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Prof. Lokesh Chandra who is an internationally renowned scholar of Tibetan and Sino-Japanese Buddhism. Enormously prolific, he is the author of numerous

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