

173 students graduate from IIT-Gn

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As many as 173 students were awarded degrees and diplomas at the fourth convocation held at IIT-Gandhinagar's new campus in Palaj near Gandhinagar. The institute awarded 105 BTech, 25 MSc, 31 MTech and six PhD degrees as well as six diplomas, said IITGn Director Sudhir K Jain.

The convocation address was delivered by Babasaheb Neelkanth Kalyani, chairman and managing director of Bharat Forge Limited and chairman of Kalyani Group.

Director Jain and Dr Baldev Raj, chairman of board of governors, shared words of advice with graduating students.

In the keynote address, Kalyani



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said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make In India initiative is significant from the manufacturing point of view. The chief guest concluded his speech by asking graduating stu-

dents to take pride in work and do things with a sense of nationalism".

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DEFERRED PLACEMENT

This year, IITGn has also introduced a "deferred placement policy" which allows students to opt out of placement to explore alternative career paths. These students remain eligible to participate in placement for the next two years. Nine students from the batch are working on entrepreneurial ventures this year. Sixteen per cent of the graduating BTech students will be pursuing higher studies in foreign universities, such as Stanford University, Columbia University, Duke University, Clemson University, University of California, University of Tokyo, Georgia Institute of Technology etc.

work hard and stick to a time plan. Never forget the value of time--there is a strong economic dimension to it. Integrity including intellectual honesty

is the key to reach the top in whatever you do. Don't be lured by short-term gains. And while adopting new ideas and ways of life, which are a must, give a lot of value to our traditional values and culture. Never forget your moorings. They are your strongest foundation for success," he said.

Baldev Raj told graduating students that egos and ethos are important to understand and learn as they are set to challenge the life for the purpose. "Ego is like cholesterol. Good ego is important for achievements and successes. Bad ego can ruin and destroy your life. Ethos is ethics. Ethics is unmeasurable consciousness which connects you to the changing universe and realize paradigm changes with bliss, strength and passion without fatigue, bitterness and pains. Be a watchful guard of egos and ethos, throughout your life," he said.