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IIT-BHU all set for centenary celebrations

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Varanasi: IIT (BHU) is all set to celebrate its 100-year long journey with a a four-day centenary celebrations and global alumni meet to be held from February 9 to 12. They have also invited the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion, however the institute is yet to receive the consent.

A series of events would be held during the celebrations said director Prof PK Jain. Alumni from different parts of the country and abroad would start reaching the campus a day before the celebrations begin. Before the inaugural function on February 9, the alumni will visit various departments and student clubs. The fest would begin with *kulgeet* and BENCO chorus at the inaugural function, as the institute's journey began in 1919 as Banaras Engineering College (BENCO) in BHU. A grand procession of Basant Panchami will also be taken out on the campus on February 10.



A member of organising committee Utkarsh Kumar said that various events including quiz, knowledge conclave and panel discussions would be held while in giving back session, alumni from abroad would make announcements of contributions to their alma mater in form of endowments, chairs, awards and scholarships. Besides, distinguished alumni would also be felicitated on the occasion. The distinguished guests including PM and Union minister of human resource development have been invited for the event, he said adding that their consents are yet to be received.

After the establishment of Banaras Hindu University by Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya in 1916, the education in engineering and technology was started with the establishment of the BENCO in 1919 followed by the College of Mining and Metallurgy (MINMET) and College of Technology (TECHNO) in 1923 and 1932, respectively. Later, the three premier engineering institutions were merged to form the Institute of Technology (IT-BHU) which came into full-fledged existence in 1971. Further in 2012, the IIT (BHU) was created by an Act of the Parliament through the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Act, 2012.