

A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY, VARANASI.

Banaras Hindu University is the first Indian University established by a great visionary Indian, inspired by nationalist thoughts with the help of donations from the entire country in 1916 when India was still under the foreign rule. That visionary was the great Indian nationalist leader, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

THE FOUNDER'S VISION:

“It is my earnest hope and prayer that the centre of life and light, which is coming into existence, will produce students will not only be intellectually equal to the best of their fellow students in other parts of the world, but will also live a noble life, love their country and be loyal to the Supreme Ruler.”

This university was conceived as a residential University, keeping in view its objective of complete character development and thorough monitoring of students. Perhaps this is the only University in the world where courses ranging from nursery and primary school up to Doctoral/ Post-Doctoral degrees are taught and pursued within a walled campus spread over 550 hectares (1368 acres) with majestic buildings of great architectural delight. It enshrines within its precincts a phenomenal range of teaching disciplines incorporating almost all conceivable subjects of Science, Humanities, Social Sciences, Management, Commerce, Law, Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Sanskrit Vidya Dharma Vigyan, Agriculture, Library Science, Journalism and a large number of Indian and foreign languages. It also has four colleges admitted to the privileges of the University, which are located in the city. The university also runs 3 schools apart from having a Kendriya Vidyalaya housed in the campus. In addition, the Rajiv Gandhi South Campus has been established in the year 2006 in a sprawling campus of 1092.6 hectares (2700 acres) located about 75 kilometres away from the main campus at Barkachha in Mirzapur district. In recent years, we have also started UG programme in the Veterinary Sciences stream at South Campus.

Today BHU has 05 Institutes in addition to IIT (BHU) on its campus, 16 Faculties and 134 Departments, 2 Schools and a number of research centres. There are at present 12 Departments receiving support under Special Assistance Program, Six Centres of Advanced Studies and 6 Departments under the DRS level 1 and 3 and Five Department/school are supported under FIST program of DST. Over 30000 students from all over India and 45 foreign countries are enrolled in various Faculties of the University. The University has 76 hostels having nearly 15,000 inmates, with all modern amenities including Internet for the students of various disciplines. It also has 1,400 staff quarters and seven guest houses on the campus. Another 4 blocks of 80 modern apartments each are under construction and would be ready shortly for the teachers. The University campus is connected with both LAN facilities which connects all academic and administrative buildings, as well as hostels with the well-equipped Computer Centre providing high-end computing and training facilities. The University has been provided three 1 Gbps nodes of National Knowledge Network (NKN) under NME-ICT. The entire University Campus has recently been made Wi-Fi covering all administrative, academic and hostel buildings.

The university provides tertiary medical facilities to the poorest of the poor masses of parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand States at an affordable cost through its 1200 bedded Sir Sunderlal Hospital and the 376 bedded Trauma Centre. Apart from this, a Centenary Super Speciality Block consisting of 430 beds has been started this year, to further expand the outreach program, besides providing unparalleled research and learning facility.

BHU has a Central library system having more than 15 lakh volumes apart from subscription to more than 13000 online journals, 50,000 e-books, data bases, and a huge collection of digitalised rare manuscripts, which function in conjunction with a chain of Departmental, Faculty and Institute libraries. In addition, BHU has a fully air-conditioned Cyber Library with seating capacity of around 500. This facility provides unique opportunity, especially to the economically weaker students who do not reside on the Campus, to study till late night. BHU has a museum of international importance - Bharat Kala Bhawan, which is a treasure trove of rare art and artefacts. The Bharat Kala Bhawan has 13 galleries having collection of more than 1 lakh antiques and rare sculptures, miniature paintings, Rajasthani, Mughal and Pahari paintings, rarest of the rare coins, jewellery, precious stones etc. of immense historic value and a very special literary gallery containing manuscripts of famous authors. It also has a rich library containing rare books. Today, BHU is ranked 3rd among Indian Universities in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 601-800 in Times Higher Education (THE) world University Rankings and A-Grade NAAC accreditation. In 2019, Govt. of India has given Banaras Hindu University an "Institution of Eminence" status to achieve into top 500 World Rankings in 5 years. Agriculture & Forestry, Physics & Astrophysics, Biological/Life Science, Material Science, Medicine, Clinical, pre-clinical and Health, Chemistry, Management are the strongest research area at International level.

FOREIGN LINKAGES:

Banaras Hindu University has an International Centre facilitating 66 collaborations with foreign Institution, apart from many ongoing and completed research projects. Banaras Hindu University hosts over 400 International students across 49 countries around the globe. It has magnificent world-class facilities to host International students/ exchanges and other activities.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION:

BHU has always encouraged the spirit of quality research coupled with quality teaching. Some of the unique milestones of the University are:

- "Institutions of Eminence" status from the Govt. of India (2019).
- A new 430 bedded Centenary Super Specialty block of Sir Sunder Lal Hospital.
- A Bharat Adhyayan Kendra for learning and research on ancient Indian knowledge to establish a reconnect with it.
- A unique Ved Vigyan Kendra is established in BHU which will conduct research on establishing linkage between our ancient wisdom and modern knowledge.
- Inter-University Centre for Teachers Education (IUCTE) establishment in BHU Campus (2014).
- Mahamana Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya Cancer Centre establishment in BHU Campus (2019).
- Selected as nodal centre by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to implement STRIDE scheme (2019).
- ARPIT (2018), LEAP (2018), School of Education (2016) and Subject based Networking in Ayurveda (2016) under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMNMTT) funded by MHRD, Govt. of India.
- Atal Incubation Centre of Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Ayog, Govt. of India, promoting innovations and nurturing incubates.
- Establishment of Central Discovery Centre (2018).
- "University with Potential for Excellence" status from UGC.
- Establishment of Faculty of Veterinary Sciences at RGSC (2017).
- Only university of India with an IIT (BHU) on its campus (earlier part of BHU as IT).
- Establishment of DBT Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences.

- Establishment of the Trauma Centre under PMSSY.
- Centre for Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences supported by DST.
- Strengthening & Development of Agricultural Education by ICAR, New Delhi.
- Malviya Centre for Human Values and Ethics supported by the Ministry of Culture.
- A unique Bhojpuri Adhyan Kendra along with a Lok-kala Sangrahalaya.
- SATHI: Sophisticated Analytical Technical Help Institute.
- BioNEST (Bio incubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies) supported by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- Seismic Imaging Centre.
- Hindu Studies.
- Artificial Intelligence.
- Remote Sensing
- Integrative Medicine.

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