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Ahmedabad: A total 161 BTech, MTech and PhD students of Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) were awarded degrees at the institute's third convocation held on Saturday. Of these, 20 students were from Gujarat. Two of these were research students awarded PhD. Around 40 medals and awards for distinction in academics and sports, display of leadership qualities and for community service were also given to the graduating students. Of the students awarded degrees, 123 were BTech students while 36 were studying for an MTech degree.

The number of IIT-Gn graduates opting for higher studies and research has grown by almost 50% — from 17 last year to 25 this year. Seventeen BTech graduates will be studying for an MTech degree or join research programmes in foreign universities. Six students will study for management degrees at some of the IIMs in the country while two students will join NID to study design.



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'Be like Rahul Dravid'

K Venkataramanan, managing director at Larsen and Toubro, was the chief guest at the IIT-Gn convocation on Saturday. In his speech, he urged students to chose the field they really like. "Many a time, I have been laughed at for being a fanatical



admirer of Rahul Dravid. But I think that we can learn a lot from the cricketing legend. Everyone can't be gifted like Sachin Tendulkar. Dravid put in a lot of effort to become one of the finest cricketers India has seen," said Venkataramanan. "Don't rush for computers because everybody is running after it. Do what you're passionate about," he said amid thunderous applause from the audience. Venkataraman also urged students to contribute to the country's progress. TNN