

IITians bask in their moment of glory

IIT-Indore Convocation Ceremony: Prof Mashelkar Exhorts Students To Dream, Innovate & Integrate

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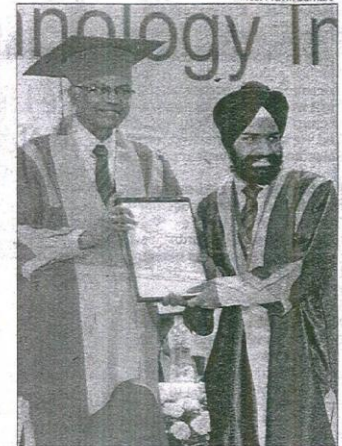
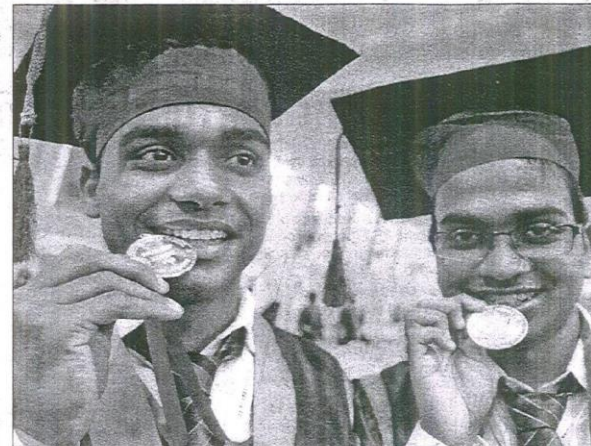
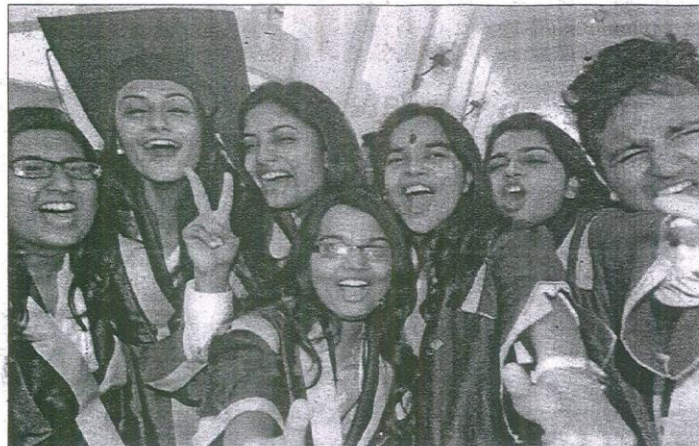
Indore: Eminent scientist Prof Raghunath Anant Mashelkar called upon IITians to be a part of India's transformation as a land of limitless opportunities. Addressing the convocation ceremony of IIT-Indore on Monday, he inspired the students to climb the limitless ladder of excellence.

Mashelkar said young IIT, Indore has an advantage over its older and established institutes as they can run fast and innovate better. "When our generation graduated, India was considered a third world nation, but now we are considered third most powerful nation in the world," he said.

Giving ten golden rules to success to the third batch that graduated from IIT-Indore, Mashelkar said education, research and innovation make an institute great. But, it is innovation which converts into wealth. So, IIT-Indore should dream of integrating all three fields.

"It is you who will take charge to make a great nation and take up the challenges and opportunities. It is always great to be an Indian but now it is great to be in India," he said. "Indore has a great competitive advantage. It is the only city having an IIT and IIM. The two institutes together can be a thriving breeding ground to nurture entrepreneurship. So, Indore can be leading the start-up ecosystem. This ecosystem can be developed through talent, technology and trust," said Mashelkar.

Urging students keep high aspirations and limitless imagination he said there is no limit to human endurance and hard work in silence and asked all to be patient, passionate about what they are doing. Build a door of opportunity, think differently, be creative, be determined



IN CELEBRATORY MOOD: Students pose for shutterbugs during convocation ceremony on IIT-I, Simrol campus on Monday. (R) Pradeep Kundu and Deepak R pose with their silver medals & gold medalist Ronshee Chawla receiving degree

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and innovative to become successful. Earlier, IIT-Indore chairman and industrialist, Ajay Piramal said, "You are engineering work force and India is at the threshold of economic transition where there will be growth and opportunity. Innovation and creative thinking can solve many of our country's problems. Entrepreneurship is the need and opportunities are endless and it is up to you make most of them."

Make in India campaign.

DIRECTOR'S SPEAK

The third batch of graduating students have a sense of satisfaction and pride at how long we have come since our inception. IIT Indore's focus on research from its inception is reflected in all aspects of our pedagogy, curriculum and infrastructure.

He added, saying, benefits of such a commitment to research are now visible. "Last one year has also seen significant progress in campus development. Within one year all our academic activities will shift to Simrol campus," he said.

mooted by Union government can be successful if our young minds are committed to excellence and innovation. It is about finding new solu-

He awarded degrees to students who graduated from the institute on Sunday and have come to Indore from different cities. Having completed their four-year B Tech course, graduates of 2015 batch had to leave the campus in the last week of April without degrees as the institute delayed convocation ceremony stating that the ceremony would be conducted only when a permanent structure would come up at its Simrol campus which is under construction. This is for the first time the institute, which has been conducting convocation ceremony in the first week of June for the past two years, had postponed the ceremony.

tions to old problems, said Piramal. Digital India is another programme which will require skills and expertise of

young minds driven for making it successful. It can bring good life to ordinary people living in the country, he added.

BEST PERFORMERS

- > President of India Gold Medal for the best academic performance among all the graduating students of BTech programme | **Ronshee Chawla**
- > Silver Medal in computer science and engineering | **Prakhar Sharma**
- > Electrical engineering | **Deepak R**
- > Mechanical engineering | **Pratik Chandrashekhar Julkar**
- > Silver Medal for masters programme | **Pradeep Kundu**
- > Best Btech Project Award | **Vijendra Singh Tomar**
- > Best All Rounder Award | **Sikaanth Srivivasan**



IIT students cheer as they take a selfie to capture the moment of pride on IIT-I Simrol campus on Monday

