

241 degrees awarded at fifth IIT convocation

Call to take start-up path

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Bhubaneswar, Aug. 30: Students should contribute towards nation building by developing new engineering concepts and quality products to solve problems of housing, food security and transportation.

National Board of Accreditation chairman Surendra Prasad made this appeal to the students while speaking at the fifth annual convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar here today. Prasad, chief guest of the event, is also the former director of IIT Delhi.

“While a good job can fetch you immense professional satisfaction, being part of the creation of new enterprises based on innovative products and services can be even more satisfying,” he said.

“Traditionally, IIT graduates have strong credentials in entrepreneurship, and we are sure that you will create similar opportunities for yourself and for many others to bring



IIT Bhubaneswar director Ratnam Raja Kumar (extreme left), along with other delegates, at the convocation held on Tuesday. Picture by Sanjib Mukherjee

in transformation. Efforts have to be made to make India the centre of this entrepreneurial revolution,” he said.

“Many Silicon Valleys need to be replicated right here in our cities and small towns. While examples such as Flipkart demonstrate the possibilities, the need is to go beyond IT-based services to develop leadership in the core engineering products and

businesses based on such products,” said Prasad.

Seven doctorates, 55 MTech, 69 MSc and 110 BTech students were conferred degrees at the convocation ceremony today. Director R.V. Raja Kumar said the institute would completely shift to its new campus at Argul by December.

Priyam Dey of School of Electrical Sciences received the President of India Gold

Medal for best academic performance among the outgoing BTech batch. The Director's Gold Medals were awarded to Shubhashree Subudhi of School of Mechanical Sciences for best academic performance among the outgoing MTech batch and Shweta Singh of School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences for best academic performance among the outgoing MSc batch.

The Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Pranay Gour, Priyam Dey and Bodepudi Revanth among the outgoing BTech batch. The Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Subhojit Roy, Dipanjan Dey, Priyanka Dey, Achlerkar Pankaj Dilip, Shubhashree Subudhi and Anshuman Chaupatnaik among the outgoing MTech batch.

The Institute Silver Medals were awarded to Shweta Singh, Seema Pareek, Urmil Ghosh, Diksha Tiwari and Basundhara Ghosh among the outgoing MSc batch.