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**Kapil Sibal: We require World Class House, Schools and Research System in a University Campus to attract World Class Faculty**

Varanas (7 March, 2010) Shri Kapil Sibal Minister, Human Resource Development, Government of India, addressed the 92<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of Banaras Hindu University. Chancellor of BHU Dr. Karan Singh announced the start of the proceedings of the Convocation. The Vice Chancellor Prof. D P Singh welcomed the Minister (welcome address enclosed) and Chancellor, officers, teachers, students and distinguished guests. 27 medals were presented to the toppers of different faculties and institutes including Kumari Akansha Jain of the Faculty of Science (List enclosed). The Chief Guest while addressing the Convocation emphasised on knowledge based economy and said we have no option but to swift from earlier paradigm of education system that was linear, passive, hierarchical, non-participatory, to a system that is (i) dynamic, vigorous and bold; (ii) inclusive and integrated; (iii) focused on cultivating creativity and intellectual skills; (iv) aligned to the needs of the sub-system of Indian society; (v) geared to provide vocational or technical or professional education required in the global workplace. (Convocation address enclosed) The vote of thanks was proposed by Rector, Prof B D Singh. After the Convocation, in the V.C.'s Lodge a presentation about BHU, its achievements and future prospects was made by the Vice Chancellor Prof. D P Singh. The Minister, HRD Sri Kapil Sibal and Chancellor Dr. Karan Singh had an interaction with senior officers of the university which included all the deans, directors and other officers. While discussing Dr. Karan Singh said we require a South Asian Study Centre at BHU and he took keen interest in the courses of peace and conflict management. While interacting the Minister, HRD said we require regular revision of our course curriculum. Mr. Sibal said, "We have to look more closely toward out industries to support us". He further said in the West almost every university provide 1/3<sup>rd</sup> infrastructural support to industries. He said, "we should have a regular structure and system in a University System where industry could come and directly interact with studentd and support research in higher education". He was seriously thinking to establish Economic Finance Corporation which can not only support quality education but also can support universities to develop World Class Infrastructure. Universityshould not run every time for the funding by Public Sector. Every university require a financial management system which will ensure regular funding. While replying to a question "how to retain our good faculty"? he said the good teacher doesn't require huge money but they require world class houses, world class schooling for their children, world class research environment in the university campus system. This system will not only ensure the retention of quality faculty but also attract world class faculty. At this occasion the minister released the Value Promotion Policy and Quality Policy (enclosed) prepared by Banaras Hindu University. The Minister took lunch at L.D. Guest House before departure to airport.

**Chairman**

**Photo on E-mail: 1. Minister being presented Environmental Calendar  
2. Minister Release, BHU Value Policy**