

GOVT COMMITTED TO MAKE IIT GOA THE BEST TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE: CM

Chief Minister Dr.Pramod Sawant reiterating Governments commitment to help IIT Goa to become one of the best technological institutes in the country said IIT Goa will play an important role in the effective implementation of the new education policy 2020 at the grassroots level.

Dr.Pramod was speaking at the 3rd Convocation ceremony of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) , Goa at Rajiv Gandhi Kala Mandir, Ponda [today](#).

Also present on the dais were member of the Board of Governors Shri Nitin Kunkolienker, Prof. IIT Bombay Dr.Devang Khakar , Director IIT Goa, Prof. B.K Mishra, Member Prof. Sachin D. Kore and other faculties.

Speaking further, the Chief Minister said the establishment of an IIT in the State of Goa was the dream of the late Manohar Parrikar. As an IIT alumnus, he understood the transformative power of the technology institute in the overall development of the State. That is why, six years ago, the IIT began operations on the Goa College of Engineering Campus. It has grown tremendously over the years, with a current total enrollment of 650 students and 53 faculty members, including administrative and support staff, he said.

Speaking further, the Chief Minister said that the numerous accolades received by IIT Goa students and faculty members at various regional, national, and international forums speak volumes about the student commitment to higher education and the institution's commitment to the student community.

He also thanked IIT Goa for opening their hostel as a covid quarantine centre during the Covid 19 pandemic and congratulated all the scientists and students for manufacturing and distributing face shields for front line workers during the early days of the Covid 19 pandemic, which is a good example for the institution's social commitment.

IIT Goa should play a significant role in resolving the environmental issues, he said. IIT Goa has collaborated with the Goa State Pollution Control Board on data analysis and the development of forecasting tools for air quality levels for good cause. Climate change is a reality that we must confront. It is causing coastal erosion due to changes in sea level, flooding, and salt water destruction in the fresh water domain, among other things. IIT Goa community should provide scientific expertise to deal with such issues, he added.

The Chief Minister said that the single most important contribution of any education institution is its students. The student should use their knowledge, skills and intellectual capabilities to address the pressing social and economic concerns of fellow citizens. We should also adopt a human approach as you may not always succeed in solving the problem but you will never fail in providing healing touch, he remarked.

The Chief Minister urged IIT Goa to continue its institutional participation in the journey toward the construction of Swaympurna Goa and to support the Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister presented the medal for academic and other achievements to the successful students, as well as the convocation certificate to all graduating students.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. B.K. Misra

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