
IIT-Gn gets \$5,00000 grant from Chicago company

AHMEDABAD: A Chicago-based safety company has given a five-year grant of \$5,00000 (about Rs 2.70 crore) to the Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar, according to a joint statement issued Wednesday.

“The Safety Centre at IIT-Gn has received a grant of US \$ 500,000 from Underwriters Laboratories (UL)...to develop a Fire Engineering Laboratory and other fire safety research and education

initiatives at IIT-Gn,” the statement, which quoted institute director Prof. Sudhir K Jain and UL’s senior vice-president and public safety officer Gus Schaefer, said.

“Under the five-year grant, IIT-Gn will collaborate with UL on major safety initiatives such as conferences, training programs for professionals, curriculum development and research projects. The initiative will also support un-

dergraduate and post-graduate research projects for IIT-Gn students,” it added.

The two entities have partnered for about four years, including in the development of a national fire database, photovoltaic systems, converting a conventional fuel vehicle into an electric vehicle, with more than a dozen IIT-Gn students aiding research at UL’s US offices. *ENS*