

Press Release

IIT Mandi Hosts 14th Convocation With Largest-Ever BTech Graduating Batch in the Institute's History

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Editor's Synopsis

- Largest-Ever B. Tech Batch Graduates in the Institute's History
- President of India Gold Medallist Vayun Goel also Receives Institute Gold Medal in Computer Science and Engineering
- 643 Students Awarded Degrees Including 63 Ph.D. Scholars

June 20th, 2026; Mandi: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi, one of India's leading IITs, held its 14th Convocation at the picturesque North Campus in the Kamand Valley. This event was a further landmark in the glorious path that the institute has walked to become a beacon of technological excellence and nation building in the Western Himalayas.

In total, 643 students have been conferred degrees this year comprising of 63 Ph.D. scholars, 259 postgraduate students, and 321 undergraduates. The Convocation ceremony is a testament to the dedication and devotion of the institute to academic excellence, research significance, innovation-based education, and the creation of leaders of tomorrow.

The event was graced by **Mr. B.K. Goenka, Founder of Welspun World**, as the **Chief Guest**. **Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras** and **Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi**, attended as **Guests of Honour**. The ceremony was chaired by **Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon, PVSM, UYSM, YSM, VSM, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Mandi**.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. B.K. Goenka, Founder, Welspun World, Chief Guest of the event, said, *"Congratulations to the graduating class on this significant milestone. As you step into a rapidly changing world, I encourage you to embrace three values—joy, originality, and courage. Stay original in the age of artificial intelligence, have the courage to learn from failures, and never stop adapting. Knowledge today is only a button away; what truly matters is how you apply it. Knowledge must be complemented by courage and resilience to overcome every challenge. Remember, your time is India's time, and the future of our nation will be shaped by your ideas, actions, and commitment."*

Congratulating the graduating students, Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi, said, *"As our graduates embark on a new journey, I encourage them to use their knowledge, innovation, and determination to contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Every challenge presents an opportunity to innovate and create meaningful solutions for society. At IIT Mandi, we remain committed to fostering excellence through cutting-edge research, innovation, and future-ready education. The Institute has recently strengthened its academic ecosystem by securing externally sponsored research projects worth nearly ₹100 crores and introducing new programmes, including becoming the first IIT in India to launch a B.Tech. programme in Quantum Science and Engineering, along with B.Tech. programmes in Agricultural Engineering with Data Analytics and Chemical Engineering with Data Analytics. I congratulate the graduating class of 2026 and wish them every success in shaping the future of our nation."*

Celebrating Academic Excellence

This year's Convocation was especially significant as it witnessed the graduation of the largest ever number 321 of B.Tech students of IIT Mandi. It is a significant achievement on the part of the institute on many counts.

One of the most remarkable highlights of the Convocation event was the achievement of **Mr. Vayun Goel**, who received the prestigious **President of India Gold Medal**, along with the **Institute Gold Medal for B.Tech. (Computer Science and Engineering)**.

The presence of IIT Mandi's influence can be observed across the diverse domains during the Convocation event including **engineering sciences, management, artificial intelligence, data science, sustainability, health technologies, and advanced manufacturing**.

Awarding Excellence and Leadership

Various medals and awards were handed out to honour excellence in academic and research performances.

- The **President of India Gold Medal** and **Institute Gold Medal in B.Tech. (Computer Science and Engineering)** were given to **Vayun Goel** for his extraordinary performance in academics and other extracurricular activities.
- The **Director's Gold Medal** was won by **Sukhvansh Jain** due to his exceptional contributions in academics, leadership, and development.
- The **Institute Gold Medal in B.Tech. (Bioengineering)** was won by **Sneha Chandna** whereas the **Institute Gold Medal in B.Tech. (Civil Engineering)** was bagged by **Khushi Rewar**.
- The other students who won the Institute Gold Medal (Undergraduate Programmes) include **Bipanjit Singh in B.Tech. (Data Science and Engineering)**, **Akshar Agrawal in B.Tech. (Electrical Engineering)**, **Aridaman Singh Chauhan in B.Tech. (Engineering Physics)**, and **Pranjal Vats in B.Tech. (Mechanical Engineering)**.
- For her excellent performance in academics as well as co-curricular activities, **Archita** was given the **Rani Gonsalves Memorial Medal**.
- The **NBCC Awards** were given to **Khushi Rewar, Ojaswi Hemant Choudhary, and Niharika Chauhan** on account of their distinguished performance in **Civil Engineering**.
- As a tribute to their innovative efforts and entrepreneurial mindset, **Ananya Rai and Virani Devendrabhai Dineshbhai** were presented the **Institute Innovation Silver Medal**.
- **Ekansh Verma** was bestowed upon the **Kiran Bala Arora Memorial Award**.
- The following were recipients of Institute Gold Medals among postgraduate students: **Sneha Vijayan (M.A. in Development Studies)**, **Khushi Garg (MBA Data Science and Artificial Intelligence)**, **Kashish Chaudhary (M.Sc. Applied Mathematics)**, **Preeti (M.Sc. Chemistry)**, **Manav Gupta (M.Sc. Physics)**, **Chikirsha Gulati (M.Tech. Biotechnology)**, **Aayush Thakur (M.Tech. Power Electronics and Drives)**, and **Adarsh Arya (M.Tech. Structural Engineering)**.



As a highlight, the Convocation celebrated exceptional achievements across academic disciplines, innovation, leadership, and research, reflecting IIT Mandi's commitment to nurturing excellence and future-ready talent.

Charting the Future

The 14th Convocation ceremony was an expression of perseverance, innovation, excellence, and aspirations. This ceremony highlighted IIT Mandi's constant dedication to promoting interdisciplinary research, entrepreneurship, innovations, and social impact.

This day witnessed many faculty members, parents, alumni, and distinguished guests all celebrating together the achievements of the graduating students.

As the students proceed ahead in their life with new ventures in industry, academic institutions, entrepreneurship, social work, or research, the 14th Convocation ceremony symbolizes the dedication of IIT Mandi towards preparing future-ready innovators and leaders who contribute to building a better nation.

The ceremony was indeed an inspiration for the students as they move ahead in life with aspirations of lifelong learning, dedication, compassion, and serving their society with a commitment to innovations and sustainability.

About IIT Mandi:

Indian Institutes of Technology Mandi is one of the top second-generation IITs located in Kamand Valley, Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh, India. It is one of eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, and recognized as one of Institutes of National Importance. IIT Mandi's permanent campus about 14 km (8.7 mi) from Mandi consists of the South and North campuses connected by a narrow neck. The South campus is on the left bank of the Uhl River below Kamand village. The North campus is along the Kataula Khad opposite Salgi village. A transit campus at Government Post graduate College, Mandi was handed over by the Himachal Pradesh Government on 16 November 2009. The Kamand campus ground-breaking ceremony, to mark the start of construction, was held on 13 April 2012. On 25 April 2015, IIT Mandi became the first of all the new IITs to completely shift B. Tech students to its permanent campus in Kamand. Since its inception the institute has been involved with more than 275 Research and Development (R&D) projects worth more than ₹120 crore. In the past 10 years, the institute has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with as many as 11 international and 12 national universities.

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