

Press Release

Third Convocation of Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad (IITDh) on 11.09.2022

The Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad (IIT Dharwad) today held its 3rd Convocation ceremony at its transit campus. As the previous two convocations were held in virtual mode, this is the first in-person convocation of IIT Dharwad. **Shri Pralhad Joshi**, Honourable Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Coal & Mines and **Dr. K. Radhakrishnan**, Former Chairman, ISRO and **Shri Vinayak Chatterjee**, the Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG) of IIT Dharwad, and **Prof. P Seshu**, Director IIT Dharwad graced the occasion.

A total of 120 B. Tech degrees, 05 MS degrees, and 01 Ph.D. degree were awarded in today's convocation.

On this occasion, two students were presented with Gold medals, 3 students with Silver medals and one student with a cash award for their exemplary performance. The *President of India Gold Medal* was bestowed on *Ms. Gowri Yatishchandran Subedar* (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering) and *Director's Gold Medal* to *Mr. Rishit Nilesh Saiya* (B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering). Institute Silver Medals were awarded to - Mr. Ashish Kupsad (B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering), Mr. Karan Yogesh Anvekar (B.Tech., Electrical Engineering) and Mr. Muhammadzahid Pathan (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering). *Om Prakash Goyal and Sevati Devi Goyal Cash Award* for the most outstanding girl student who has completed the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Technology was given to *Ms. Gandra Joshita* (B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering).

Presenting the Director's report, Prof P Seshu highlighted the six year journey of IIT Dharwad. He spoke about the academic achievements of the students, holistic development of the students with courses on introduction to fine arts, design thinking and creativity, etc., and the active participation of the students in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. He informed that the placement rate of B.Tech programs is around 90%. He also mentioned that the median salary was more than 14 Lakhs. He also spoke about the numerous research projects, industry collaborations and MoU's with national and international institutions. He announced the establishment of a Global Centre of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy thanks to a multi-crore CSR contribution from Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation, which is going to function in collaboration with SELCO Foundation. He thanked Sri Pralhad Joshi, the Honourable Minister for his constant support and encouragement.

For the convocation attire, IIT Dharwad preferred to go ethnic - ethnic wear consisting of kurta, pyjama, waistcoat and uttariya. The waistcoat and uttariya are in fact specially made for IIT Dharwad by the Dharwad Taluk Garag Kshetriya Seva Sangha, which has been championing the cause of khadi and has the unique distinction of being an authorised manufacturer and supplier of Indian national flag.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister encouraged the students to become "job providers" instead of "job seekers". He impressed upon the students to make use of India's startup eco-system. With a population of 130 Crores, he said there is immense potential in the country to become world's second largest economy if we make the right use of our demographic dividend. He urged the students to work on finding innovative solutions to the problems faced by people and industries.

Shri Vinayak Chatterjee congratulated the graduating BTech students, MS and PhD scholars and mentioned that the curriculum at IIT Dharwad is truly multi-disciplinary as per the aspirations of National Education Policy 2020. IIT Dharwad is making efforts on all fronts to make it a premier institution of the 21st century and trying to realize the dream of our honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji **to make IITs as Indian Institutes of Transformation.**

Dr K Radhakrishnan, admired the institute for its brave take-off with institutional synergy, and its growth and impact within six years, to raise national competence in interdisciplinary technology for sustainable development. Speaking on the impact of technology in today's world, he said the real question must be "how the technology will make a difference to the life of the users" and thus a people-focus is essential to get the technology right. As a word of advice to the graduating students, he said, "a new world of opportunities and challenges will unfurl in front of you now. I believe that 'Knowing' and 'Doing' are important for professional success; but 'Being' what you are, your character and conscience will elevate you into someone to be emulated. Each one of us could live up to leave a legacy and make a difference for the society around us, our nation and the humanity at large".

Members of the Board of Governors, Senate and several other distinguished guests attended the Convocation function, besides the graduating students and their parents.