

At IIT-I, Mashelkar pushes for Make in India

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INDORE: More than 70% of the startups in Silicon Valley have an Indian connection in some way or the other, said Padma Vibhushan RA Mashelkar, chief guest at the third convocation of IIT-Indore on Monday.

Stating that for the dream of 'Make in India' to be possible, it is crucial to find out what is stopping these young minds to flourish in Indus Valley as they flourish in Silicon Valley.

Mashelkar said, "It is important for an ecosystem to be developed on the lines of Cambridge University which follows a cycle of education-research-innovate. Majority of their students study at the institute and then on their road to innovation, they join ventures started by their alma mater. A similar kind of approach is required by us in India."

Quoting examples from the likes of Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft and Sundar Pichai of Google, Mashelkar spoke words of inspiration and wisdom to the outgoing batch of 2015.

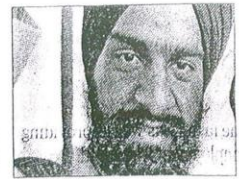
Conferring degrees to students from B. Tech, M Sc, M. Tech and Phd courses, Ajay Piramal, chairman of the institute, said that a lot of ups and downs have been faced by the institute in its journey from 2007. "It has been a learning experience for us and we hope to flourish and improve upon our journey to make IIT-Indore reach the top spot," he said.

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■ IIT-Indore students take selfies after they are conferred degrees at the 3rd convocation of the institute at their Simrol campus, on Monday.

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I am working as a scientist with DRDO, Pune right now and aim to go for higher studies soon.

RONSHI CHAWLA, winner of President's medal



It was my brother's dream that I crack into IIT-Indore and make my family proud

PRADEEP KUNDO, silver medallist, M Tech (mechanical)

Student bags job with highest package of ₹1.7 cr

SALARY BOOM

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Placements year	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Total students	115	119	101
Registered students	97	97	79
Students placed	94	87	73
Average salary(p.a)	₹11.3 lakh	₹9.13 lakh	₹9.36L
Highest package offered	₹1.70 crore	₹65 lakh	₹65 lakh

INDORE: Gaurav Agarwal, a BTech (final year) student of Computer Science bagged a salary package of ₹1.7 crore, the highest in IIT-Indore so far, the placement report of the third convocation of the institute observed. Gaurav got a placement with Google.

Pradeep Mathur, director of IIT-Indore, said, "We are constantly improving as an institute. From a highest pay package of ₹65 lakh in 2011 to ₹1.7 crore, the institute has improved majorly on its structure."

Quoting figures from the report, Mathur said that around 97 students from a batch of 115 students had registered for campus placement this year. Out of these, 94 got placements from companies like Microsoft, Flipkart, Snapdeal and Mahindra amongst others.

Others were interested in their own entrepreneurial ventures or in pursuing higher education. The institute therefore had an almost 100% placement recorded for the year 2015, he said.

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