

## Discovery of India

The inaugural session of IIT Gandhinagar's new course, India ki Khoj, turned out to be a discovery of sorts for your diarist. It's hard to stop the irrepressible Mallika Sarabhai when she gets going. Your diarist caught the danseuse's outspokenness when she erupted at something she thought was against our very ethos.



What began as a simple lighting of a lamp turned out to be a discourse session. An Indian and a foreign student were asked to light the traditional lamp. The American was trying to untie her laces, when IIT-Gn Director Sudhir Jain showed some largesse by gesturing to her,

It's okay."

This was enough to ignite the fiery dancer standing next to him. She thundered, "No, it's not okay. When it's in India, it's not okay." Then, turning to Jain she said, "Don't say it's okay!"

The poor girl, shaken by the sudden outburst, hurriedly got back to her place, removed her shoes and did the honour.

The stunned director could only manage a smile and nod in agreement. After all, silence is golden.

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