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AHMEDABAD: The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar , commences its first academic year with 120 students and three branches in Gujarat.

The first session will be conducted on Saturday. Where 100 students from the state have made it to various IITs across the country, there are four who have made it to IIT-Gandhinagar .

Swati Verma from Anand and Abhik Patel from Surat have opted for mechanical engineering and Lalita Anusuya from Surat and Amit Asar from Vadodara have opted for electrical engineering.

Urjit Yagnik, dean of Academic Programmes and Students Affairs, said "Electrical , mechanical and chemical have been started in the IITGandhinagar , each having 40 seats.

The students will be welcomed at Government Engineering College, Chandkheda , where IIT-Gandhinagar is presently conducting operations . To welcome the students , the director of IITMumbai , Ashok Misra, will be present" .

Amit Asar who had scored rank no 2852, said, "I have studied in the Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) till Class X after which I shifted to the Central Board for School Education (CBSE). I feel I am extremely lucky that the very year the institute opened in the state, I got admission here. I had made it into other IITs as well but because of a better stream and proximity to home, I chose IITGandhinagar" .

Patel said, "I had not even imagined that I would make it into an IIT, leave alone IIT-Gandhinagar . But now, since I have the opportunity to be in my own state for higher education, I want to do something for the state and its people."

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