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## IISER told to lead the way in innovations



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## 5th convocation held on IISER campus at Vithura

Institutes like the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) will have to play a very important role in generating the next level of innovations and breakthroughs, Vikram Kumar, Emeritus Professor of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, has said.

Delivering the 5th convocation address on the IISER campus in Maruthamala, Vithura, in the district on Saturday, Prof. Kumar urged the students to work hard and to put their heart into academic and non-academic activities.

Diligence was more important than intelligence for success and it was necessary to find their niche; the right groove where they fit.

Later, he gave away gold and silver medals and certificates to the students.

As many as 24 PhD students and 99 BS-MS dual degree students were given certificates.

Chairperson, Board of Governors, IISER-Thiruvananthapuram, Tessy Thomas, presided over the function.

V. Ramakrishnan, Director, IISER, said the residential campus at Vithura would be fully functional from the next academic year commencing from August 2017.

M. Radhakrishnan, Registrar, M.P. Rajan, Dean (Academics) attended.