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Title: Need to appoint Vice Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh from the tribal community.

SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL (DAKSHINA KANNADA): The Government of India had set up Indira Gandhi National Tribal University in Amarkantak for the welfare of about 8.5 Crore tribal population of the country. The objectives of the Tribal university were to conduct studies on various cultural and other activities like art and folk literature of the Tribal population. The university caters to the tribal's long cherished dream of higher education. The tribal people are rich in cultural heritage and skilled in art and craft but they are still marginalized in respect of higher education as well as in other walks of life. Now in the present age of globalization, the world has shrunk into a village as the society has advanced in technology. But the tribes, who are the custodians of Indian culture in real sense, are far behind in this race of advancement. For their upliftment, the University should play a vital role in helping the Government of India to formulate policies pertaining to education, employment vocational skill, community development, self-employment opportunities etc. I am of the opinion that the objectives of the National Tribal University would be achieved if a right person having appropriate knowledge of the tribals is at the helm of affairs. So I would urge upon the Union Government to ensure a scholarly person from the tribal community should be the Vice Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarakantak, Madhya Pradesh.