Students get experts' advice on choosing IIT

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Ahmedabad: Jay Desai from the city scored an all-India-rank of 971 in the JEE Advanced this year. He was torn between two choices — his area of interest, electronics, and some other discipline at an older IIT. But an open house held at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) on June 21 and 22 came as a big relief for Desai.

"After attending it, I have decided to pursue my interest rather than study some other branch just because I am getting to study in a reputed institute. After listening to faculty and experts, it became clear to me that success lies in doing what one enjoys doing."

The open house was an eye-opener for more than 80 students from various cities. Jasmine Sikdar, who came from Assam said, "The faculty advice on which branch teaches what and offers what opportunities were particularly helpful for most of the students."

Talking to the students at the event, Prof Dheeraj Sanghi of IIT Kanpur said, "Whenever you get stuck while choosing between two IITs on the basis of academic reasons, it is fair enough to base your choice on non-academic reasons such as amount of fun, amount of extra-curricular activities, and whether you want to stay closer to home or away from home. There will not be much difference in your career whether you graduate from one IIT or the other as there is hardly any IIT which offers programmes with weak faculty."

Prof Sudhir K Jain, director, IIT-Gn, said, "You must choose your career and goal according to what you cherish in life and what kind of life you want to live when you attain the age of 45."