

CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT MHOW MILITARY COLLEGE

58 officers awarded B Tech degrees

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MHOW: At a glittering convocation ceremony held at Batra Hall of Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) in Mhow on Saturday, fifty-eight officers were awarded B Tech degrees in telecommunication and information technology. Of them, 29 officers were of Signal Officer Degree Engineering (SODE) course no 99 while 29 were of Technical Entry Scheme (TES) course no 16.

IIT Indore director Prof Pradeep Mathur was the chief guest while MCTE commandant and Signals Corps Colonel Commandant Major General Rajesh Pant presided over the function.

FCE commander Brig Abhay A Bhat threw light on the courses and said that among the 29 officers of SODE, one officer was from Armoured corps, one from Nepal and two from Sri Lanka. Among the TES officers, fourteen were from Signals corps while fifteen were from other arms of the army.

In the SODE course, Capt Amay Ambekar was awarded COAS trophy and SO-in-C gold medal, Commandant's silver medal was given to Capt Charanpreet Singh while Capt Mayur Datta was given chief instructor's bronze medal. In this course, the Bharat Electronics Radio trophy was awarded to Capt Charanpreet Singh for his excellence in subjects of IT group. The certificate of merit for the best project was given to the officers' syndicate of Capt Amay Ambekar.



■ IIT Indore director Pradeep Mathur gives away the Bharat Electronics Radio Trophy to Capt Charanpreet Singh of SODE-99 course at Batra Hall of MCTE, Mhow on Saturday.

In the TES course, SO-in-C trophy and gold medal was awarded to Lt Rupesh Singh, Commandant's silver medal was awarded to Lt AJ Todkar while chief instructor's bronze medal was awarded to Lt Abhinav Bharadwaj. The Bharat Electronics trophy given to the student officer scoring highest marks in subjects of communication group was awarded to Lt Rupesh Singh. The certificate of merit for the best project was given to the syndicate of Lt AJ Todkar.

Speaking on the occasion, Mathur said that information is a force multiplier and information and communication technology will play a leading role in military affairs in future. He said that the present age is the infor-

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mation age, in which geographical location has lost relevance and it is immaterial where the military headquarters are situated. Of all the technologies, information technology is the only one that has affected warfare in a major way.

Mathur further said that unlike the past, now a days, technology is developed for civilians

and is then implemented in the army, due to which information warriors (signals officers) shall keep themselves abreast with the latest developments in technology. Adaptation to new technology should be done rapidly before it becomes obsolete as is seen in the present scenario.

Major General Pant, in his address, emphasised on the importance of practical application of knowledge for planning, provision and maintenance of networks in the army. He also exhorted the passing out officers to keep themselves abreast with the latest in the field of IT, particularly cyber warfare and electronic warfare. Lt Col Ankush Kohli conducted the programme while Brig Bhat proposed the vote of thanks.