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DRDO chief awarding degree to a student at IIT-BHU. RAJESH KUMAR/HT

IIT-BHU CONVOCATION

76 gold medals, 1191 degrees awarded

VARANASI: The Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) organised its seventh convocation ceremony at Swatantrata Bhawan of the university on Saturday.

A total of 1191 degrees were given to graduates of different courses on the occasion. Dr G Satheesh Reddy, chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and secretary in Department of Defence Research & Development (DDR&D), was the chief guest of the event.

He along with IIT-BHU director Pramod Kumar Jain awarded the medals to the students.

The award distribution was conducted by registrar of the institute Dr SPMathur. Ram Pal Singh, a student of electronic engineering, was given the President's gold medal for his outstanding performance at BTech level. He got the highest number of 14 medals including the President's gold medal.

"The DRDO is working on the idea 'Dare to Dream' given by former President of India (Dr) APJ Abdul Kalam," said the chief guest.

During the convocation, 655 BTech/ BPharm, 201 IDD, 215 MTech/MPHarm and 120 research scholars received their degrees. A total of 50 graduates in various courses bagged 76 gold medals and two silver medals in different categories. Among

'DREAM BIG'

VARANASI: Dr G Satheesh Reddy, chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), emphasised on innovation and the power of dreaming big while addressing the IIT-BHU students on Saturday. In context of UP defence industrial corridor, he said talks with IITs for tie-up were in progress. He said skill development in the country must be ensured for the country's progress and that IITs were helping in this area.

them, 17 graduates from BTech/ BPharma have got 43 gold medals and 14 gold for 14 graduates from IDD/ IMD and 19 gold for 17 graduates from MTech/ MPHarm and two students got silver medals. Of the 50 medal recipients, 16 girls got gold medals while one girl student got the silver medal.

Manas Sinha of chemical engineering and Ankush Bansal of electrical engineering bagged seven medals each. Aman Gupta of civil engineering and Thacker Parth Paresh of mechanical engineering got the top five medals.

Akash Chaurasia of mining engineering and Zille Ali of pharmaceuticals engineering got three medals.

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