

813 get degrees at IIT-I's 13th convocation

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Indore: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore held its 13th convocation on Saturday, where 813 students received their degrees, setting a new record for the largest graduating class in the institute's history. The institution witnessed substantial growth, with PhD graduates increasing by 60 per cent compared to the previous year, alongside a significant rise in MTech graduates by two and a half times.

Prof Suhas S Joshi, director of IIT Indore, said, "This year, 813 students are graduating, a significant milestone in their lives and a moment of pride for the institute. What makes the convocation this year especially significant is the remarkable growth in our academic programmes."

The graduating class consisted of 340 BTech students, 1 BTech + MTech student, 132 MTech students, 106 MSc students, 131 PhD scholars, 28 MS

(Research) candidates, and 75 MSDSM students.

"We are thrilled to announce a near 60 per cent rise in the number of PhD students graduating this year and a two and a half fold increase in the number of MTech graduates. This clearly highlights IIT Indore's commitment to cutting-edge research and advanced learning. On behalf of the insti-

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tute, I extend my warmest congratulations to each one of you, your proud parents, dedicated mentors, and faculty members, for their guidance and support through your journey," Joshi said.

During the current placement season, Joshi reported that five students secured international offers exceeding Rs 1 crore.

The institution announced plans to introduce new programmes in Biomedical Engineering and Health Informa-

tics, School of Sustainability and Urban Infrastructure, and Healthcare.

The institute secured 75 new R&D projects valued at Rs 25 crores and 117 consultancy projects worth Rs 9.6 crores in the previous financial year. From their total of 208 patent applications, 96 were granted.

Former ISRO chief Dr K Sivan, who serves as chairperson of the Board of Governors at IIT-I, said, "When you first stepped into IIT Indore, you brought with you wide-eyed curiosity and raw ambition. Today, you leave not just as engineers, scientists, researchers, and innovators—but as problem-solvers, systems thinkers, and leaders-in-the-making."

Kadam Madhav Mukund from Computer Science and Engineering won the President of India Gold Medal for the best academic performance among all the graduating UG students. Krish Agrawal of Computer Science and Eng-

ineering, Harman Singh Bagga of Electrical Engineering, Divyam Pandey of Mechanical Engineering, Kshitij Kesarwani of Civil Engineering, and Ishan Mohan Shrivastava of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science were the recipients of Institute Silver Medals for the best academic performance among all the graduating UG students of a particular discipline.

The convocation's chief guest, Padma Bhushan Dr Ajai Chowdhry, cofounder of HCL, encouraged students to develop products in EVs and drones for global markets. "The need is to make a new India which is not dependent on other countries but designs and makes its own products. We need to build a nation that creates its own technology. Countries are gradually cutting the transfer of technology to others, and this makes it all the more important to focus on creating our own companies," said Chowdhry.