildings, including schools, which have been set up in different parts of the Sundarbans region.