

Engineering institutes learning good practices at IIT-Gandhinagar

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AHMEDABAD: Professor SR Shah, a faculty from Lukhdhirji Engineering College, Morbi, one of the state's oldest technical institutes, is inculcating more discipline among his students through his experience at IIT-Gandhinagar.

Prof Shah is one of the seven faculty members and 10 students from several engineering colleges in Gujarat who are taking part in an immersion programme at IIT-Gn. The focus of the six-month programme is to let the participants experience and imbibe good practices from the host institute and spread it around at their parent institutes.

"The enthusiasm and discipline I see in IIT-Gn classrooms and laboratories are very impressive. I am taking videos of the lab and classroom activities for the benefits of my students," said Prof Shah.

IIT-Gn's community outreach programme 'Nyasa', which focuses on the education and welfare of the children of the construction workers, has also caught the attention of Prof Jiten Chavda of Shantilal Shah Government Engineering College in Bhavnagar. Prof Chavda, who is now planning to start a similar initiative at his college, says, "Such an initiative will stop the children from begging around and will help them grow up with more self-respect."

The participants are also looking forward to adopt various other cultures prevailing in IIT Gandhinagar at their respective institutes. "The enthusiastic staff, thoughtfully arranged time-table to reduce stress upon students, ample amount of electives, community events such as dinners to allow staff and faculty interact and gel better, frequent talks and seminars are some of the characteristics and practices I have admired deeply at the institute. I am keen at initiating an environment in my college where such cultures could exist," said Prof Hiren Patel of Government Engineering College at Patan. Another participant, prof Pinal Patel said, "The regular talks by faculty of different disciplines at the institute opens an opportunity for sharing knowledge and interdisciplinary studies."