



## IIT Bhubaneswar Observes its 9th Convocation

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Bhubaneswar: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar celebrated its 09th Convocation today on actual mode amidst the state of pandemic scenario across the globe. Dr. Ramesh Pokhariyal 'Nishank', Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India graced the occasion via video conferencing as Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India attended the event online as Guest of Honour and addressed. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG), IIT Bhubaneswar presided over the function online. Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar presented the Director's Report and presented degrees to the graduating students and charged them with the same.

The convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar is a live convocation done during the pandemic times in mixed mode, markedly different from others and the first of its kind across the globe. It is participatory, where the graduating students participated and receive their degrees and medals live, by online or with physical presence. The institute developed the mechanism in-house and adopted it very successfully. Certainly the convocation is a role model not only to the nation, but also to the world.

While addressing the students, Dr. Ramesh Pokhariyal 'Nishank, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education congratulated all the graduating students of the Institute and their parents. He called upon the students to strive hard to cherish their dreams despite enormous challenges to be faced in the times to come. He also reminded them of not to forget the contribution of the alma mater i.e. IIT Bhubaneswar for its innovative teaching, learning and mentoring them to the path of success. He complemented the institute for the outstanding wellness, teaching excellence and

research aura the institute has created. He specially complemented the Director and his team for facilitating the cream of global class education through several innovations during the pandemic and serving as a role model about which the nation can be proud of.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister inaugurated Student Activity Centre (SAC), the Play Courts, and the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management (SHSSM) of IIT Bhubaneswar and added them to the national infrastructure. He also expressed that the Education Policy (NEP-2020) of Govt. of India will go a long way in instilling the future of the new students which will pave the way for holistic and multidisciplinary education. Lastly before concluding, he wished success to all the faculty and students of the institute in all their future endeavours.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Minister of State for Education, congratulated the students and commended the work done by faculty, students, researchers in innovating different techniques, innovations, studies undertaken by them during the course of the ongoing pandemic. He emphasized on the overall development of students undertaken by IIT Bhubaneswar during the course of their academic journey. He expressed confidence that the students will contribute by their way of innovations and research by fulfilling the dream of our Hon'ble Prime Minister's visionary program: "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan" by being self-reliant leading to creation of employment opportunities inside the nation.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Singh, Chairman, (BoG), IIT Bhubaneswar expressed his satisfaction on the momentous occasion and congratulated all the meritorious students for their tremendous and meritorious achievement. He expressed confidence that the students of the Institute will be the torch bearers for nation building and paving the path for a modern and decisive India. He insisted that achievement and excellence should go hand in hand in integrity and discipline and our students will prove it right in the journey ahead. He complimented the Director of the Institute for creating an excellent mix of teaching, learning platforms combined with world class infrastructure for attracting the best brains of the country. He also expressed his heartfelt thanks to Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Hon'ble Minister of State for Education for their valuable time and presence and also to all the dignitaries present on the historic occasion.

Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar welcomed Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Ministry of Education, Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Education, other luminaries and thanked them for their valuable presence & support and also extended his warm welcome to all other dignitaries and people present on the occasion in person and also via virtual mode. While speaking on the historic occasion, Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar congratulated the Medal winners for their outstanding success and wished them best of luck for their future ahead. He also expressed his heartfelt satisfaction on such a huge forum with large nos. of participation from students, online as well as physical presence. The Director expressed satisfaction in its grand successes in all of its innovative endeavours including running the academics including running classes timely, conducting pen and paper comprehensive exams and live convocation, by online very successfully at high standards, by online during the pandemic. He profusely thanked all the faculty and staff of the institute for making this possible. It is matter of immense pleasure and happiness to present the degrees to

35 Ph.D., 141 M.Tech. 70 M.Sc. and 200 B.Tech. Students in actual reality. He also presented a detailed report which underlined the various efforts and achievements of IIT Bhubaneswar on multiple fronts including imparting high-quality technical education but also towards addressing a very large range of societal needs through the application of Science & Technology.

He further mentioned that it is a matter of double celebration with the 9th Convocation Ceremony and Inauguration of state of the art Educational Landscapes at IIT Bhubaneswar which will add to the quality education of the students thereby creating a global class infrastructure at the Institute. He also expressed that the Institute feels proud by constantly raising the standards on all fronts including internationalization of academic programmes, international collaborations on research of high industrial & societal relevance, massive plantations and completing the academic calendar on time without much deviation despite the pandemic. He wished good luck to all the passing out students for their journey ahead. He called upon the students to be innovative and creative in their professional pursuits ahead.

The 9th Convocation programme witnessed the award ceremony followed by handing over degree and charges to the degree recipients. The President of India Gold Medal was awarded to Shri. Aditya Pal of the Computer Science and Engineering for best academic performance among the entire outgoing B. Tech. batch of students. The Director's Gold Medal was awarded to Shri. Sanket Dey Chowdhury of the School of Infrastructure for best academic performance among the entire outgoing M. Tech. batch of students. The Director's Gold Medal was awarded to Shri. Souvick Chakraborty of Physics domain from the School of Basic Sciences for best academic performance among the entire outgoing M. Sc. batch of students.

For the best academic performance in the respective Schools, the Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Shri. Aditya Pal, Shri. Arvind T.K.R, Shri. Abhishek Mishra, Shri. Aman Singhal, Shri. Manapuram Jyothi Venkata Sai Aditya and Shri. Shubhajit Mondal among the outgoing B. Tech. batch of students. For the best academic performance in the respective Schools, the Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Shri. Sanket Dey Chowdhury, Shri. Dusane Ajinkya Rajendra, Shri. Priyabrata Das, Shri. Anoop Kumar Yadav, Shri. Gaurab Bhattacharya, Ms. Khadke Leena Sanjay and Shri. Debjit Rana among the outgoing M. Tech. batch of students. For the best academic performance in the respective Schools, the Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Shri. Souvick Chakraborty, Ms. Adhaina Susan James, Shri. Debabrota Mondal, Ms. Sudeshna Goswami and Shri. Arkaprava Ray among the outgoing M. Sc. batch of students. The Convocation ended with a Vote of Thanks and National Anthem was sung by all the participants of the event.

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