

# IIT-Gn students can now get dual degrees for extra year

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**Ahmedabad:** The Indian Institute of Technology- Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) has offered the dual degree option for its undergraduates from this academic year. This was announced by IIT-Gn director, Dr Sudhir Jain, on the 6th convocation ceremony of the institute held on Saturday in Palaj village, Gandhinagar.

In the convocation ceremony, a total of 124 BTech students, 52 MTech students, 47 MSc students, 5 MA students and 14 PhD students were awarded degrees. In addition, 38 medals and awards for academic, sports, leadership and community service were awarded to graduating students.

Speaking on the occasion, Jain said, "We have now introduced two additional options for our undergraduates. The first is a double degree option, where a student can graduate with degrees in two disciplines by spending an extra year."

Elaborating on the option, Jain said, "For instance, a stu-



(L) Dr Sudhir Jain at the 6th convocation ceremony of the institute held on Saturday in Palaj village, Gandhinagar



dent admitted to BTech in mechanical engineering can graduate with BTech in mechanical engineering and also BTech in electrical engineering after five years."

"We now also offer a BTech - MTech dual degree option which enables a student to graduate with both BTech and MTech degrees in five years," Jain added.

Rishab Anand, one of the graduating student in B Tech who received five awards in convocation including the President's Gold Medal, said that humanities and engineering complement each other.

"Ultimately, the engineers must go into the society to work for the people. We have also undergone courses like social movements where we washed utensils in mess and conducted Right To Education (RTE) programmes for underprivileged kids," said Anand, who also won the award for best performance in core courses from humanities and social science.

Rishabh Jain, another student who won four medals including the institute's silver medal in civil engineering, said that he used to energize himself by recitation of Hindi and Urdu poetry.

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