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Title: Need to set up a Central University in Darjeeling, West Bengal - Laid.

**SHRI RAJU BISTA (DARJEELING):** Darjeeling is a hub of education, not only in India, but also across the South and South-East Asian countries. It is home to some of the best schools in India and students from all over Asia come to study in the hills.

However, in terms of higher education, this region lags behind as compared to the rest of India. Lack of higher education facilities have seen huge proportions of brain drain from the region. The best and the brightest from this region are forced to take their knowledge, skills and passion elsewhere.

Institutions of higher and technical learning have been a long standing aspiration and pertinent demand of the people. Establishing a Central University in Darjeeling will turn it into one of the hubs for higher education in India, and in South and South East Asia. This will greatly compliment Government's 'Act East Policy'.