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### IIT-Gandhinagar ready for maiden annual culfest

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Students of IIT, Gandhinagar, are all set to introduce the trend of organising annual cultural festival in their campus. The pioneer batch of 90 students will start off with their first annual culfest, 'Blithcron 2009', on their temporary campus at Vishwakarma Government College in Chandkheda from Saturday.

Dean of academic programme and students affairs of IIT Gandhinagar UA Yagnik was glad that the students took an initiative of this kind. Referring to the significance of such events he said, "I believe such cultural events play an important role in the overall development of the students. Blithcron 2009 aims to showcase and bring out talents among the students and establish stronger bond between students of IIT institute across India."

Talking about the event, student of IIT, Gandhinagar and overall coordinator of the event Sarthak Jain said, "We have adopted our annual cultural festival from our Mumbai counterpart who is also mentoring the institute here."

Apart from the IIT students from across the country, Blithcron 2009 will witness participation from students of various premier institutes including NID and IIM-A. "We are expecting a footfall of at least around 1,000 during the two-day extravaganza," said Jain.

While the fest will host classical events through 'Spic Macay', it will also arrange for interesting competitions like 'string theory' and 'jobless interviews', among others. A cash prize of Rs50,000 will be given away to the winners of the various events. Based on the current times of economic slowdown, the competition — 'jobless interview'— will have participants face an interview from the competitor teams. This particular contest has also been the most favourite among the students.

"We have already received a huge number of entrees, the highest so far, for participating in the competition," informed Jain. The rock competition 'string theory' will see tough competitions among top 10 rock bands from various institutes.

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