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Title : Need to establish a centre for Malayalam learning in Jawaharlal Nehru University and Delhi University.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): I request the Government to take necessary steps to promote studies in the major regional languages listed in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. It is necessary to start separate centers for regional languages in universities and higher learning centers at least in the capital city of our country. Malayalam, being one among the scheduled languages, is not taught anywhere in Delhi. In Jawaharlal Nehru University, which is considered as one of the best in Asia, there is a Centre for Indian languages. Apart from Hindi, Urdu and Tamil, other scheduled languages including Malayalam are not finding a place in this much celebrated language centre of JNU. India has been a land of diversity. The diversity in its culture, beliefs, rituals, food, clothing, and languages is what makes India a unique country. I request the Government to take time-bound initiatives and start center for Malayalam in Jawaharlal Nehru University and Delhi University.