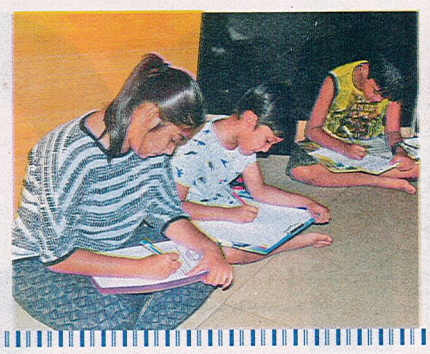

'PORTRAYING' WATER

Children engrossed in drawing during a competition 'Saving Water: *Jal Hai Toh Kal Hai*' organised by Kastury at Soochana Bhawan in Bhubaneswar, Sunday

SCHOOL RA

Students and tea in a rally to mar celebration of Sa Vidya Mandir at Bhubaneswar, S

FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES

Carry the peace sign if you have to, because today, people will literally pull you into arguments. You could even be facing some kind of litigation or trouble with peace-keeping forces, warns Ganesha. Meditate, walk, or simply seek the company of friends and loved ones.

TAURUS

Your business is going to thrive this day, says Ganesha. Your plans, projections, speculations and gambles are likely to pay off and give you good dividends. You will be admired and respected in the business world for your honesty and integrity.

GEMINI

If you are into retail business, planetary positions indicate today is a day for bumper sales. You will set records in making profits. After work, you may want to take your beloved out shopping. Though it may burn a hole in your pocket, the returns you get once you reach home will be worth every penny!

CANCER

There is something different about today. It is unlike any other day. Just when you will start believing that there is nothing great about the day, it will spring a surprise. There have been days where life has thrown carrots at you; then there have been days when it has hurled brickbats. Today, you will be on the receiving end of countless kisses.

LEO

The discomfort similar to the fish-out-of-water syndrome will be a thing of the past, as today you will be quite flexible and would want to remain on the move, says Ganesha. So much so that you may even begin to feel bound by the environment in your office.

VIRGO

President's call to Technocrats

START YOUR OWN BIZ, BE INNOVATIVE

Kovind advises IITians to become creators of economic value and jobs through their enterprise

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Bhubaneswar, March 18: President Ram Nath Kovind Sunday advised the IITians to make best use of the Centre's schemes that encourage innovation and entrepreneurship to set up ventures of their own.

Addressing the sixth convocation address of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Arugul here, Kovind called upon the technocrats to become creators of economic value and jobs through their enterprise.

"Being an IITian, you should aspire to achieve the best not only for yourself and your families but also for society and the nation and the world at large," the President said and indicated that there are several challenges facing the young IITians who should do their best in all areas that matter, be it teaching, research or social impact.

"You as IITians are fortunate to have received world-class education. There is a moral obligation to pay back, and to help those who are less privileged – in whichever manner the individual prefers," he said and emphasised that it would be ideal if this process of paying back enriches education and scholarship at the grassroots level of our society.

President Ram Nath Kovind at the 6th Convocation of IIT-Bhubaneswar, Sunday OP PHOTO

Noting that IIT-Bhubaneswar has taken rapid strides Kovind said the institute has adopted six villages and has undertaken certain technological and educational initiatives to improve the quality of life of the villagers.

Referring to a meeting he had with the directors of the IITs, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and the Indian Institute of Science two weeks back, Kovind said the deliberations reassured him that the IITs are taking all steps to augment their capacities to strengthen their position among the world's best institutes of science and technology.

The President's gold medal was awarded to Kamal Narayan Reddy Challa of the School of Electrical Sciences on the occasion. The director's gold medal was conferred on Rishav Goyal of the School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences and silver medal on Partha Sarathi Jena.

Pijush Chakraborty, Priyanka Mishra and Smita Chakraborthy have also been awarded silver medals for their academic excellence on theoccasion.

First Lady Savita Kovind, Orissa Governor SC Jamir and IIT director Ratnam V Raja Kumar were among the dignitaries who were present on the occasion.

ENACTING SILENCE

METTLE MEET

Of surprise

Students of more than 70 institutions across Orissa are taking part in the third edition of **Orissa POST** *quiz competition Mettle Meet*