

This year also, IIT-I students leave campus sans degree

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Like previous year, Indian Institute of Technology Indore has 'delayed' convocation ceremony this year too prompting students of 2016 batch to leave the campus without degree.

Having completed their four-year BTech course, graduates of IIT-I left the campus recently with provisional degrees.

They were told to return to the campus for their degrees when invited for convocation ceremony to be held either in August or September.

The institute had conducted first two convocations in the month of June in 2013 and 2014, but it organised the third convocation ceremony in August, last year.

The delay had been attributed to under-construction campus of IIT Indore at Simrol. The institute had stated that it did not want to hold convocation in a dome like held in 2013 and 2014 so delayed the convocation until some permanent blocks were constructed at its campus in Simrol.

The convocation ceremony was then held on August

24, 2015 in central workshop at Simrol campus.

This year, the IIT Indore authorities stated that they had adapted to the traditional practice of IITs of holding convocation ceremonies between August and October.

"Convocations are held between August and October in IITs. Students are given provisional degrees so they have no problem in

admissions, jobs and visas etc," IIT Indore media in-charge Nirmala Menon told Free

Press.

To a query, she said that there were certain factors due to which the IIT Indore organised convocations early in 2013 and 2014.

"In the first convocation, President Dr Pranab Mukherjee was the chief guest so we had to organise the ceremony as per his convenience," she said.

A professor of IIT Indore wishing anonymity said that the institute would hold convocation ceremony in August.

"Director Pradeep Mathur is out of the country. Date of the convocation ceremony would be finalized once he returns to the country," he said.

