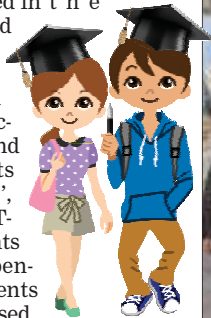


Dazzling pol lessons for foreigners

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Each scene, view, sound, and face is different — with inherent beauty in itself. One finds surprises everywhere.” This is how Liz Jackman from California Institute of Technology, the US, described the Walled City of Ahmedabad. For 10 foreign students who participated in the heritage walk on a cold Tuesday morning, the experience was a blend of heritage narrative and a revelation of the interaction between tradition and modernity. The students are here for ‘India ki Khoj’, an eight-day module at IIT-Gandhinagar. The students also walked on the serpentine lanes to meet residents of pols. They were surprised to see how the tightly packed conglomeration of houses was articulated by a complex system of open spaces. “I am awestruck. The mixture of varied cultures and religious beliefs at one place is hard to find,” said Nico Salzetta, another participant.



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Wife power for GTU VC

Behind every successful man is a woman! That maxim holds true for GTU vice-chancellor A K Aggarwal. His bonding with Shakuntala is the subject of envy as she accompanies her hubby almost all the time. GTU's star wife is also seen seated next to Aggarwal in all official events. A little birdie in the GTU tells us that Aggarwal owes his achievements to his lucky lady. When grilled, Aggarwal quipped, “A wife is always a lucky charm.” Shakuntala offers solid support to Aggarwal who suffers from arthritis. “Over the past eight years, arthritis has become passive but it has done quite a lot of damage.”