

Women bag top honours at IIT-Gandhinagar's second convocation

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AHMEDABAD: The Indian Institute of Technology, [Gandhinagar](#) (IIT-Gn) held its second convocation on Sunday at VGEC near Chandkheda. A total of 114 students were conferred degrees, including 104 BTech and 10 MTech.

The President's Gold Medal in both BTech and MTech programmes of the graduating batch were bagged by girls this year. While Shruti Jain was awarded the President's Gold Medal for BTech, Shivani Rani bagged the President's Gold Medal for MTech.

Dr Anil Kakodkar, former director of BARC and current Homi Bhabha Chair Professor, was the chief guest at the event and delivered the convocation speech. Kakodkar said that technology was changing the lives of the people faster than one could imagine.

"We need to be conscious of the impact of these rather rapid transitions around us. Some of the major challenges before our society today are opportunities and threats created by an increasingly competitive and interconnected world, the potential for greater disparities if policies of governance are not managed well and threats to the time-tested Indian value system," said Kakodkar.

Director of the IIT-Gn Prof Sudhir Jain said that the institute had continued to excel in placement records as many students have been placed with multinationals and cross-sector industries.

He added that the students continued to strive for excellence as 17 of [the bachelor](#) students had already planned [higher education](#) in India and abroad. "More than one third of the students have received international educational experience through participation in overseas internships, conferences or other academic visits," he said.