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Title: Need to declare Nabadwip as National Heritage city.

DR. TAPAS MANDAL (RANAGHAT): Sir, Nabadwip city of Nadia district, West Bengal is under my constituency, Ranaghat. It was a centre of learning and philosophy in medieval India and is still noted for its traditional Sanskrit schools. This great land is the birth place of the leader of the Bhakti movement, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Nabadwip was also the capital of Bengal Empire under the regime of Ballal Sen and Lakshman Sen, the famous rulers of the Sen Empire. Nabadwip and Nadia were great centres of learning and intellectual progress. For five centuries, it was referred to as 'Oxford of Bengal'. The State Government of West Bengal helps it in many ways with its limited resources.

I urge upon the Central Government to declare Nabadwip as National Heritage City. Sufficient funds under different Central Government schemes should be given to Nabadwip to improve all ancient heritage infrastructure and modern amenities for better life.