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'Danesh Agri College will help improve farmers' lot'

BASHERHAT (Dinajpur), Nov. 11: President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today reiterated his call to the agricultural scientists and students to develop new varieties of crops suitable for cultivation before and after the flood period, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the Haji Mohammad Danesh Kishi College here ten kilometres north of Dinajpur town, the President said, "we shall have to find out new ways and develop new agriculture technology to face possible floods in future."

In this context he referred to the new varieties of rice developed by Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) which could be planted even after October 15, when the flood period is over.

The President said Haji Mo-

hammad Danesh had struggled during his lifetime for improving lot of the poor and landless farmers and by naming the college after him he was being honoured and his contribution was being recognised by the government and the society.

Haji Mohammad Danesh Kishi College, the third agricultural college in the country, has been established on 50 acres of land situated at Basherhat on the Dhaka-Dinajpur Highway in a record period of one and a half year time.

In a public meeting at Dinajpur last year the President declared that an agricultural college would be established in Dinajpur for the economic well being of the farmers in the northern region of the country.

Agriculture Minister Mahmudul Hasan, Social Welfare and Women Affairs Minister Rezwanaul Haq Chowdhury, Agriculture Secretary M A Sayeed and Director General of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) Mohammad Hossain Mandal also addressed the function.

The college will be under the administrative control of BARI at Joydevpur the academic curricula will be approved by the Bangladesh Agricultural University at Mymensingh. It has introduced a four-year Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.