

2 BENGAL JUTE MILLS CLOSED, 8,000 JOBLESS

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Landing a major blow to the industrial growth of West Bengal, two jute mills were closed down on Sunday in Hooghly district. The closure of two jute mills took place a day after Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi visited Wellington Jute Mill in Rishra and assured jute mill workers that he would raise their issues in Parliament.

The management of two jute mills on Sunday issued suspension of work notice which left about 8,000 workers unemployed. The Northbrook Jute Mill in Bhadreswar and India Jute Mill in Serampore were closed down. The management of both the jute mills cited low production, low supply of raw materials, surplus labour and non-conducive environment for work and other reasons for their decision to make such announcements. However, the workers claimed they were not given a prior notice before issuing the suspension of works notice.

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KOLKATA: In another blow to West Bengal's jute industry, two mills in Hooghly district announced suspension of work on Sunday rendering around seven thousand work-

ers jobless. This comes a day after Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi visited a jute mill during his visit to the city.

Northbrook Jute Mill in Bhadreswar and India Jute Mill in Serampore put up notices of suspension of work.