

# BITS PILANI, K K BIRLA GOA CAMPUS' CONVOCATION 2018 HELD



**Vice Chancellor prof Souvik Bhattacharyya and director prof G Raghurama with gold medalist Amit Agarwal, silver medalist Quadros Karen Aditi and bronze medalist Advait Prasad Koparkar.**

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**Panaji:** BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus' convocation 2018 held on Sunday. Prof Souvik Bhattacharyya, Vice-Chancellor, BITS Pilani; Prof G Raghurama, director of BITS Pilani, Goa Campus; Prof S C Sivasubramanian, acting registrar, BITS Pilani;

members of the Senate, and faculty members of Goa campus, along with the graduating students and their family members were present on the occasion.

This year, 810 students received their degrees, of which 30 were PhDs. Three students from the Bachelor's degree programmes were awarded medals:

Gold medal Amit Agarwal, silver medal Quadros Karen Aditi and bronze medal Advait Prasad Koparkar.

Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2018, was received by prof Reena Aggarwal (Vice-Provost, George town University), prof Prabhu L Pingali (Founding Director, Tata-Cornell Institute), prof Arun S Somani (Associate

Dean, Iowa State University), Ajoyendra Mukherjee (executive vice-president, TCS), Prasanna Gopalakrishnan (chief information officer, Bank of America), Dr Anand S Rao (Global Innovation Lead, Prince-water House Coopers), Anupendra Sharma (Global VP, Siemens) and Tushar Jain (Director, Automat Ir-rigation).

Prof Sauvik Bhattacharyya presented an overview of the university's accomplishments, and in particular, highlighted its pioneering role in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in higher education.

He concluded by stressing upon the need for students to be humane and contribute to the better-

ment of the society with the knowledge and skills that they have gained at BITS.

Prof G Raghurama gave a detailed report of BITS Pilani, Goa Campus, offering a comprehensive overview of the advances in research, new initiatives and collaborations of the institute. Prof D M Kulkarni proposed a vote of thanks.