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Greetings! From Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

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On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of The Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IMBTS SB RAS), I on behalf of all my colleagues in the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India), extend warm felicitations to all friends and colleagues of this prestigious Institute. This remarkable journey spanning a century has been the outcome of the dedicated service of generations of scholars who have worked tirelessly to translate the vision of the founding fathers of the Institute — the vision of making the Institute not just a centre of academic excellence but also a cradle of nation and culture building. Over the years, the Institute has successfully created a nurturing eco-system that has produced Research fellows of high caliber, capable of conducting fundamental and applied research on a wide range of issues of Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan studies including those significant for the Baikal region and beyond. The most unique feature of the Institute has been its ability to act as a transcontinental bridge between West and the East, thereby linking cultures and civilizations through positive dialogue and cultural exchange. In this regard, its international outreach has been remarkable.

The Institute's expanding ties with the leading academic institutions in India have resulted in the exchange of scholars and scholarship from both sides and have thus greatly contributed to the deepening of ties between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation. People to people ties have been the driving force of all enduring partnerships and in this regard the role of The Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IMBTS SB RAS) has been exemplary.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Prof. Boris Vandanovich Bazarov, the Director of the Institute and all his distinguished colleagues for their remarkable achievements. It is because of their vision and hard work that the institute has achieved a position of prominence in the world of research and scholarship. I am confident that the Institute will achieve greater heights in the years to come.

We in Jawaharlal Nehru University, are extremely proud of our association with IMBTS SB RAS and we look forward to further deepening our cherished ties. Our colleagues and students have benefitted immensely from this association and I take this opportunity to express my deepest regard and gratitude to all our wonderful friends in IMBTS SB RAS for their contribution in cementing our ties.

With all good wishes and regards on this historic occasion.

Sincerely,

Prof. Archana Upadhyay  
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