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IIT-G to launch new PG courses

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AHMEDABAD: **Indian Institute of Technology**, Gandhinagar (IIT-G) will have a wider array of choices for new students as the institution is all set to introduce various new programmes in different areas this year. So far, IIT-G has been offering Bachelor in Technology (BTech) in mechanical, chemical and electrical streams.

From new academic session, the institute will introduce Masters in Technology (MTech) course in two branches including civil and chemical engineering. Apart from the masters, IIT-G will also start enrolling PhD students.

Talking about the new programmes, **IIT Gandhinagar** director Sudhir Jain said, "The intention of MTech programmes is to provide competent manpower for industries. Students of various engineering colleges will take part in the MTech programmes and the two years of IIT experience will make a difference to the students. We hope that some of the students could be retained in the PhD programmes as well."

Apart from MTech, the PhD programme will enroll students from various disciplines including humanities, earth sciences, biology and chemistry and so on. While the institute plans to enroll around 12 research scholars, it will keep rolling out notifications periodically for intake of PhD students through out the year.

For the two masters programmes, though the initial intake would be only 24 students in this year, the institute plans to increase the number in the following years. Jain said, "We have been able to introduce the new programmes this year as the number of faculty has improved in these areas. We will keep introducing more MTech programmes in the other areas as the number of faculty gets better."

IIT Gandhinagar had been gradually increasing the number of its faculties since it was set up in 2008. The number of faculty members has increased from 40 to 50 in the last one year. "We still need more teachers and we are looking for qualified candidates to recruit," said Jain.

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