

EVOLUTION OF ENLIGHTENED CITIZENSHIP



I am delighted to participate in the Convocation of Banaras Hindu University in this holy city. My greetings to the Vice Chancellor, Faculty members, students, staff and distinguished invitees. I congratulate the students for their academic performance and staff for shaping the young minds. When I am with you, I would like to recall my last visit to the Banaras Hindu University in the year 1991 when I was the Director, DRDL, Hyderabad, to deliver the Convocation address at the Institute of Technology of BHU. During the function the Chancellor of the University, the

then Maharaja of Banaras, His Excellency Shri Vibhuthi Narayan Singh introduced me to the audience stating that I have come to the land of Ganges at Kasi from Rameswaram Agniteream. There is a beautiful spiritual connectivity of Kasi-Rameswaram. Again, I am very happy to be with you today. I am inspired to be in the land of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya a great educationist and freedom fighter, who founded this institution with a great vision. As you all are aware, this institution was conceived and established in 1916 when the British ruled us and we can imagine the

challenges faced by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in creating this institution. He is a man of indomitable spirit that is how that this great institution has become a shining star in the galaxies of the universities. This is a unique university for multi-disciplinary study; it has agriculture with vast farms, medical college with big hospital, having the disciplines of science, humanities, engineering including mining with many faculties and departments. Since I am in the University environment, I would like to discuss with you about the role of university in capacity building among our youth.