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# Innovations must for tech advancements: Union min

## Prez's Gold Medal Awarded To Shruti Rajalakshmi

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**Varanasi.** The eighth convocation of Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) was held at Swatantra Bhavan on Friday. Union human resource and development minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Prof Pramod Kumar Jain, chairman of the board of governor and director of the institute honoured the meritorious with degrees, medals and awards on the occasion.

Addressing the ceremony, the HRD minister said that innovation is very important for making advancements in technology. With the innovations in technology the country will be on the path of progress, he added.

### IIT-BHU CONVOCATION

As many as 1,282 meritorious students consisting of 754 BTech, 197 IDD / IMD, 252 MTech / MPharma and 79 research students received degrees. A total of 54 graduates were awarded 81 medals and 17 prizes in various categories.

The President's Gold Medal, was awarded to Shruti Rajalakshmi, computer science and engineering student this year. She became the first girl student of the institute to receive this medal which was started in 2018. Sai Pawan SN of metallurgical engineering was awarded the Director's Gold medal for outstanding all round performance and organisational abilities and leadership qualities.

Vibhor Bansal of electronic enginee-



Students being awarded degrees and certificates by Union minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' during the 8th convocation ceremony at IIT-BHU on Friday

ring was awarded ten gold medals, one silver and three awards. Chemical engineering student Aleshwarpu Shravani received six gold medals and two awards. Besides, four gold and one award was awarded to Aayushi Jain of computer science and engineering department and Malay Sagar of mechanical engineering, four gold and two awards went to Akshansh Chandravanshi of Electrical Engineering Department, two gold and two awards went to Jitendra of civil engineering, three gold to Dhanushmanath Yenugu of mining engineering, Raj Gujjar of pharmaceutical engineering won

two gold and a prize. Saksham Jain of civil department and Sagar Srivastava and Gulshan Verma of mechanical engineering bagged two gold medals each.

The award distribution was conducted by registrar SP Mathur and professor Rajiv Prakash, dean, research and development. The ceremony began with garlanding the statue of Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malviya and *kulgeet*.

The minister also laid the foundation stone of Dhanrajgiri Hostel-II, student activities centre for indoor sports facilities and faculty apartment at the Gymkhana Ground.