

IIT-Gn holds first convocation on Palaj campus

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Ahmedabad: Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) held its fourth convocation on Saturday. This was the premier institutes' first convocation at its new campus in Palaj where 173 students were awarded degrees. Babasaheb Kalyani, chairman of Kalyani Group, was chief guest at the event.

IIT-Gn officials said that the graduates included 105 BTech, 31 MTech, six PhD, 25 MSc and six PGD-IIT students. In addition, 40 medals and awards for academic, sports, leadership and community service were also given away.

In his address, Kalyani said that Indians of all walks of life were dreaming big. More importantly, they are also passionately chasing their dreams. He asked the students to bring about change. "There are so many areas where things need to be set right – availability of clean drinking water, air and river pollution, civic sense and discipline, the educational system, governance – where one can contribute and make a difference," he said.

IIT-Gn director professor Sudhir K Jain said, "This convocation is unique as apart from it being held at new campus, this



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batch is the first undergoing unique curriculum." Today, it has also become the first IIT to award MSc degree in cognitive science, he said.

Over 40% of the graduating BTech students have experience in the form of internships abroad, study opportunities outside India and have participated in international conferences. This year, IIT-Gn also introduced deferred placement policy where the students can participate in campus placement for next two years.