

# Record number from Gujarat at IITGn

Since its inception five years ago, 21 students made it to the premier institute this year, the third highest in the country

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**C**all them technology-driven or wanting to join an elite engineering college, a growing number of students especially from Gujarat are making their way into Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGn). In the past six years, their numbers have doubled. From 10 students from state out of total 108 gaining entry into IITGn in 2009, 21 Gujarat students out of total 142 made it to the premier institute this year, the third highest in the country.

Commenting on it, Dean (Academic Affairs) at IITGn, Amit Prashant said, "We are happy that the numbers are increasing. This shows the awareness among students from Gujarat." On asking if the participation of Gujarat was satisfactory, the dean said, "I think it's good as these students not only applied at IITGn but also at other IITs. This allows them to explore other centres and vice-versa for students from other states at our centre. It's celebrating diversity."

One such student is Parth Dabhi,



KULDEEP TIWARI

Students and parents at the orientation at IIT Gandhinagar

17, resident of Chandkheda who cleared JEE and took admission at IITGn in mechanical engineering. Talking to *Mirror*, he said, "Along with 12<sup>th</sup> science I took coaching for a year to prepare for JEE. However, we would have been happy if there were more students from Gujarat cracking JEE."

Dabhi's father works with BSNL and his elder sister is a medical stu-

dent. He wants to become an academician and wants to pursue PhD in mechanical engineering.

Likewise, 17-year-old Harsh Modi from Mehsana has taken admission in mechanical engineering. Son of a labour contractor at Aman Apollo Co in Mehsana, Harsh wants to become an aerospace engineer. "I wanted admission at IIT-Mumbai but my scores



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**ASHWINI NAGERA**  
Student of IITGn

didn't allow me to get in there. However, I am happy to be at IITGn."

On awareness about IITs in Gujarat, Harsh said, "There is hardly any awareness among students of Gujarat about IITs. However, with proper coaching any student can crack JEE to get into IITs."

## LONE GIRL FROM GUJARAT

Ashwini Nagera (17) from Vadodara is the only girl from Gujarat to have joined IITGn this year. Ashwini had

## CREATING A NEW HIGH

Year	Total no of Students	Students from Gujarat
2009	108	10
2010	127	15
2011	114	12
2012	120	8
2013	134	17
2014	142	21

scored 157 in JEE and chose electrical engineering as her career. Ashwini, who sounded super confident while talking to media, wants to get into IIMA after finishing her engineering. "I feel lucky to be in IIT. Though I tried to get admission to IIT-Mumbai, I am happy to get into IITGn." Ashwini is the eldest sibling and has a younger sister and a brother in class 10 and 6 respectively.

"I just want to get a good job to help my family and siblings," she said. She comes from a humble background and her father works for a private company with a monthly income of around Rs 40,000.