

## IITians take lesson in cleanliness

IIT Gandhinagar becomes first IIT in country to introduce cleanliness as part of their foundation course

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Taking a leaf out of Ahmedabad Mirror's cleanliness campaign, IIT Gandhinagar has included cleanliness as part of their foundation course. The first among the IITs across the country, this is a new concept that the institute has introduced to inculcate basic social values.

With the help of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, the cleanliness drive was conducted at the Chandkheda ward on Thursday morning. Close to 120 fresh IITians remained present for the drive along with faculty members. The stretch that was selected began from IOC Tragad road corner to Chandkheda railway station.

Belonging to different states, the vibrant mix had a firsthand experience of what it was to hold a broom and sweep the roads. Equipped with brooms and dustpans, the teams were divided into teams of four. The teams were distributed in such a manner that the first group started cleaning from the starting point, the next two teams in the middle part of the stretch while the fourth team reached the final point of the drive.

Says Rizu Khanwilkar from Indore, "This is the first time that I have attempted something like this. Cleanliness is very important to any city especially during the rains when there is a high chance of water-borne diseases."

### Students surprised but happy

While Sukriti Gakhar from Hissar says, "We do not stop foreign countries for their spic-and-span roads but never do anything for our own place. Youngsters need to be aware of their responsibilities and how it is for the municipal corporation worker to be constantly cleaning what we have littered on the roads. Through this exercise, if not more, we will stop littering."

Three IITians were busy cleaning and gathering litter with a corporation

**I feel proud to be a part of an institute like IIT Gn which promotes such values**

AKSHAY RANDAD, STUDENT



**During rains cleanliness is important when chance of water-borne diseases are high**

RIZU KHANWILKAR, STUDENT

