

# IITGN's 'innovation' wins world award

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Innovations in BTech programme at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGn) won the 'World Education Award 2013' at the World Education Summit held in New Delhi on Tuesday.

IITGn was declared winner in the category of best innovation by an engineering institute at the summit, which is organised annually by the All India Council for Technical Education, Elets Technomedia, National Council for Education Research and Training



(NCERT), and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The award recognised several innovations in IITGn's undergrad-

uate programme, including a unique 5-week immersion foundation programme for first-year BTech students that nurtures creativity, communication skills, ethics, teamwork, social engagement and physical fitness.

Other highlights include a compulsory course on design and innovation, the largest Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) content in BTech curriculum in the country to promote critical thinking and an appreciation of the interdisciplinary character of knowledge. Another aspect, which grabbed attention, was IITGN allows students to gain more in-

depth knowledge in their own discipline through Honours, as well as broaden their perspectives through Minors in other fields.

IITGN Director Sudhir Jain said, "The World Education Award is a testimony to the pedagogical contributions of our exceptional faculty and the innovations that make our educational programmes so distinctive. A unique 'comprehensive viva-voce' of each student is organised every semester to identify their talents and weaknesses. Thus, areas of concern can be addressed timely and talented students are encouraged to pursue their talents enthusiastically."