

MEET THE WINNERS

CLASS APART Confident, talented and focussed – These IIT-I achievers are raring to make a difference

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IT'S REWARD FOR FOUR-YEAR HARD WORK: ANKIT GOYAL

INDORE: Ankit Goyal, the President of India gold medal recipient for his over-all outstanding performance, said "Its the reward and appreciation of four years of hardwork." Ankit completed B'Tech in electrical engineering.

The Delhi lad, who lost his father Sunil Goyal last year, came to the function along with his mother Shikha Goyal, a housewife and his elder sister Swati Goyal, who is also a software engineer. "Receiving B Tech degree and the gold medal from non-other-than the first person of the country is like a dream comes true for me," an ecstatic Ankit said.

Ankit said four years ago in 2009, when he came to IIT Indore after passing Class 12 board examination, he was very shy and rarely spoke to anyone, but after spending four long years here, IIT Indore become his second family. Here, our faculty not only teach us the course material, but nurture us to become mature individuals ready to face the real world, said Ankit. On why he choose Indore IIT, despite receiving orders from other IIT branches, he said culture of Indore and his home town is very similar and that helped him to adjust more easily. Already placed with Bangalore-based Wellcomm Company, Ankit said he would like to pursue higher studies once he acquires one or two years-work experience.

IT'S LIKE ICING ON THE CAKE: ABHISHEK CHOUDHARY



Getting a good placement was amazing and now receiving an award from the President is like the icing on the cake for me, said Abhishek Choudhary (22). Recipient of President of India silver medal, the student of computer science and engineer (CSE) was placed with Hyderabad-based De Shaw and Co with highest package of Rs 16.2 lakh. Abhishek said once you passed out from emi-

ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE

- IIT Indore joins the ALICE International Collaboration at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), CERN, Geneva, Switzerland.

- IIT Indore has been inducted as a partner in the Garuda Grid Computing Initiative of C-DAC.

- Archit Karandhikar, Piyush Lahoti and Sanjeev Shenoy, all computer science and engineering third year students stood second in Asia and first in India in the ACM Inter-Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC), Asia Regional at IIT Kanpur.

- They have been qualified to participate in the ACM-ICPC World Finals to be held in St Petersburg, Russia next month.

- For the first time, a student from Indian Institute of Technology, Indore - Ashok Pachhly - was selected as the Google Student Ambassador (GSA) for 2012-13.

- Priti Ram and Anil Birla selected for IIT Indore-Agilent Technologies-Aimil Summer Fellowship Programme on X-ray Crystallography.

- Monalisa Sarma, Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Engineering selected for IBM SUR Award.

- Neetesh Saxena, Ph.D. student received the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) fellowship award for his research at IIT Indore in March 2012.

nent institution like IITs, you automatically got a good job, but getting a medal from the President of India is the biggest achievement of his life.

Abhishek hails from Faridabad. His father Choudhary runs a courier business while his mother Shanti Choudhary is a housewife. "I chose IIT-Indore ahead of National Institute of Technology-Calicut and Delhi Technical University, as at the time of IIT counselling four years ago, my school teachers suggested that I come here, today I feel that I made the right decision," said Abhishek.

On his future plans, Abhishek now wants to support his family as well as pursue higher

studies.

I WANTED TO BE A PART OF THE SYSTEM: ANAMIKA PATEL

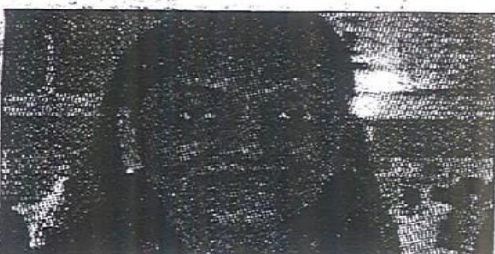


Every one in India blames the system, but nobody wanted to enter the system or change it, serving at Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), I wanted to be a part of the system, said Anamika Patel, President of India silver medal recipient for her performance in electronic engineering. Anamika, who lost his father when she was in first year, gives the credit of her success to mother Kusum Patel, who is also a teacher in Rewa. Anamika who got package of Rs 6 lakh said though it seems less, but I feel proud that I'm associated with DRDO.

Hailing from a small village of Rewa district, Anamika said her stint at IIT has made her a more mature and responsible person. The medal winner said her life has completely changed. Now I am responsible for my family and will try to fulfill all of my mother's expectation.

Kusum Patel, the proud mother said, "My daughter makes me proud."

GIRLS CAN ALSO BECOME ENGINEERS: REEMA SAXENA



"People look at me, I'm a mechanical engineering," an elated Reema Saxena said after receiving the President of India Silver Medal.

Reema said there is misconception among people that girls cannot be a mechanical engineers and I wanted to change this mindset. Reema who hails from Agra, turned down placement offer during campus placement. She wants to go for higher studies at University of Minnesota, USA and later wanted to pursue a career in research. Daughter of Anupam and Sema Saxena, both government servants, Anamika gave the credit for her success to her family and teachers.