

IIT-I to be part of India's space stn, Gaganyaan projects: ISRO ex-chief

659 Students Graduate At IIT-Indore's 12th Convocation

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Indore: The expertise of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indore will be used for India's first space station Bharatiya Antariksh Station and Gaganyaan project, said former chief of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) K Sivan on Saturday.

"IIT-I will contribute in Bharatiya Antriksh Station and Gaganyaan project. IIT-I has used Aditya-L1 data for scientific investigation," said Sivan talking to media.

He was in Indore to attend the 12th convocation of IIT-Indore as chairman of the board of governors. He said the Indian space agency is collaborating with global agencies to create advanced technologies as this helps in cutting time and costs.

Addressing the graduating students, chief guest of the event, Dr Samir V Kamat, chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), said, "Indore has a lot of potential in the defence sector as leading institutes like IIT-I, IIM-I and RRCAT are working on various projects. We plan to work in collaboration with these institutes. DRDO is working closely with IIT-I on more than a dozen projects."

IIT-Indore director Suhas S Joshi congratulated the 659 graduating students and conferred degrees. This included 79 PhD scholars, 328 students of BTech programmes, 54 students of MTech programmes, 20 students of MS (research)



Dignitaries at the 12th convocation of IIT-Indore on Saturday

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programmes and 94 students of MSc programmes. The first batch of 84 students of MS in data science and management, a course designed in collaboration with IIM-Indore, were also conferred degrees on the occasion.

The President of India

gold medal was awarded to Mukul Jain from the department of computer science and engineering (B.Tech). Abhinav Yadav of electrical engineering (B.Tech) won the gold medal in best all-rounder category and BUTI Foundation gold medal went to Krishangi

Kashyap of astronomy, astrophysics and space engineering department. At a press meet later, Dr Sivan said that space technology is immensely helpful in improving the lives of farmers and common people. "Earth observation satellites and communication satellites are directly helping the common man. This satellite data will be highly helpful to farmers by providing advance information on cropping, yields and prediction of disease. Through these satellites we will also be able to monitor climate change, the environment and cyclones," said Sivan.