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Title: Need to set up a Central Agricultural University at Jhargram, West Bengal.

SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE (JHARGRAM): After the Independence and bifurcation of Bengal, the first Agriculture College in West Bengal was established at Jhargram with the facilities provided by the Malla Raja of Jhargram. This was the nursery of agricultural education in the West Bengal in post-Independent India. Then, it was shifted to Rani Kuthi of Tallyganj, Kolkata as State College of Agriculture. It was shifted again to Mohanpur of district Nadia as Birla College of Agriculture, Haringhata, later College of Agriculture, and then Faculty of Agriculture under the University of Kalyani. Many new State Universities are being established in West Bengal. But none is talking about revival of the Agriculture College at Jhargram in which students of the western districts could gain knowledge of horticulture, animal husbandry, dairy, veterinary and environment education-cum-research. Refreshment training to the agricultural technologists and also to the farmers could be imparted there. There is huge land of about 900 acre and 1100 staff at Goaltore Jute Firm of Agriculture University. I urge upon the Government for establishment of one Central Agriculture University at Jhargram for the students of the West Bengal and adjoining states of Jharkhand and Odisha.