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## 'The young should judge self by global standards'

(Clockwise from left) Chief guest Narayana Murthy talks to the chairman; students express their excitement after receiving the degrees; a student walks with her degree. —Pankaj Shukla.DNA

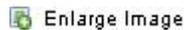
I Says Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy at the 1st convocation of IIT-Gn | 22 awarded gold, silver medals; Sweteva Ganguli of mechanical engineering dept wins President's gold medal

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The Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar (IITGn), on Sunday, held its first convocation with founder and chairman emeritus of Infosys, NR Narayana Murthy, as the chief guest. IITGn, which was founded in 2008, completes four years this year.

A total of 86 students received degrees at the convocation. Gold and silver medals were awarded to 22 students for outstanding performance in their respective engineering streams.



The President's gold medal for this year was awarded to Sweteva Ganguli, who also won the gold medal (mechanical engineering) for the best performance in the core courses in physics, chemistry, humanities and social service.

Of the students who graduated on Sunday, 10 will join universities overseas for higher studies and five will pursue advanced studies in India. Out of the 59 students who had registered for placements, 54 got jobs in various industries.

Chief guest Narayana Murthy emphasized the importance of being a patriot. He said that today's generation should aspire that India becomes the best administered country in the world. "Every student should aspire high and make India a powerful nation through his performance. Not only this, the young generation should judge itself by global standards in whatever it does," Narayana Murthy said.

IITGn director Prof Sudhir Jain said that possession of land for a permanent campus had got delayed but the institute was in the process of acquiring 450 acres of land on the banks of the Sabarmati in Gandhinagar.



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