

Cognitive science takes centre stage at IIT-Gn

Conference To Discuss Research On Emotions

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Ahmedabad: To understand the importance of studying 'emotion' and 'action' in the area of cognitive science, leading researchers will come together at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) for an international conference.

Titled 'Cognition, Emotion and Action,' it will be held from December 6 to 8. Vice-chancellor of the Central University of Bihar, Professor Janak Pandey, who was instrumental in setting up the first-ever centre for cognitive sciences in India at the Allahabad University will inaugurate the event. Prof Thomas Metzinger of Philosophisches Seminar, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz and Prof Tom Albright of SALK Institute for Biological Studies will be delivering the keynote address. Various international experts from countries like US, Canada, UK, Netherlands, Germany, Hungary and France will also take part in the conference.

Discussing the importance of these emerging areas in cognitive science, Professor Meera Sunny of IIT-Gn and the convener



of the conference said, "Traditionally 'emotion' has been neglected for a long time in the area of cognitive psychology as they were thought to be too subjective to be a part of the scientific study. However, researchers now agree that most of our other cognitive functions are centered around our actions and emotions." Emotion and action are the key functions of these emerging studies.

The conference will see over 70 papers for talks and poster presentations from across the world. The first edition of the conference in 2010 focused on 'Experience and Creativity' and had participants from 12 countries.