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Title: Need to grant the status of a Central University to Kerala Kalamandalam; a premier cultural institution in Kerala.

SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR (OTTAPALAM): Kerala Kalamandalam is a premier and leading cultural institution in the state of Kerala. This institution of cultural importance imparts training and teaches all sorts of cultural performances such as Kathakali. This institution attracts hundreds of students for learning and getting training on various arts performances. Therefore, it has been a long pending demand to convert this institution as a cultural university. By doing so, this institution will be able to expand its cultural activities and enhance the livelihood of the people associated with it.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to grant the status of a Central University to Kerala Kalamandalam.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri P. Karunakaran – Not present.