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452 students, including 45 Ph.D. Scholars Graduate at IIT Mandi's Ninth Convocation

- **Padma Vibhushan Prof. Anil Kakodkar, virtually delivered the Convocation address**

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MANDI, 23rd October 2021: [Indian Institute of Technology Mandi](#) celebrated its 9th Convocation on 23rd October 2021, **with a graduating class of 452 students (348 male & 104 female)**. Padma Vibhushan Prof. Anil Kakodkar, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission of India, Former Secretary, Government of India, and Former Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Mandi, presided over the Convocation.

Virtually addressing the students at the 9th Convocation of IIT Mandi, Prof. Anil Kakodkar, Chief Guest, said, *"My congratulations to all the graduating students. The world today has unprecedented challenges as well as opportunities before it. I am sure graduating from IIT Mandi would turn out to be a great asset for you, as you move forward in your career."*

"We are now in an era dominated by high end technologies like Semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence, Computing and Telecom, Advanced Aerospace and Pharmaceuticals, and soon new frontiers technologies exploiting Genetics, Quantum Physics, Cognitive and Brain Sciences, among others, would start dominating. The young engineers need to close in the gaps in these technologies which currently seem to be expanding for a better future", added Prof. Kakodkar.

Degrees awarded were:

COURSE	STUDENTS GRADUATING
Ph.D.	45
M.S. (by Research)	14
M. Tech. – 137	
Mechanical Engineering with	19



specialisation in Energy Systems	
Structural Engineering	25
Power Electronics and Drives	15
Energy Engineering with specialisation in Materials	17
Communications and Signal Processing	16
Biotechnology	16
Electrical Engineering with specialisation in VLSI	29
M.Sc. – 99	
Applied Mathematics	36
Chemistry	35
Physics	28
M.A. – 11	
Development Studies	11
B. Tech. – 146	
Computer Science and Engineering	60
Electrical Engineering	44
Mechanical Engineering	24
Civil Engineering	18

The Institute has seen a rise in the number of girl students passing out in all the streams. This year a total of 23 female students in undergraduate programme; 69 in postgraduate and masters programmes, and 12 in Ph.D. programme have graduated from IIT Mandi surpassing the numbers from the previous years.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Mandi, said, *“It is the beginning of a new journey for the graduating students, and I am sure a challenging, yet successful career path lies ahead of you. I sincerely hope that the knowledge and skill the graduating students have acquired and the ethos they have imbibed during their stay at IIT Mandi will stand them in good stead through the coming years of new challenges and opportunities.”*

Congratulating the graduating batch, Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Mandi, said, *“Despite the challenges posed by Covid, our faculty and students have achieved all round success in the past year. We will remember 2021 as the year when all of us stepped up to play difficult roles to navigate through these uncertain times. The*



graduating batch of this year deserves a special mention. I congratulate all the graduating students along with their parents on their hard earned academic recognitions.

Virtually delivering this year's Valedictorian's address, Mr. Rishi Sharma, President of India Gold Medal Winner, and B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering, 2021 batch said, *"IIT Mandi is a unique combination of a number of remarkable things. The curriculum seems to be ahead of many other engineering institutes in India and even internationally. On top of this, we were able to spend our four college years in this beautiful Himalayan setting. Where else could one get this type of education, the brand name of IIT, as well as enjoy the mountains, and rivers"*

"On behalf of my graduating class, I am happy to say that we have seen the Institute grow. It is not what we take from our institute, it is what we give it back. Many from our batchmates have received offers from some of the reputed organizations and start-ups, some have published research papers and gone abroad for higher education in various esteemed institutes while several are working hard to ace competitive examinations - enhancing IIT Mandi's brand image", **said Mr. Arnav Prasad, Director's Gold Medal Winner, and B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering, 2021 batch, IIT Mandi, during his speech**

SHOWCASING SOME MEDAL WINNERS

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GOLD MEDAL





Mr. Rishi Sharma
B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering, 2021 batch

DIRECTOR'S GOLD MEDAL



Mr. Arnav Prasad
B.Tech, Computer Science and Engineering, 2021 batch

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IIT Mandi has four Academic Schools and three major Research Centers. The Schools are: School of Computing and Electrical Engineering, School of Basic Sciences, School of Engineering, and School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Centers are: Advanced Materials Research Centre (AMRC; set up with an investment of Rs. 60 crores), Centre for Design and Fabrication of Electrical Devices (C4DFED; has Rs. 50 crores worth of fabrication tools), and BioX Centre (has acquired research equipment worth Rs. 15 crores).

The unique, project-oriented B.Tech. curriculum is centred around its 4-year long Design and Innovation stream. From August 2019, IIT Mandi started 3 new and unique B. Tech. programmes in Data Science and Engineering, Engineering Physics, and Dual Degree in Bioengineering. Since the inception of the Institute, IIT Mandi faculty have been involved in over 275 Research and Development (R&D) projects worth more than Rs. 120 crore.

IIT Mandi set up the IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation (iHub; a section-8 company) on its campus at Kamand with significant funding of INR 110 crores from the Department of Science



and Technology (DST), Government of India. The iHub is planned to fuel research and technology development, skill development, startup and innovation, and collaborations in the HCI and allied AI/ML areas in India. IIT Mandi is the only second-generation IIT to be featured at rank no. 7 in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements of the Innovation Cell, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

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