

# 12TH GRADUATION CEREMONY AT NISER (OCC OF HBNI), BHUBANESWAR - 2023

The **12th Graduation Ceremony of NISER** (Off Campus Centre of HBNI) held on 17th July, 2023, (Monday) in the Pathani Samanta Auditorium, NISER, Bhubaneswar. Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member NITI Ayog delivered the Graduation address and Prof. A.K. Mohanty, Chairman, CoM, HBNI and Secretary, DAE presided over the ceremony.

The graduation ceremony of NISER, Bhubaneswar witnessed the graduation of 165 integrated M.Sc students from the 12th batch, along with 55 Ph.D students. Mr. Aditya Pal from the school of Chemical Sciences received the Gold Medal for the best all round academic performance among all disciplines in the integrated M.Sc., class and also conferred upon with Smt. Jayalaxamma Memorial Award, for the best academic performance in the graduating class with a CGPA of 9.67. The 2023 'Sharat Chandra – Annapurna Memorial Award' has been conferred upon Mr. S. Gauthameshwar, for his best academic performance in the School of Physical Science with CGPA of 9.30. This year Mrs. Kanak Benjamin Memorial Award was conferred upon Ms. Fida Salim, from the School of Physical Sciences, who had the best academic performance among all the female students in the graduating class with a CGPA of 9.26.

Prof. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, DAE and Chairman, COM, HBNI emphasized the importance of developing economical and viable green energy sources like green hydrogen, biofuels and nuclear energy. Large scale deployment of green energy resources and increasing their share in energy basket of the nation are potential solution for decarbonizing various sectors. Battery technology for energy storage is another area which needs to be actively pursued, he added.

Dr. V.K.Saraswat, Chief Guest, applauded NISER's academic contributions to the country. Indian Science has to come up with solutions for clean and affordable energy technology, clean industrial practices, sustainable mobility solution, and sustainable ways of life that ensures future energy and environmental security. India has to align its industries to the new technologies like automated manufacturing, advanced robotics and artificial intelligence. Innovation has the power to transform societies, economies, and quality of lives, he added.

Prof.P.C.Selvin, Registrar, HBNI participated in the graduation ceremony.