

Industries Explore Partnership Opportunities at IIT Gandhinagar

Bilkul News, Ahmedabad, Aug 23: Delegates from more than 50 industries from all over India explored opportunities to partner with IIT Gandhinagar at the Institute's first "Industry Open House" on Saturday.

The event showcased IITGN's expertise, infrastructure and capabilities through presentations, posters, laboratory and lab visits, idea pitches, instrumentation and product demonstrations. The visitors interacted with the Institute's faculty, staff students, as well as the officials of the Institute's Career Development Services and Continuing Education Program.

Janak Seth, an IIT Alumnus and Managing Director at Cenury Pharmaceuticals, said, "Coming from an IIT myself I understand the importance and the value of the innovative initiatives which are being taken up at IIT Gandhinagar. I am seeing top of the line laboratories here.... I will help leverage the products coming from IITGN and my researchers can work jointly with the Institute in various projects."

Anay Mashruwalla of Venus Engineering, which manufactures industrial valves, said, "This is a highly required event to bridge the industry academia gap. I came across one of the institute's project on Helium Gas Detector. I have proposed to lend my support in the project."

Mashruwalla said that there is a major requirement for Helium Gas Detectors in the country in many industries. However since the machine is not currently manufactured in India, it is very expensive. If IITGN succeeds in developing the machine it would help to significantly reduce its price, he said.

In addition to the opportunities for project tie-ups, the event also provided a platform for industry delegates to be exposed to the quality of IITGN's faculty and students. Somesh David, Senior General Manager of Human Resource at Mahindra & Mahindra, said, "I came here to evaluate the institute's students and faculty so that I can get a fair understanding for recruitment."

Speaking to delegates at the event, Director of IITGN Prof Sudhir K Jain said, "For us, everything outside the campus is industry. This includes society, community, government and so on as well and we are open for opportunities everywhere."

Leading Indian industries, such as Maruti Suzuki, Cadila Pharmaceuticals, Reliance Industries, Smart Grid Torrent, Adani, TCS, IBM and Hospira, as well as several academic and research institutes, including the Institute for Plasma Research, Mudra Institute of Communications Ahmedabad, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology University, and Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) participated in the event.