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Title: Need to make Calicut in Kerala a centre for UPSC examinations.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHICODE): The UPSC is conducting about 20 exams including the prestigious Civil Services Exam with over 20 lakh candidates taking the exam every year. The students from Kerala also participate in these exams. Trivandrum and Ernakulam are the two centers for UPSC conducted examination in Kerala. This is affecting the convenience of the candidates belonging to the northern part of Kerala popularly known as the Malabar region consisting of 7 districts out of the 14 districts in the state. While Trivandrum is in the southern part, Ernakulam is in the central part of the state.

In order to mitigate the problem being faced by the candidates appearing for the UPSC exams from the Malabar Region, there has been a constant demand to declare Calicut (Kozhicode) a UPSC centre. In fact Calicut is home to institutions like IIM, NIT, the Calicut University, the Government Medical College, Feroke College among others. Apart from this, the Kannur University in Kannur and large number of educational Institutions exist in the entire region of Malabar. A UPSC centre will help these students to take the various examinations of UPSC conveniently. There is no dearth for Institutions in Calicut to conduct the examination which has 2 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the city itself in addition to the Government Arts College, Government Engineering College, Polytechnic, etc.

It is, therefore, urged that Calicut may be made as a UPSC centre for its examinations.