

IIT Bhubaneswar celebrates 7th convocation

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BHUBANESWAR: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar held its 7th Annual Convocation on its premises at Argul here Saturday.

Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel, Chairman, Board of Governors were the Chief Guests in the event. The guests

congratulated the students and mentors for sowing seeds of innovative ideas in the fresh, young and fertile minds.

Sharma, in his inspiring speech, said, "This is the clear evidence of IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to the cutting-edge engineering education and research. Today, there is global stress and challenges creating hindrance for sustainable economic growth and job creation. But there are also huge opportunities for technology led transforma-

tive changes in sectors such as energy, water, environment, transport, cyber physical systems and hygiene and health. A strong team work is the key to the solutions of the real interdisciplinary problems." He called upon students to be job creators and not job seekers.

Chairman, Board of Governors, Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel, while delivering vote of thanks gave guru mantra to the students for aiming high, being innovative, to respect and trust the surroundings.

"Interdisciplinary approach is essential to reach the pinnacle," he mentioned. Patel impressed upon the students to work hard and contribute significantly towards nation building and development of the country. The President of India Gold Medal was given to Nanduri Divakar of the school of Mechanical Sciences for Best Academic Performance while the Director's Gold Medal was conferred upon Sayan Roy of the school of Basic Sciences.