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Title : Need to declare Vidyasagar Memorial Hall in West Medinipur, West Bengal as a national heritage site.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Medinipur Town is the district headquarters of Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal. The town is an import milepost in the annals of Indian Freedom Struggle. On 15 December 1938, Kavi Guru Rabindranath Tagore inaugurated Vidyasagar Memorial Hall in ths town for which the foundations stone was laid by former President of India and great philosopher Dr. Sarvapally Radhakrishnan.

This Vidyasagar Memorial Hall, in memory of legendary educationist and social reformer, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, plays an important role in developing cultural & research works for the present and future generations.

But due to financial constraints the affairs of Hall have come to a miserable condition. Though the Hall Committee has come out with a novel programme for establishing a full-fledged cultural complex housing the Hall itself, but it is lying pending.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government and Hon'ble Prime Minister to take necessary steps so that the Vidyasagar Memorial Hall is declared a National Heritage site and a seat of world related cultural activities.