

# IIT-GN Holds 1st Convocation, 86 Get Degrees

Chief guest Narayana Murthy exhorts students to work for greater public good

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Working towards greater public good would be an act of great patriotism by the young generation, said Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy in Ahmedabad on Sunday. He said the current generation is fortunate to have entered the world at a time when the whole world is interested in India and expects the country to reach its true potential.

Murthy was the chief guest at the first convocation of the Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar (IIT-GN), on Sunday. Eighty-six students were awarded degrees in bachelor of technology (B.Tech).

The graduating batch comprised

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20 students from chemical engineering, 41 from electrical engi-

neering and 25 from mechanical engineering.

"You are graduating at a time when India is the cynosure of all eyes. The world expects India to be one of the leaders to solve global problems in politics and economics. India sits at the high table in most multilateral deliberations. What India says is heard with attention and seriousness," Murthy said.

He told the students to develop high aspirations in matters of public good.

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central governments to make our public governance strong, robust and enduring," he said.

IIT-GN chairman of the board of governors Dr RA Mashelkar said Indian academic institutions lag global and Asian peers on several fronts and much work needs to be done to fill this gap.

He was critical of the fact that none of the Indian institutes or universities feature in the top 10 global or Asian list.

This needs to change and Indian institutes must emerge as centres of academic excellence, he stressed.

Students were also awarded medals for excellence in academics, research, overall performance, innovation, leadership, social service and sports.