

Kathmandu Branch

A Seminar was organized by Mahmana Malaviya Mission, Kathmandu on the “Relevance of Mahamana’s Vision and Thought for Nation Building”. Justice Giridhar Malaviya was the keynote speaker. Mahamana was an epitome of liberal thought and believed in simple living and high thinking. He spoke about how Mahamana Malaviya founded BHU and how its graduates helped build the nation. He pointed that many veteran leaders of Nepal benefited from studying at BHU. India and Nepal share religious and cultural ties from ancient times.

Mahamana's contribution to education

KATHMANDU: How do people usually raise funds for construction of universities? Asking for donations is one way to collect fund. If people deny to give you a single penny, then there is no way other than returning empty handed. However, such obstacles didn't deter social reformist educationist Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya from getting donations. He used to go outside the houses of people till they would give donations.

Such stories and similar other interesting stories of Mahamana were shared by his grandson Justice Giridhar Malaviya at Relevance of Mahamana's Vision and Thought for Nation Building — an event organised by Mahamana Malaviya Mission, Nepal at Shital Niwas, Maharajgunj, Kathmandu on July 3.

While acknowledging the value of traditional education with some modern flavour, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was able to establish Benaras Hindu University in Varanasi. There were universities in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras at that time.

Subjects related to science and technology was a matter of concern for him as such education was important to bring about a new formation in society and to show how engineering college established within the university," stated Giridhar.

"It is a nation to progress education for girls is equally important. That is why despite all the criticisms from the public, the college for girls was also opened," revealed Giridhar.

He also shed light on how Nepalis benefited from the establishment of the university.



Vice-President Bhanu, Shital Niwas, Maharajgunj, Kathmandu, Nepal

Veteran Nepali political leaders — BP Koirala, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, Manmohan Adhikari to name a few were educated in the university.

"India doesn't only share cultural and religious ties with Nepal but it too shares educational opportunities too," shared Giridhar. "Pandit Madan Mohan is an epitome of Indian liberal thought. He was a man with simple living and high thinking. His unifying effort for humanity has always been an inspiration for the younger generations," expressed Ranjit Rae, Ambassador of India. — HNS