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Do not panic over poor economic growth: Prez



Students exult after receiving their degrees during the first convocation ceremony of IIT, Indore on Saturday

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Indore: Competition gets fierce when you step outside the college. But let not the cynicism bother you much. These days, there are lot more opportunities available than ever before. These were the words of President Pranab Mukherjee in his address to the first convocation of Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I), here on Saturday.

"We all should be concerned about the 5 per cent economic growth in 2012-13, but there is nothing to panic. Indian economy has the resilience to overcome the problems," he said, adding he was not very much disappointed with the

PRESIDENT'S ADVICE

► Alumni are active in the affairs of top universities in the US including Harvard. Students after completing studies from IIT, Indore, should develop an ever-lasting bond with alma mater

► The list of top two hundred universities in the world does not contain a single Indian institution. It has not been like this in the past

► Measures to increase quantity, the drive to enhance the quality of education should engage the attention of our policy makers

► Affordability accessibility and availability are the key words in higher education. Technology can enable refinement in teaching methodology

► Students of higher education should be better prepared for a highly competitive world. Centres of higher learning should have the expertise to impart such skills. They should emphasize on research, innovation and development

way Indian economy has grown in the recent past.

The President said the country's economy grew at 3 per cent during the first Five-Year Plan and then reached 5.5 per cent in the 80s. Subsequently, the figure went up to 6 per cent in the 90s and in the last ten years, the country had achieved 7.9 per cent growth. Except China and a couple of other economies, not many countries grew at such a pace, though in 2012-13, Indian economy had to face the effects of global financial crises. He expressed hope that the first batch of 101 engineering students would continue its association with alma mater in a meaningful way.

THANKS TO THE FACULTY SUPPORT

"I felt gratified when President came to see my project, which was elected as best B-Tech project of the year. My sincere thanks to Abhishek Srivastava, my mentor, who supported me to make a low-cost 3D all drawing system that allows the 2D rendering of figures from free-form air gestures. Now, I will be taking job with CMC in Hyderabad."

Anant Pallwal | BEST B-Tech PROJECT AWARDEE

'No dearth of opportunities'

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Indore: Both the chairman of the board and director of Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I), in their address at the convocation ceremony, heaped praise on students for their perseverance and support during the four long years.

Addressing the first batch of graduating students, IIT-I board chairman Ajay Piramal said, "We are grateful to the students who faced teaching problems and hardship during their stay. There were times when institute authorities had to run from pillar to

post to solve the land issue."

"Students must act in a way that would help IIT-I develop its brand. There are loads of opportunities waiting for them outside," said Piramal.

Director Pradeep Mathur discussed about the achievements of students and institute and future plans.

"We are proud to have 300 papers published in national and international journals. We plan to focus on infrastructure, academics and research and innovation of the institute. Our prime focus will be to shift the campus to a permanent place," he added.

WE LEARNT TO BE COMPETENT TO FACE REAL PROBLEMS



"Though no institute can guarantee placement, at IIT-I, we learned to be competent enough to face real life situation. Thanks to the faculty members who helped us develop leadership skills in the past four years. I have got a job offer from Qualcomm, Bangalore. I am looking forward to work sincerely in the coming years and then decide on the future."

Ankit Goyal | PRESIDENT'S GOLD MEDALLIST

CHOOSING IIT-I OVER DCE WAS NOT A BAD DECISION



"Choosing IIT-I over Delhi College of Engineering was a difficult choice. But I got more than my expectations besides just the tag of IIT. There were ups and downs in the initial years but slowly the things improved. I am now ready to take on the challenges in the industry. I will sorely miss the moment we spent in hostel."

Abhishek | PRESIDENT'S SILVER MEDALLIST

I WILL BE FLYING TO USA TO PURSUE HIGHER STUDIES



"It is a good feeling to get awarded by the President. It was wonderful being a part of the institute for four years. I got a job offer from Eicher but I am planning to pursue higher studies and research. I have got admission in University of Minnesota, USA. I will be studying master's degree programme for two year and then decide further course of action."

Reema Saxena | PRESIDENT'S SILVER MEDALLIST

I GOT MORE THAN WHAT I WANTED FROM IIT-I



"I am thankful to the faculty members and the institute for providing me the platform that I needed. I also have a job offer from Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO). I will join and contribute my skills for technological advancement. In future, I wish to take up higher studies through DRDO sponsored scheme."

Anamika Patel | PRESIDENT'S SILVER MEDALLIST