

Fun welcome planned for freshers

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Ahmedabad: The wannabe engineers at IIT-Gandhinagar who got admission on Monday will get into the fun mode right at the start of their academic session.

IIT-G'nagar is a trendsetter of sorts in this regard. This is the first IIT in the country to launch a five-week Foundation Programme for its first year students.

This programme, scheduled to take place between July 19 and August 23, will take the new students through a variety of events like guest lectures, documentary screening, visits to rural areas, street plays and community service.

The students will be introduced to a variety of topics that range from historical and cultural studies of past civilizations, art and culture, sports, issues of national and international significance. The foundation towards contributing to the community will also be set during the programme.

Sudhir Jain, director of IITG'nagar said: "This is the first time that such a programme is being held at an IIT. These five weeks we will focus on sports, inculcating team work, work culture and values among the students. The programme has been also designed to give these students a break from academics, as they have just gone through the rigours of IIT-JEE."

