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## 412 students to get degrees at IIT Indore online convocation

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore is going to host its 8th convocation on October 19 through online mode due to Covid-19 crisis.

A total of 412 degrees would be awarded to students in various streams and courses at the convocation ceremony.

Of the graduating students, 233 are BTech, 58 are MSc, 57 are MTech, 6 MS (Research) and 58 are PhD. The BTech students include the first batch of 34 & 31 BTech students graduating in Civil Engineering, and Metallurgy Engineering and Materials Science respectively.

The MTech students in-clude the first batch of 10 students each, with specialization in Mechanical Systems Design, and Metallurgy Engineering. 58 MSc students include the first batch of 7 students in astronomy. The first batch of 6 MS (Research) students in Computer Science and Engineering are also graduating in this convocation. Amongst the PhD students, Anand Petare is the first staff member of the institute to have completed his PhD under the institute staff category.

Union education minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be the chief guest whereas minister of state for education Sanjay Dhotre will be the special guest.



IIT Indore chairman Prof Deepak B Phatak will preside over the ceremony where as Senate chairman Prof Neelesh Kumar Jain will award the degrees.

The President of India Gold Medal for the best academic performance among all the graduating UG students is going to be awarded to Saptarshi Ghosh from Computer Science and Engineering. Arushi Jain of Computer Science and Engineering, Khushboo Ahuja of Electrical Engineering, Agam Gupta of Mechanical Engineering, Shalay Gupta of Civil Engineering and Ashutosh Gupta of Metallurgy Engineering & Mate-rials Science would be the recipients of the institute silver medals for the best academic performance among all the graduating UG students of a particular discipline.

Manish Badole of MTech and Anchal Saxena of MSc programme would also be receiving the institute silver medals for the best academic performance among all the graduating PG students of a particular discipline. Srija Tewari will receive the 'Buti Foundation Gold Medal' for the best female student securing the highest CPI among all the graduating students of all the two years masters' programmes. Chaitanya Mehta will receive the award for the best BTech project for "Design and Development of a Tree Climbing Quadruped Robot".

"Whilst all the students would be joining the function through online mode, the award winners would be physically present to receive the degree and awards. All the medalists will be receiving their medals from the chief guest whereas Best BTP award and the degrees will be given by the director," said IIT Indore PRO Sunil Kumar.

In addition, the education minister would be inaugurating the buildings of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Computer and Information Technology Center, Central Workshop, Abhinandan Bhavan and Takshshila Lecture Hall Complex.