

'Students, faculty put BITS Pilani Goa on world map'

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Panaji: Professor Suman Kundu, the director of BITS Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus, said on Sunday that the faculty and students of the Goa campus have made significant contributions to the internationalisation of the institute. They have been active in seeking research funding and publishing in research journals, he said, speaking at the 2023 convocation ceremony held on the campus at Zuarinagar on August 20.

This year, 1,254 students were declared eligible to receive their degrees, of which 26 were doctoral degrees, 132 were ME, and 1,096 were BE and MSc. About 75% of the students received their degrees in person at the convocation.

The medal winners from the bachelor's degree programmes included R Ramathanan (gold), Varun Singh and Asmita Limaye (silver), and Chirag Goyle (bronze).

Six BITS Pilani alumni were also conferred Distinguished Alumnus Award. Among them was governor of



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Bengal CV Ananda Bose, who was given the distinguished services award. He was present at the convocation ceremony as the guest of honour.

Other BITS Pilani alumni awardees included the co-founder and CEO of Swiggy, Sriharsha Majety; Harvard University's Gordon McKay professor of computer science, Milind Tambe; and the founders of Pixxel, an India-based private space technology company, Awais Ahmad and Kshitij Khandelwal.

'Education is the most potent weapon that can change the world' is the maxim that

students will take along and use to make a difference, said professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, director of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. Bandyopadhyay, a Padma Shri awardee, was the chief guest at the convocation.

"India can truly flourish when its science and technology flourish, when the research that its scientists carry out not only expands the frontiers of knowledge but is also used to solve the problems facing the nation and the world," Bandyopadhyay said. "India has achieved quite a bit, but still, miles to go."