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# Work to bring IIT-BHU among top 200 world institutes, says Sinha

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**VARANASI:** Resolve to ensure a place for IIT-BHU among the top 200 institutes of the world. That was the message of Union minister of state for railways Manoj Sinha to IIT-BHU students. He said that this would be a true tribute to Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya from the IIT-BHU family.

Sinha was speaking at IIT-BHU's global alumni meet organised on the third day of the centenary celebrations of the institute. Sinha is an alumnus of the IIT-BHU.

He said that innovation was the base of progress and that the institute cannot move forward without innovation. The government has started programmes like Start-Up India and Stand Up India to promote entrepreneurship. Students should not seek just jobs but they should try to become entrepreneurs. This is what the nation needs.

BHU vice chancellor Prof Rakesh Bhatnagar, the guest of honour, said that there are only two options: either you innovate or you pay for it. Remembering the vision of Dr Kalam, he said that young brains need to innovate and think out of the box. He

also said that BHU and IIT-BHU are planning to work together on different degree programmes and research projects.

IIT-BHU director Prof PK Jain threw light on various projects and innovations by the institute. "Events like Global Alumni Meet would help in branding IIT-BHU globally and IIT-BHU has a rich pool of alumni which was a great support system for the institute. The alumni of the institute will be the future hope for research-based project funding.

The alumni were also felicitated. Awards were divided into four categories named as Alumnus of the Century, Alumnus of Century-in-Making, Distinguished Alumnus (Alma Marta) and Special Service for the Institute. The Alumnus of the Century was given to nine people including late Krishnakant, late Vedprakash Goyal, late Ashok Singhal. The Alumnus of the Century-in-Making was given to nine persons including Jai Chaudri, Deepak Aahuja and Manoj Sinha. The distinguished alumnus was given to 10 persons including NC Jain, P Ramachandran, Prof BB Dhar. The Special Service for the Institute award was given to seven persons including late NP Gandhi, late Prof Daya Swaroop, among others.

## SINHA DRIVES BATTERY POWERED CAR BUILT BY BHU STUDENTS

**VARANASI:** Union minister of state for railways Manoj Sinha on Monday tried his hands on an electric car made by IIT-BHU students.

Sinha, who was attending the centenary celebration of IIT-BHU on the third day as chief guest, praised the efforts and said they need to be motivated to make it more efficient.

A Global Alumni Meet-2019 was also organized as part of the centenary celebration. The car named ION V1.0 can run 120 km on a full charge and has a top speed of 55 km/hr. It can carry a weight of up to 700 Kg. The battery can be charged in 1 hour via DC fast charger and with normal charging it takes 4-5 hours. In one unit of electricity, the vehicle can run up to 8-9 km, said Praveen Kumar Yadav, of 'Team Clean Electric' that materialized the project.

Yadav said 16 students from different departments of IIT-BHU started the



Union minister of state for railways Manoj Sinha at IIT BHU. HT PHOTO

project two years ago.

The vehicle has been developed in the mining engineering department. The team included Shreyas Khandelwal, Priyanshu Gupta, Sanjay Tanti, Harshal Gupta and others.

The team is divided into electrical, structural and thermal etc groups.

IIT-BHU director Prof PK Jain, dean (R and D) prof Rajiv Prakash along with other professors guided the students in making the vehicle.

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