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IIT Kharagpur unveils perspective plan

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KHARAGPUR, July 15. — The Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur released a 'perspective plan' today to double the number of students by 2010 through increasing its student intake by 34 per cent. The institute will also introduce new programmes such as 21 dual degree courses, M Tech in Media and Sound Engineering and Bachelor of Law with specialisation in Intellectual Property Rights.

It was announced at the 52nd Convocation of IIT, Kharagpur today that two new campuses of the institute ~ one in Kolkata and the other in Bhubaneswar, will be coming up soon. For the Rajarhat campus, a 10-acre plot of land has been acquired at New Town. This campus will be developed with the objective of promoting advanced research and development activities, post graduate and under graduate programmes, laboratories for training and research and as an industry hub for attracting high technology. The chief guest at the ceremony, Mr Arun Sarin, CEO, Vodafone Group Plc UK donated a sum of \$ 2.5 lakhs to the institute.

Mr Shishir Kumar Dube, director of the institute, conferred degrees on 1370 outgoing students. The institute also conferred the Life Fellow of IIT-Kharagpur Award on Prof GS Sanyal, former director of the institute. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was given to Mr Arun Sarin, CEO, Vodafone Group Plc UK along with four others.

The gold medal awardees were Mr Sambaditya Saha from the department of Biotechnology, Mr Seth Siddhartha Sunil Kumar, Mr Paonam Santosh Kumar Singh and Mr S Narayanan from the department of Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering, Mr Sayantan Sharma from the department of Physics and Meteorology and Mr Amit Ray from the department of Naval Architecture.

Mr Sarin adding a few words of encouragement to the students, said: "One has to keep marching towards the future with the changing situations and follow certain rules in order to succeed in life."

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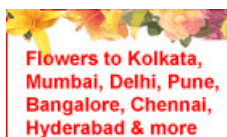
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