

City IITians happy to be on campus closer home

IIT-Gn foundation programme kicks off with increased number of girls; nine students are from the state, five of them from the city

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As the new session of IIT-Gandhinagar

kicks off, there are quite a few students from Ahmedabad who are excited to have got into IIT closer home. Some of these have chosen IIT-Gn over more famous IITs.

The number of girls getting into IIT-Gandhinagar has increased. Last year, there were only nine girls in the batch of 120 while this year there are 14 girls in the total intake of 134. Last year there were eight students from Gujarat, this year there are nine students from the state. Of these six are from the city.

Darshil Chauhan, a student from Vasna, said, "After a break of a year I got admission here. As I wanted to study mechanical engineering, I chose IIT-Gn. Apart from Gandhinagar, I was getting admission to IIT-Hyderabad and IIT-Varanasi."

Madhurya Sankhla, a Kendriya Vidyalaya student, opted for IIT-Gn over IITKharagpur, IIT-Delhi, IIT Patna and other new IITs. He said, "Apart from the fact that I was getting the branch of my choice of chemical engineering, the college is also close to my house."

Jugal Shah, a resident of Memnagar had been preparing with focus on IIT-Gn. His mother Sangeeta said, "Jugal prepared for JEE in a manner that his ranks were good enough for IIT-Gn. We didn't want him to go far from home and he wanted to keep me happy. So, he chose this IIT."

She added, "However, we Amdavadis are not aware enough of this IIT. The campus is quite interesting."

Chandkheda resident Bhumil Acharya is excited about studying in his own locality. A Sant Kabir School passout, Bhumil said, "I had secured admission to IIT Hyderabad but chose Gandhinagar as it is my home town. I am not sure whether there is a provision of being at home but I want to stay in the hostel."

Bharatsinh Thakur, a literature professor, is happy that his son will be at IIT-Gn. Thakur's son Nilay did the 13th (term used for the break after 12th) to ensure good preparation for IIT. He said, "I stayed for a year in Vadodara with my mother so that I could take coaching classes while my father and sister were at Valsad which does not good coaching classes."

Another parent, Dr Sunita Doshi from Surat whose son Darshil got admission, felt that the opportunity at the new IIT was comparatively more. Said Doshi, "We had also gone to IIT-Guwahati, but were not very satisfied with what they had to offer. Here, he also got admission in electrical engineering."

Mumbai resident Sonal Vora's son Atman chose Gandhinagar over Roorkee. She said, "This institute has ethical values which is rare in IITs. We were especially impressed with the five-week foundation programme."

She added, "The innovations and leadership qualities that IIT-Gn talks about, makes it the perfect package !"



The number of girl students at IIT-Gn has gone up to 14 this year