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Title : Regarding establishment of a Research Institute for Temple Arts in Thrissur

Shri T. N. Prathapan (THRISSUR): Sir, Thrissur is known as the cultural capital of Kerala for its rich culture and engagements with arts and literature. Thrissur also has a good legacy of many temple arts. A central research institute for temple arts can preserve the legacy of temple arts and promote them internationally. Due to the lack of effective attention, many of the temple arts are losing their richness and tradition. There are various different temple arts in the country. This research institute can bring them together and it will facilitate a platform for flourishing their traditions. Thrissur currently has a good potential for a network of temple pilgrim centres. It has academies of several performing arts. This atmosphere may strengthen a research academy of temple arts in Thrissur. Such an institute can start courses for temple arts, encourage research on them, and facilitate a museum for equipment used for temple arts. Therefore, I request the Government to establish a research institute for temple arts in Thrissur.