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**We will work shoulder to shoulder for development of  
Rajiv Gandhi South Campus: Dr. Manmohan Singh**

Varanasi (15 March, 2008). Banaras Hindu University is the centre of modern education and Indian culture where engineering, medicine and agriculture are taught along with history, archaeology, painting, fine arts and music. This is the remarkable speciality of this university. This is the expression of the Hon'ble Chief Guest Dr. Manmohan Singh at the 90<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Banaras Hindu University, the abode of learning founded by Mahamana Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya. The Prime Minister was visibly quite happy and promised to work shoulder to shoulder to provide every help for development of Rajiv Gandhi South Campus. He also said that the south campus will surely be able to provide the guiding light of knowledge in development of the rural Vindhyan areas. To regain the lost glory of India he emphasized for the modernization of education taking traditional knowledge of India in tandem, only then the grand path of modernization with modern science will be able to bring about the scientific revolution and poverty could be eradicated. Influenced with the thoughts of Mahamana ji the Prime Minister praised the Banaras Hindu University for producing worthy, high character young students. To face the challenges of economic development he strongly felt that the student should be educated, skilled and have specialized knowledge so that these youngsters will be able to cast a niche in the world and will be able to make India a nation playing important role in every aspects of the world. Reemphasizing the value of Pt. Nehru's statement he said that Universities in their curriculum should have extensive role for rural areas. Results of science and technology must be taken to villages and the concerns of the villages should be discussed in the class rooms. He promised to help the Rajiv Gandhi South Campus in every way for its development so that faculty members, students and researchers will be able to reach the depths of knowledge and utilize the opportunity for development. He said that the persons aspiring for education should learn and become able, pursue research, teach and spread the knowledge so that a new revolution in education can occur and universities become rich in all amenities. He said to the people of Uttar Pradesh to look for and nurture hone the skill of tradition of knowledge and asked to spread the message of development and modernization to everyone, to every cast, creed and religious society. University must become the focal point of knowledge society and thereby the knowledge economy, so that a new era of development comes. Congratulating the young students he said that it is my wish that students of Banaras Hindu University lead in the growth of India as they have the full are capability to do so.

Earlier Vice Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University Prof. Singh delivered the welcome address and informed about the developments and growth of both the campuses. The Chancellor of the University Dr. Karan Singh quoting the messages of Upanishads advised students to inculcate the 'Sanskar' in them to develop and grow. He was happy that girls have outnumbered boys in winning medals. Dr. Karan Singh gave away the degrees to meritorious students. He also honoured Dr. Manmohan Singh with D.Lit. Degree (Honoris Causa). Shri Satish Gujral and Dr. Irfan Habib were honoured with the Honoris Causa in absentia. Chief Guest Dr. Manmohan Singh handed over medal to the selected students. Km. Punam Gupta got the Chancellors Medal and BHU

Medal for topping in the M.A./M.Sc. examinations. 27 other students also got the BHU Medal. 179 Ph.D. Students, 2023 Postgraduate students and 4252 Graduate students received their degrees in their respective Institutes and Faculties.

Prof. Panjab Singh presented mementoes to Governor of Uttar Pradesh His Excellence T.V. Rejeshwar and Health Minister of UP Shri Anant Mishra. Prof. Singh read the vote of thanks in the end.

**Chairman**