

IIT-GN flags off course on 'Arts in Society and Culture'

AHMEDABAD: Around 400 applicants vied for admissions in the first two-year Master of Arts in Society and Culture (MASC) programme flagged off by the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, in 'Society and Culture', which took off on Monday. The programme began with an inaugural lecture by Tridip Suhrud, Director of Sabarmati Ashram, on the 'Defence of Innocence', in which he spoke about the need for the moral universe to be autonomous of the political realm through examples of Rabindranath Tagore, B R Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi. The MASC which has residency requirements for students has been started under the aegis of the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) group at IIT-GN, with an initial student intake of 13 which it plans to raise to 20 by next year. "We received around 400 applications from applicants across India. We short-listed 250 and post a round of written test on campus and an interview, we selected 13. This is the first MA program launched by the HASS group at IIT-GN," said assistant professor Srinivas Reddy,

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