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## IIT-Hyderabad makes rapid strides as it enters 10th year

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Into its 10th year, the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H) has made rapid strides, connecting with universities across the globe, while handing more than 361 sponsored research projects.

The research funding from ongoing sponsored projects has gone up to ₹232 crore, with 80 per cent of faculty having access to research funding.

U.B. Desai, Director, IIT Hyderabad, in a statement said, "This convocation is very special because IIT-Hyderabad has entered its 10th year. We are graduating the first batch of Executive M.Tech, the first batch of B.Tech. in Engineering Physics, and 40 Ph.Ds. To date, we have graduated nearly 130 Ph.D. students."

IIT-Hyderabad has 181 faculty across 14 departments, a total student strength of 2,328 students. The institute has over 50 MoUs with universities in abroad.

The institute has crossed another milestone this year by awarding 473 degrees including B.Tech, M.Tech, M.Sc, M.Phil and Ph.D degrees.

Shobana Kamineni, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), speaking at the sixth annual convocation said, "Today we dare to dream of space travel; we find no dissonance with the idea of driverless cars, or complex surgery being performed by highlyintelligent machines. We accept these fantastic ideas because we have already seen the magic of technology. 140 characters can galvanise the world, the most obscure piece of information can be found in seconds and we have actually reached Mars."

Delivering the convocation address, Jun Murai, Dean, Faculty of Environment and Information studies, Keio University, said "Digital technologies are supporting all areas of our life, our society and our industry. Therefore, two things are really important - the rapid deployments of smartphones and the Internet of Things."

B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Hyderabad, "If we want sufficient jobs to be created for everyone, entrepreneurship is the way to go. I urge everyone of you to think about becoming an entrepreneur. Technology has had a unique role in powering growth and transforming economies."



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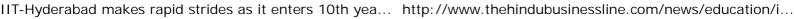


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