

Cultural, linguistic and religious diversity is hall mark of our nation, says Dr Guha

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Dr Ramachandra Guha delivers convocation address at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, Zuarinagar-Vasco on Sunday.

Vasco: BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus hosted the 80th and 81st award Convocation 2017 at its campus at Zuarinagar on Sunday. The top three students from the bachelor's degree programmes received their medals at the hands of chief guest, the renowned historian, erudite scholar and reputed columnist, Dr Ramachandra Guha.

Dr Guha awarded gold medal to Talluri Varsheeth, silver medal to Ayush Sharma and bronze medal to Sudeep Mishra. This year, 625 students received their degrees, of which 21 were PhDs.

Prof Souvik Bhattacharyya, vice-chancellor, BITS Pilani; Prof G Raghurama, director of BITS Goa campus; Prof S C Sivasubramanian, Registrar, BITS Pilani; members of the Senate, faculty members of Goa campus and other distinguished guests, along with the graduating students and their family members were present on the occasion.

Guha also presented one of the five distinguished alumnus awards of 2017 to Hari Menon (CEO, BigBasket.Com). The other four awardees who received their awards at other BITS campuses include Prof Govindan Rangarajan (Prof Dept of Mathematics, IISc Bangalore), Prof Narayana R Alluru (Kritzer Prof Dept

of Mechanical Science and Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Harish Bhat (Chair-

He also pointed out that the greatness of India has emanated from our civilizational depth and the rich tradi-

something new, more efficient and worthwhile.

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

Prof 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 Neena Goveas proposed a vote of thanks.

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man, Tata Coffee) and Raghurama Rajagopal (Co-Founder and CEO of DATRI, Head - Global Strategy - Ivy Mobility, Co-Founder and Director - The Green Peppers).

In his convocation address, Dr Guha highlighted the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity as the hall mark of our nation.

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In his message to the students, Dr Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chancellor of BITS Pilani, urged the graduating students to be innovative and disruptive for being creative. He pointed out that disruption displaces an existing market, industry or technology and creates