IIIT Holds 12th convocation

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IIIT students exult after receiving degrees at the 12th convocation in Hyderabad on Saturday | A RADHAKRISHNA

Even as clouds gathered for yet another rain-soaked day in the city, it was not enough to dampen the smiles, excitement and photo sessions of more than 200 students of the International Institution of Information Technology (IIIT), at their twelfth convocation ceremony held here on Saturday afternoon.

Comprising students finishing their bachelors, masters and Ph.D programmes, the diversity amongst the students was a pointer as to why IIIT is preferred by many in the country who want to pursue a career in information technology. “When you do a Google search seeking the top institutions for information technology (IT), IIIT will be there for sure among the top five places in the list,” remarked Hari Prasad (24), who completed his M.Tech in information science from IIIT this year.

Prasad, a native of Palakkad, Kerala, pointed out that unlike other IT colleges which have departments for subjects, his institution has research laboratories, which help students to get a better grip on subjects. “Unlike the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), IIIT is dedicated to software,” he mentioned. Such is the demand for IIIT that students such as Darshan Runwal (24), another M.Tech student from Maharashtra, had applied only at IIT for his postgraduation.

“When it comes to IT, this is one of the best places, as we have a great set of faculty members here,” said Darshan, adding that the place is not as crowded as the IITs, with thousands of students studying in one campus. “With just around 500 students, it is a relatively calm place,” he opined. Nitya Tiwari, another B.Tech student of computer science, who passed out also echoed his sentiments. Like Darshan, she too had applied only at IIT. What makes IIIT even more sought after apart from its brimming campus is the fact that there is 100 percent placements.