

# Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) Hosts 22nd Convocation

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- **Diploma and fellow conferred on 54 students**

**Ahmedabad, NFAPost:** The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, a 'Centre of Excellence' recognised by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, hosted its 22nd Convocation on Friday.

Diplomas and fellows were conferred on 54 students, including 52 postgraduate diplomas and two fellows in management. Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi graced the grand ceremony as the chief guest. R N Ravi awarded scholastic medals to graduating students and delivered the convocation address.

**EDII Director General Dr Sunil Shukla** welcomed the Governor and the guests. He outlined EDII's work over 40 years, around its key domains of education, research, training, MSMEs, innovations, and inclusive development.

EDII Director General Dr Sunil Shukla talked about EDII's achievements in the domains of policy formulation and replicable development models in association with government

ministries and departments as well as noted corporates, leading to the setting up of enterprises, revenue generation, and employment creation.

The distinguished **Chief Guest, Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi** congratulated the graduating students, highlighting the incredible opportunities that await them in the current era.

“YOU ARE GRADUATING AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME WHEN THE COUNTRY IS UNDERGOING COMPREHENSIVE REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATION. THIS ERA IS UNFOLDING INFINITE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EACH ONE OF US. SO, YOU EXPLORE YOUR DESTINY AND SOAR HIGH. TODAY, THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS ONE BIG FAMILY AND EVERY PROBLEM OF THE COUNTRY IS BEING DEALT WITH, AS A WHOLE,” SAID TAMIL NADU GOVERNOR R N RAVI.

He also highlighted that the diversity of the country is special and imparts an identity to India and the country in encouraging its youth to tap their energies and potential; it is creating an ecosystem where the youth can step forth.

“Today, India is the fastest growing economy in the world, with more than a lakh startups. This is only because of the enterprising spirit of our youth. I am sure this creative power of youth will make India the foremost economy of the world. India is on the path of sustainable development; so you all become a part of this unique India and lead the change,” said Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi.



Advising the students, the Chief Guest said students are national assets so remain healthy, dream big and never lose your confidence. He said students will conquer the world and build the nation.

**EDII President and Managing Director & CEO of IDBI Bank Rakesh Sharma** delivered the presidential address and spoke about the benefits of pursuing entrepreneurship and the achievements of EDII alumni.

“THE INSTITUTE’S ALUMNI HAVE SET UP ENTERPRISES THAT ARE GARNERING PRAISE AND ATTENTION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PATHWAYS THAT THESE HAVE CREATED. SOME OF THESE ENTERPRISES HAVE GONE ON TO BE LISTED ENTITIES. THE INSTITUTES’ ALUMNI ARE FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM THE HON’BLE PRIME MINISTER, STATE CHIEF MINISTER, AND OTHER

NOTED STALWARTS,” SAID EDII PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO OF IDBI BANK RAKESH SHARMA.

He also wished that more people come forward to explore the benefits of being an entrepreneur and discover how they could learn to establish their enterprises and succeed with rewarding decisions and judgments.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII.

At the Convocation, alongside meritorious awards, President Alumnus Awards were also presented to a Business Entrepreneur and a Social Entrepreneur.

**Awardees include:**

- EDII President’s Alumnus Award 2023-Business Entrepreneur – Mr Vivek Kataruka, Director, Chemshel, Purulia, West Bengal – world’s leading manufacturers of Seedlac and Aleuritic acid.
- EDII President’s Alumnus Award 2023-Social Entrepreneur – Mr Tapan Kumar Ghosh, Managing Director of Kutch Agrotech Pvt Ltd, Bhuj and Managing Partner of Ecocell (into trading of Date Palm Plants & Products).
- Gold and Silver medals were also awarded to meritorious students.

**About Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)**

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad was set up in 1983 as an autonomous and not-for-profit Institute with support of apex financial institutions – the IDBI Bank Ltd., IFCI Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd. and State Bank of India (SBI). The Government of Gujarat pledged twenty-three acres of land on which stands the majestic and sprawling EDII Campus.

EDII has been recognized as the CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India. The Institute has also been listed as the Institute of National Importance by the Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat.

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