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Gandhinagar, July 27 Eighty per cent of the 394 students graduating from the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, (IIT-Gn), here on Saturday, pledged donations even as the alumni and well-wishers extended generous funds to the 10-year-old institute during the 2018-19 academic year.

Addressing the institute's eighth convocation, Amit Prashant, officiating IIT-Gn director, said the institute had Rs 14 crore in donations from well-wishers in India and abroad. "The IIT-Gn's alumni are taking leadership in supporting the Institute. Six new Rs 1 lakh per year scholarships have been recently instituted by the alumni," he said.

Of the 394 graduating students, 145 received B.Tech degrees, 2 B.Tech-M.Tech dual degrees, one B.Tech-M.Sc dual degree, 105 M.Tech, 86 M.Sc, 21 MA, 27 PhD and 7 PGDIIT degrees. In addition, 53 students were awarded medals and awards, including 25 gold medals, 13 silver medals, and 15 medallion for excellence in various categories like academics, outstanding research, overall performance, innovation, leadership, social service and sports.

Delivering the convocation address, Swati Piramal, Vice-Chairperson, Piramal Group, and Director of Piramal Enterprises, said, "Public policy, science and innovation can change lives and create a huge impact. Science and innovation must be used to tackle national

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