

522 students awarded degrees at IIT-Hyderabad convocation



Left-Right Vanga Rohini, Sukrut Sridhar Rao, Manajit Das and Sinha Vaibhav Birendrakumar Display their gold medals at during the IIT Hyderabad convocation on Saturday

Hyderabad: A total of 522 students, including 69 PhD scholars and 200 B Tech students, were awarded degrees on the eighth convocation of the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, (IIT-H) on Saturday. Four students — B Tech student Sukrut Sridhar Rao, MSc student Manajit Das, M Tech student Vanga Rohini and B Tech student Sinha Vaibhav Birendrakumar — were awarded gold medals for exceptional performance. While only one girl managed to secure a gold medal this year, last year, three out of four medals were secured by girls. “It was quite challenging to maintain highest GPA (Grade Point Average) in every semester, but I achieved the goal and managed to secure 9.95 GPA,” said Sukrut, recipient of the President of India Gold Medal. Sukrut said he would pursue PhD in computer science. “I did not sit for placements as I am interested in research. I feel that it is the next logical step to take in my career,” he said. Speaking at the convocation, BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman of Board of Governors, IIT Hyderabad, said the institute is channelling student curiosity by inculcating the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. “IIT Hyderabad is facilitating deeper connects with the industry ecosystem. Our incubators in healthcare, microelectronics, and technology have 14 start-ups so far. Three of them are making profits, five have received funds, and three companies employ more than 40 people,” he said. Reddy said that IIT Hyderabad is the fifth most preferred IIT in the country. “This year, the institute’s best rank (in JEE) is 202, while it was 2,800+ in 2008. Kudos to all the people who made this possible,” he said.

The current batch of graduating students included 418 boys and 110 girl students. The institute has nearly 2,855 students across 16 departments with more than 20 per cent women students, and around 210 full-time faculty members. The sanctioned research funding for the institute is more than Rs 500 crore from nearly 350 sponsored projects.

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