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Institute's get its first batch of graduates; 101 students passes out with B Tech degree in different streams

IIT-I: President confers degrees

dna correspondent

"You are the few privileged ones to have the IIT badge," told Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I) chairman Ajay Pirmal to the young engineers during the first convocation ceremony of the institute held on Saturday at Simrol.

Four years after its inception, IIT-Indore celebrated its first graduation ceremony with 101 students passing out with Bachelor in Technology (B Tech) degree in different streams of engineering.

The institute displayed an organised ceremony with President Pranab Mukherjee conferring gold and silver medals to toppers.

Electrical branch student Ankit Goyal topped in the institute with a 9.8 CGPA and received the President's Gold Medal by Mukherjee.

Toppers from the three branches of engineering offered at IIT-Indore- Abhishek Chaudhary (computer science), Anamika Patel (electrical) and Reema Saxena (me-



Students celebrate their excitement on IIT-I campus—Anand Shrivastha

chanical) were conferred the silver medals. Anant Paliwal of computer science stream was awarded the best B Tech project for his work on an air drawing pen.

the dream of becoming an IITian.

"It feels good to be an IITian as it gives me more self confidence today," said a computer science B Tech Rajat Pawar.

Parents were in tears to see their children leaving the institute as professional engineers after four years of dedication and hard work.

IIT-I director Pradeep Mathur conferred the degree to all passing out students on behalf of Chairman Ajay Pirmal.

Mathur congratulated the students and presented the academic report of the institute.

Soon after the convocation, faculties and students including Prof Ram Vilas Pachori and Anant Paliwal gave presentations on their research work on different topics.

Both Mathur and Pirmal addressed the inconvenience faced by the institute in operating from a temporary campus and highlighted the key aspects of the new Simrol campus which is still in its development stage.

Toppers share experience

Reema Saxena (mechanical branch topper): CGPA- 9.4



I am from Agra. IIT experience was a rollercoaster ride for me. In these four years, I studied here, enjoyed here and had a life here. I have turned down the job offer as I want

to pursue higher studies in engineering and have been accepted by the University of Minnesota in the US

Reema has decided to pursue higher studies from University of Minnesota

Anamika Patel (electrical branch topper): CGPA- 9.38



I am from Rewa. This medal and degree have given me immense pleasure to me and my family today. I think all students and youngsters must follow

their heart. Whatever you do, do it with your heart. Enjoy yourself and just do! Don't keep complaining about issues that bother you, go ahead and do something about it

Anamika has been offered job at DRDO at annual package of ₹6 L pa

Abhishek Chaudhary (computer science branch topper) CGPA- 9.06



I am from Faridabad and came to IIT-Indore with loads of dreams and extremely happy and want my friends around me today. I want to say this to

everyone that just enjoy your college life. It is the most beautiful time of one's life. Enjoy and study at the same time and you would be happy and successful

Abhishek has been offered job at TCE

Most precious moment of my life, says Ankit



Gold medalist Ankit Goyal with his mother shows his gold medal on Saturday—Anand Shrivastha

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Hailing from the small town of Ghaziabad, Ankit prepared all by himself without taking coaching to live his dream of making it to IIT. With a 9.8 CGPA score and perfect 10 score in two semesters (semesters 5th and 8th), Ankit received the President's Gold Medal for topping in the passing out batch of 2013. Ankit has been offered job at Qualcomm at an annual package of Rs 10 lakh per annum and will be joining the company on July 1.

Speaking to DNA with tears in his eyes, Ankit said, "This is the most precious moment of my life and I wish my father was here to celebrate it with us today".

Ankit's family members including his grandmother, mother and sister were all there to support him on his special day.

"I may plan a startup later when I have a strong backup but as of now I am keen on working," he said.

When Pranab was observing fast

Elaborate arrangements for the lunch of President Pranab Mukherjee fell flat when he announced that he was observing a fast. IIT-Indore had called special cooks from Sayaji Hotel and had included both vegetarian and non vegetarian cuisines in the menu. However, the President was served fruits and edibles which could be taken in fast



President Pranab Mukherjee addressing students during convocation—Anand Shrivastha

Students presented their innovative BAJA motor which brought them in the top five in the BAJA competition held two months ago in Indore. A team of 25 IIT-Indore students had participated in the BAJA fest and were complimented by IIT-Indore chairman Ajay Pirmal for their achievement during his speech

President Pranab Mukherjee tested the project developed by Anant Paliwal who was awarded the best B Tech project award and congratulated him for his achievement. Mukherjee used the pen developed by Anant that prints the input given in air on board or paper (interactive smartboard using Wii technology)



President Pranab Mukherjee arrives at airport for graduation ceremony at IIT-I on Saturday—Anand Shrivastha

Mukherjee arrived in Indore through an Indian Air Force plane at Devi Ahilyabai Holkar airport along with Madhya Pradesh governor Ram Nareish Yadav. He reached the Simrol campus of IIT-Indore where the convocation ceremony was held through a helicopter along with Yadav where he declared the convocation open

He concluded his three days visit to Madhya Pradesh by offering prayers at Mahakaleshwar in Ujjain where he worshipped with high devotion and performed all rituals at the temple. He performed the Rudrabhishek and Panchamrit rituals at Mahakaleshwar