

## Highest so far, 24 Gujarati students join IIT-G

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Ahmedabad: The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-G) has given admission to 24 Gujarati students this year. This is the highest number of local students joining the institute ever since its inception four years back.

IIT-G director Sudhir Jain said that 116 students joined the institute in 2011. "This is the highest number of Gujarati students joining IIT-G in one year. In the last three years, total 55 Gujarati students had become part of the institution," Jain said.

Of the 24 students, 20 are boys while four are girls. Interestingly, there are also a number of Gujarati students who have decided to come back to their roots when they chose to opt for IIT-G over other IITs. The families of such students are settled outside Gujarat for generations now, but they chose to study at IIT-G as they consider it a fast developing and safe state.

Mihika Shah is one such student whose family hails from Vijapur in Gujarat but has been in Mumbai since the past three generations. Shah was getting admission in IIT Kharagpur and Roorkee as well but she chose IIT-G as her parents considered that Gujarat was a safe state for a girl to study.

"Moreover, since IIT-G is connected with IIT Mumbai, I will get the benefit of good quality lecturers who come to teach here," said Mihika.

Tushti Shah of Ahmedabad has opted for chemical engineering stream in IIT-G. She too had other options but decided to come to Gandhinagar as it is fast gaining reputation among the new IITs. Tushti is daughter of a chartered accountant and had scored 93 per cent in HSC from Prakash School.



Students who cracked the IIT entrance exam finishing paper work in Gandhinagar

