

# Engineering is the main agency of development through innovation : VK Singh

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The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation of the PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh was held on 13<sup>TH</sup> October, 2012. Professor Pradipta Banerji, Director, IIT Roorkee, was the Chief Guest and Shri VK Singh, Secretary Technical Education was the Co-Chairperson. In the year 2012, a total of 381 students completed their B.E. programme in various disciplines and 12 graduated with Honours. 207 M.E. students also completed their programme of studies and 3 students completed their PhD programme.

Addressing the convocation, Chief Guest **Professor Pradipta Banerji, Director, IIT Roorkee**, congratulated the young men and women who are at an important cusp in their lives, where for most of the students, it is the end of the innings of formal education and start of a new innings where they step into the wide world out there to blaze trails of their own. He also congratulated the parents, who have undergone hardship and have sacrificed some of their own dreams to ensure that their children get an excellent education. He emphasized on the fact that India needs to graduate to an 'innovation economy' where innovative ideas and their implementation towards the betterment of industry and society will be of paramount importance.

He made a point to the students to learn, innovate and create value for their own self and the country. He also advised the students to always have a "keeda" to never stay in the comfort zone and be risk-takers, while never forgetting that integrity and hard work is the cornerstone for developing a fair and inclusive society.

**Shri VK Singh, Co-Chairperson Board of Management, PEC University of Technology** also addressed the graduates. He congratulated the graduates on being conferred with the rightly deserved degrees and awards for their academic accomplishments and the Director and faculty members of PEC University of Technology who also worked hard to impart quality education, knowledge, skills and human values to their students. "PEC will be benefited by the TEQIP program of the Indian government. Faculty members should take maximum benefit from this program." said Sh. VK Singh. He encouraged the students to be innovative and said that engineering is the main agency of development through innovation.

Earlier, Prof. Manoj Datta, Director, PEC University of Technology, welcomed **Chief Guest Professor Pradipta Banerji, Director, Indian Institute Of Technology Roorkee, Co-Chairperson Board of Management and Secretary Technical Education Shri V. K. Singh ji**, esteemed members of the Board of Management of PEC, distinguished guests, graduates of the year, members of the faculty, ladies and gentlemen and highlighted the excellent performance of the students in academics, sports and other extra-curricular activities.

The Director applauded the Training & Placement Cell of the College. He mentioned that **291 out of the 304 eligible BE students** of 2011-12 batch have been offered jobs through campus interviews conducted by 92 companies and 110 ME students have also secured jobs through these interviews.

He thanked the Chandigarh Administration for adopting a positive approach towards all the problems of the institute. He also congratulated the **NSS** unit, which enrolled 300 volunteers this year and organised two **Blood Donation Camps** during the session which collected 791 units of blood. He also applauded the students for inclusive Growth Project "PEC SCIENCE AND MATHS SIKSHA PARIYOJNA" and teaching 'mental ability' to the students of Government Schools appear for NTSE in association with Education Department of Chandigarh Administration. He mentioned that in the year 2011-12 about 200 research papers were presented by the faculty in various national / international conferences and published in various journals. He also thanked the alumni for their services rendered to the society and also for instituting awards and scholarship for the needy and meritorious students of the college.

The grand ceremony held in the convocation arena with the graduating students, their proud parents, faculty and staff concluded with a beginning of the second innings for the graduating students.

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