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IIT-G to start new yr in sporting spirit

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In a clear departure from conventional norms, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-G) intends to make the beginning of the new academic session lighter for its students. The authorities have issued a welcome note to students who will begin classes on Thursday.

The note instructs students to reach the sports ground at 6:30 am sharp. The idea is to prompt students to take part in sports for better physical as well as mental fitness. The exercise will continue for the first five weeks of the new academic session.

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The sports activity is part of five different aspects that IIT-G wants to teach aspiring engineers. Around 120 students have joined the bachelor of technology (BTech) course of the premier institute this year.

Confirming the initiative, director of the institute Dr Sudhir K Jain told DNA that first five weeks at the institute would offer a different kind of training to students.

“As we begin our session with regular and compulsory sports sessions, every student will have to reach the sports ground early in morning. The idea is to provide overall grooming to our students. We will also give our students classes in creativity, arts and craft. Besides sports, we will work on communication and team work, social connectivity and value and ethics,” he said. Jain said that developing skills in these areas would also help students professionally. “It is very important to teach them team work and benefits associated with it,” he said.

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