



Honourable, Vice-chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Professor D.P. Singhji, University Rector, Director of the institute, Professor T.M. Mohapatra, Senate members, invited guests, university-alumni, distinguished faculty, resident doctors, students, other staff, ladies and gentlemen and members of the Press,

I am very happy to be present here today on the solemn occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of this prestigious institute of health sciences at this great Banaras Hindu University, at Varanasi on the bank of the holy Ganges. Sustaining excellence by any institute for 50 years itself is a great achievement and I congratulate you all on such a land mark that you have so beautifully and successfully arrived at.

Friends! You are aware that the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) was founded by the great soul, Mahamana, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviyaji. This university (BHU) is known for its diverse academic streams/disciplines, such as Arts, Music, Dance, Fine arts, Humanities, History, Engineering and technology, different branches of Sciences, only to name few of them, and the health sciences within the same campus. Health sciences include also the Indian system of Ayurveda within the institute of medical sciences.

It has provided to its faculty and students a unique opportunity to blend these two systems of health care sciences within the same institute at the IMS-BHU. This experiment was founded by its founder Director, Dr. K.N. Udupa. The people of India and the country have

recognized this institute and its excellent teaching faculty in different forms such as award of national fellowships, Dr. BC Roy awards, besides high appreciation for its scientific contributions and publications both from within and abroad and also for its high quality patient care services.

The institute has a tertiary care hospital catering to a large population of Uttar Pradesh and its neighbouring states. It has also produced a large number of doctors, specialists in different disciplines of medicine over the years.

It provides training in modern health sciences, dental care and the Ayurvedic care and it also conducted huge research activities in modern medicine and Ayurveda. The IMS-BHU has earned a unique name in the world for its frontier research in Ayurveda, together with modern medical sciences and health care.

This institute has been rated highly by public and media through at different surveys, many a times.

Friends, Ladies and gentlemen, I commend the faculty, doctors, nurses, paramedics and students of this great university for their all round achievements and excellence. The director has elaborated its various activities including the courses, it conducted, research, undertaken and recognisations obtained from both scientific community and the public over the last 50 years. Friends! The country is proud of you for your achievements and services and salute those teachers and the leaders, who made possible. I am happy to see many of them present here today in this auditorium to share the joy and happiness on this occasion.

With the advances in science and technology today, although we have acquired more knowledge, we have equally many more problems and challenges, before us. We have to take them as opportunities to make solutions for all that we face and to produce

new data. Newer techniques, methods such as CT-MR scans, ultrasounds, automated machines for health care diagnostics and the evidence based therapy like new pharmaceutical drugs, radiotherapy, chemotherapy for cancers, the lasers, and nuclear medicines are available to us today and to enrich our practice. New research tools are also available to understand about the diseases and their mechanisms. Human knowledge and skills are enhancing every day and in every places and we doctors are expected to acquire all such sciences, skills and to provide improved, high quality care to our patients safely and successfully. The patient safety is now considered a new discipline and doctors are expected to exercise all necessary cautions in their patient care activities and also in doing ethically accepted research for newer knowledge. So ethical practice with quality and affordable care is the key mix, we need to do today in a country like ours. IMS-BHU has also another opportunity to undertake for the country, research in certain areas like biodesign for developing implantable medical devices, like knee, hip joints for replacent surgery, biodesigned cardiac valves for valvular cardiac diseases, cardiac stents for angioplastic procedures, and many other such biodesigned items for clinical uses, besides artificial prosthethis. The institute is uniquely placed in the BHU campus to collaborate with its engineering and technology institutes with its distinguished faculty and using its advanced research facilities for such innovations to be created and ultimately taking those innovations to market level through support from industry and provide leadership in biodesigned device-industry in the country. IMS-BHU has also the opportunity to create new drugs from Indian herbal sources by jointly doing research in this field and make innovations in this area by blending Indian system of therapy-the Ayurveda and modern medicine for wellness to prevention and cure of many diseases and conditions prevailing in India and thus can give a new direction to world knowledge society.

Ladies and gentlemen, We live in a knowledge based society, we have to improve our services. We have to deliver that, and to achieve that, innovations are required in health sciences with supports from science and technology departments of the university. I am sure the BHU is capable of doing it and shall take further steps for enhancing its activities in next 10 years. We have also to add values to our work such as caring attitude, work culture, team spirit and a high degree of commitment to society. Innovative research works are possible here in this campus at BHU, with supports from humanities and social sciences and other creative departments of BHU.

Friends! The IMS-BHU inculcated all those universal values to all its students, it has produced. During its golden jubilee celebrations it has arranged so many learning –teaching activities, such as Seminars, CMEs, Orations, Lectures, which will enrich each and every one attending the week long celebrations in the campus.

I congratulate you, all on this great occasion. I also feel deeply honoured and lucky to be present here today, at BHU, Varanasi, a holy place in India. You have another opportunity at BHU, to undertake research in science and spirituality and its impact in healing processes and wellness of man, in your health care institute and provide innovations to the world.

Ladies and gentlemen!, I am sure the great image and name that this university and health institute have earned and sustained it so long , you, will nurture it further in the coming years, and make it an international centre for learning and health care.

The Government of India has recently increased the country's health budget significantly under the able leadership of our beloved Prime minister, Shri Manmohan Singhji and it has made a change in the rural health care in the entire country. I understand the government has already made a significant budget allocation to this institute at BHU under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana. It has

started many new specialities including a Trauma centre in the BHU campus. In the near future, surely, IMS-BHU will create new facilities for furthering its capabilities to serve the people of this region and undertake innovative projects for new knowledge. I believe, it will definitely produce more health care personnel of high calibre and quality. It will continue to stand out as one of the best health care centres in the country and become a centre of excellence, a centre of national importance with committed faculty, doctors, nurses and staff, with supportive administration. Young friends! It is you the new generation, who could improve further the quality of service, education by ethical practice and innovations. With knowledge, skills and confidence through sincere practice, you can do miracles and collectively, illuminate the world society. I hope, IMS-BHU will attract many more young talents to conduct research and produce innovations for serving the people better, with commitment to the society.

Friends! I thank you all for your kind indulgence.

Jai Hind.

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