

IIT-Gn to launch B Tech in Material Sc & Engg from next year

Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) will be launching a four-year B Tech in Materials Science & Engineering from 2014-15 academic session.

It will be the fifth engineering stream at the five-year- old IIT, which currently offers B Tech in Chemical,Electrical, Mechanical and Civil engineering.

"We will launch 4-year B Tech in Materials Science and Engineering from the next academic calendar, besides two year MSc in Physics and MA in Society and Culture," IIT-Gn Director Prof Sudhir K Jain said.

This year, the institute introduced a four-year B Tech in Civil engineering, and two-year M Sc programme in Chemistry, Mathematics and Cognitive Sciences.

Meanwhile, IIT-Bombay is in the process of formalising an MoU with the institute on student exchange, as a part of which those enrolled here can attend classes in Mumbai and vice- versa.

"With IIT-Gn we already have a tie-up in Nano technology, wherein PhD scholars enrolling here come to IIT-Bombay for course work," Dean Student Affair, IIT-Bombay, Urjit A Yajnik said.

"Jointly some MoU is being discussed for collaboration and student exchange with IIT-Gn," he said.

"As a part of it, if some IIT-Bombay student wants, he can come to IIT-Gn and vice-versa, and credit earned in a semester at IIT-Gn becomes transferable," Yajnik said.

The system is likely to be in place from the next academic session, official sources said, adding that first the proposal is to be cleared by IIT's Board of Governors.