



BITS, Pilani -- Hyderabad Campus – Bhoomi Puja Ceremony

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

I am happy that with the Divine blessings of the Almighty the symbolic ground breaking ceremony for the BITS, Pilani – Hyderabad campus is being held on the auspicious Telugu New Year Day – Ugadi. BITS, Pilani, which became a deemed university in 1964 has grown into a leading technological university of the Nation. I am associated with the development of the Institute since its inception. I have been the Chairman of this Institute since 1983 and its Chancellor since 2003. The Institute attracts highly meritorious students from all over India. Realizing that the Pilani campus cannot meet the demands from the ever-increasing number of aspiring candidates for admission, a campus at Goa was created in 2004. This campus has now become popular and still we require more campuses in India to meet the huge demand of the highly meritorious aspiring candidates. At this juncture the invitation from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to open a campus in Hyderabad prompted us to take this important step of planning a third campus in India at Hyderabad. This campus which will be built in an area of about 200 acres at a project cost of over 160 crore of rupees will replicate all the salient features of the educational system at Pilani. I am sure that over a period of time this campus will develop into a world class Institute.

Because of my already committed engagements I have to deny myself the opportunity of being personally present for this symbolic ground breaking

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ceremony. I am happy that this will be conducted by Dr.S. Venkateswaran, Vice Chancellor and Dr. V.S. Rao, Director Designate of Hyderabad campus of BITS, Pilani.

I wish the function all success.

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