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Title:Need to confer the status of Deemed University to Central Institute of Buddhist Studies in Leh district of Ladakh region in Jammu & Kashmir.

SHRI CHHEWANG THUPSTAN (LADAKH): The Central Institute of Buddhist Studies located at Choglamsar in Leh district of Ladakh region was established nearly fifty years ago on the initiative of late Kushok Bakula, the spiritual and temporal leader of Ladakh with the active support of Late Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lai Nehru. This Institute has done tremendous service and has played a very important role in protecting and promoting the unique identity of people of Ladakh and has promoted integration of Ladakh in the National mainstream. This Institute is presently affiliated to Varanasi Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya but has grown in its stature and activities to be fit to be declared and conferred the status of a Deemed University. The Institute meets all requirements which make it to qualify for the grant of the status of a Deemed to be University. I request Government of India to confer the status of Deemed University to this important Institution.

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