

Effort to connect IIT-Gn students with industry

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Practical exposure for the students was suggested at the Industry Retreat

When representatives of industries gathered at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) on Friday, the usual topic of discussion regarding the latest trend in the business world was missing. Rather, nearly 30 representatives from different industries talked about the means to be made available to IIT-Gn so that the institute can groom the best of the talents.

Some of the suggestions made by heads of business included having industry mentor for students, continuous practical exposure for students, projects with industries at regular intervals.

Director of the institute, Sudhir Jain, said the one-day conference, Industry Retreat, with academicians as partners, was an effort to not only know their expectations but also increase communication with different industries for the growth of the institute as well as students.

One of the delegates in the conference, Janak Mistry, who makes machines for diamond industries, said that even though it is one of the largest industries in Gujarat, the number of engineering students joining the sector was not significant.

“Sometimes when we ask students to design machines, they say that they have forgotten the lessons in engineering. So, if students are given projects like 3D modelling and trigonometry it will help them as well as the diamond industries,” he said on the sidelines of the event in which representatives from different parts of India had gathered.

He also mentioned about lack of sufficient information about optical properties and proposed electives on industry-specific subjects to give specific knowledge to the students.

Another participant, Piyush Mathur from Nielsen, said IIT-Gn’s initiative to hold the Industry Retreat had given a platform to academicians as well as industries to talk about change, both positive and negative.

“One of the things which I proposed was to have a mentor for students from the industries. The students can get first hand practical as well as theoretical understanding so that their doubts and confusions can be cleared,” he said.