

IIT-GN invites JEE rank-holders for campus visit

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THE Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-GN) has invited top 4,000 rank holders of JEE(Advanced) and their parents to visit the campus, as it prepares to select a new batch of students for the next academic year.

The institute, founded in 2008, has offered a night's accommodation for up to three people from a family, along with pick-up from the airport or railway station, for interested parents and their wards between June 25 and July 5.

"To the best of my knowledge, no other IIT has taken such an initiative before. We felt that being a new IIT, such an exercise can help ease the worry of parents who can get to see the stay, food and education facilities on campus," said Sudhir K Jain, Director, IIT-GN.

Though the institute has not sent out formal invitations to the students, it has posted invites on social media and the official website.

IIT-GN presently func-

tions from a temporary campus at Vishwakarma Government Engineering College in Chandkheda (Ahmedabad), while a new campus is taking shape in Palej village.

On being asked if the lack of an independent campus played a dampener with admissions, Jain said, "There is adequate accommodation available for students which can be accessed from the institute by a 7-8 minute walk. Also, we have secured some accommodation inside the campus."

Adding a civil engineering stream this year with a batch intake of 20 students, the institute will admit 140 students to B.Tech courses.

"The idea is to break cliches students may have. During the visit there will be a presentation on the institute, placements statistics, our laboratory facilities and our philosophy. There will be interactions with senior students and faculty members. We already have around 15 inquiries from parents and students who want to visit the campus," said Jaison Manjaly, Dean of Student Affairs at IITGN.