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INDORE: Friday is going to be a big day for Indian Institute of Technology - Indore and its 101 graduates as the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee, is going to grace the institute's maiden convocation ceremony here at the Simrol campus.

All the necessary arrangements have been completed inside the IIT ahead of the big day. Tight security arrangements have been made by Indore police for the President's visit.

IIT-Indore started functioning from the Academic Year 2008-09 in Indore. Initially, the institute started functioning under the mentorship of IIT, Bombay. Now, the institution is operating independently from two of its temporary campuses at Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) of Devi Vishwavidyalaya and another at Pithampur Auto Cluster Limited (PACL), Mhow. Permanent campus of the Institute is being developed at Simrol, 25 km from the city of Indore.

During the ceremony, President Mukherjee will present bachelor of technology degree to 101 students belonging to computer science and engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering. According to the information from institute, Ankit Goyal, a student of electrical engineering branch will get the President of India gold medal, an award



Security check at Simrol ahead of President Pranab Mukherjee's visit to the institute in Indore on Friday. AMIT K JAISWAL/HT PHOTO



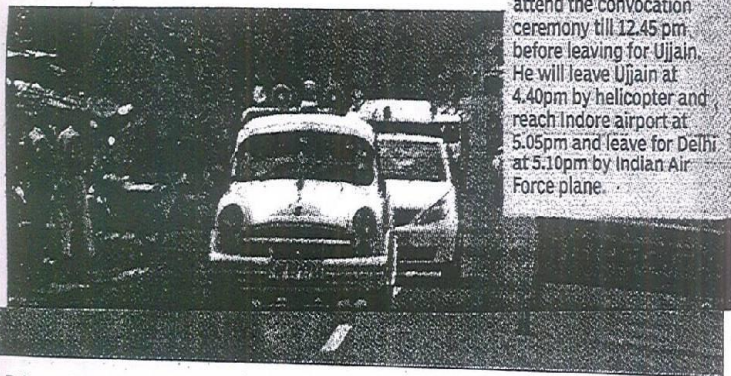
Heavy police force and security deployed at IIT Indore campus on Friday. HT PHOTO

based on his academic and overall performance.

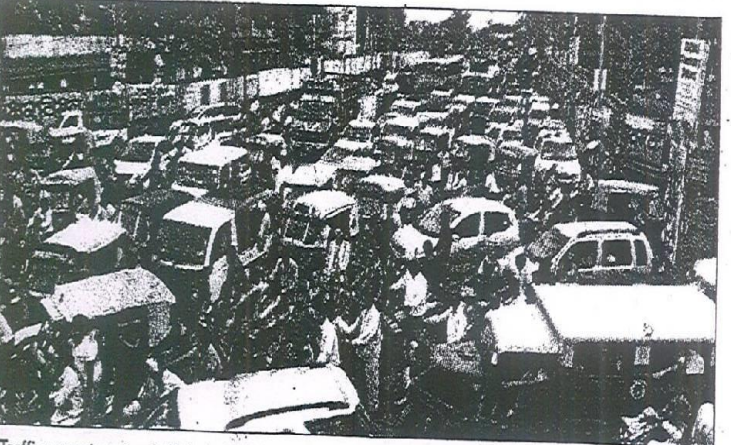
The institute's silver medal will be conferred on three students - Abhishek of computer science and engineering, Anamika Patel of electrical engineering and Reema Saxena of mechanical engineering branches.

SCHEDULE

President will arrive in the city by an Air Force plane from Bhopal at 10.50am at Devi Ahilya Airport. From airport, President will take a chopper at 10.55am to the IIT-I convocation site at Simrol, where he will attend the convocation ceremony till 12.45 pm before leaving for Ujjain. He will leave Ujjain at 4.40pm by helicopter and reach Indore airport at 5.05pm and leave for Delhi at 5.10pm by Indian Air Force plane.



Police and district administration officers visiting IIT-Indore campus on Friday. HT PHOTO



Traffic came to a standstill during full dress rehearsal of President's motorcade in Ujjain. HT PHOTO



Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan seeks blessings of Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Maharaj during inauguration of the Shankaracharya Netralaya at Jhoteswar, Narsinghpur on Friday. HT PHOTO

Use IT in health sector, says Pranab

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JHOTESHWAR (NARSINGHPUR): President Pranab Mukherjee stressed the need for optimum utilization of information technology in the health care sector.

The tele-medicine project has helped remote health care centres to connect with super specialty hospitals that had helped experts to reach out to the needy and backward population, he said. Mukherjee called for giving wide publicity to the health insurance schemes to aware the masses.

The President was addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the Shankaracharya Netralaya set up by the Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati Charitable Trust at Jhoteswar, Narsinghpur on Friday. Starting with few beds, at present the hospital is to be developed into 100-bedded soon. He praised the Trust for starting charitable eye hospital for treating the poor sections of the society.

Mukherjee said there is reference of eye diseases and tools used for treatment in ancient Sanskrit text Shushruta Samhita. He said the National Programme for Control of Blindness was launched in 1976, to reduce the incidents of blindness, build up eye care facilities across the country and develop human resources for this sector. This has been successful in terms of conducting cataract operations, eye screening of schoolchildren and collection of donated eyes, Mukherjee said adding much more need to be



President inaugurating Shankaracharya Netralaya at Jhoteswar, Narsinghpur on Friday. HT PHOTO

Shankaracharya laments delay in starting hospital

JHOTESHWAR (NARSINGHPUR): Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati of Dwarka and Jyotish Peeths charged chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and former chief minister Digvijay Singh for lack of will to start hospital in a building constructed over a decade ago at Jhoteswar. Both Chouhan and Singh were present on the dais when Shankaracharya made this comment in the public meeting held on Friday in the

presence of President Pranab Mukherjee and Governor Ramnaresh Yadav and state health minister Narottam Mishra. Shankaracharya said being a government building he can't provide the basic medical facilities from the charity funds to start the hospital in it. Referring to Chouhan and Singh, he said both share equal responsibility for this. Shankaracharya said he talked to Chouhan on this issue recently for starting

the hospital but he has not shown interest. The foundation stone for the 200 beds hospital was laid by then prime minister PV Narsimha Rao during his visit to Jhoteswar. The construction of the building was carried out during term of Digvijay Singh government and its condition is deteriorating day-by-day. The government building is close to the Shankaracharya Netralaya that was inaugurated by the President on Friday. HT PHOTO

ENTRY OF HEAVY VEHICLES BANNED IN CITY

INDORE: Entry of heavy vehicles going from Tejaji Nagar to Khandwa Road has been banned from 9 am to 3 pm in view of the President's visit at IIT campus in Simrol. The heavy vehicles will be diverted from Tejaji Nagar to Mhow to Khargone and then on to Khandwa. Similarly, vehicles coming from Khandwa will go via Barwaha to Dhamnod and then towards their destination.

Apart from this diversion, the President's visit is not likely to cause major traffic hassles for the people of the city as the President will not be travelling on the road. The traffic diversion is being made mainly for the guests who are going to take part in the function are would be travelling by road from the airport (after receiving the President) to the convocation venue.

However, the administration is not leaving anything to chance and the third and final mock drill was conducted from 4 pm. The vehicles started from the airport and reached the Residency and from there Pipliyahana, on to bypass, to Tejaji Nagar and to the convocation venue at Simrol.

Over 350 traffic policemen and SAF jawans, will be stationed along the route from airport to Simrol, this is apart from the force of the respective police stations falling along the route. HT PHOTO

FINAL REHEARSAL HALTS TRAFFIC

UJJAIN: The minute-to-minute final rehearsal for the President's visit saw huge traffic jams all along the route along which the President is going to travel. Apart from normal traffic, two ambulances were also caught in the jam. Movement of all

vehicles was stopped half an hour before the cavalcade was supposed to pass by. One of the ambulances (MP 13 D A 0443) caught in the jam was carrying a patient who had been referred from Ujjain to Indore. The ambulance had to cross just one crossing, but was not allowed to pass. As a result it had to wait for 25 minutes and was allowed to move only after the vehicles passed. Another ambulance, an emergency medical service vehicle of the district hospital was also caught in the jam at Chamunda crossing. Meanwhile, leaves of all doctors and paramedic staff have been cancelled in Ujjain due to the President's visit. Apart from this instructions have been issued to CHL Apollo hospital, situated on Indore Road and R D Gargi Medical College to be prepared for any emergency. HT PHOTO