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Title: Need to accord Central University status to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

DR. RAJESH MISHRA (VARANASI): \*Sir, Sanskrit is the most ancient language of the world. It contains a rich and vast literature. The most ancient pieces of literature have been written in Sanskrit. This language is the soul of Indian languages. This language unites the country.

Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi is a very important centre of Sanskrit education not only in India, but also in the world. In this University all the subjects are taught through Sanskrit medium. This University has its affiliated colleges in various States of the country as in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand. But this is functioning under the aegis of the State Government which is not commensurate with its dignity and stature.

Therefore, this University should be recognized by the Union Government as a Central University. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University with all its affiliated colleges may kindly be improved further with well-equipped educational institutions.