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### 'Earn while you learn' prog begins at IIT-GN

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The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-GN) will begin an 'earn while you learn' offer for its undergraduate students. According to the authorities of the institute, the programme will help students earn their pocket money while getting firsthand experience of the various administrative operations of the institute. The institute will benefit by this by having extra helping hands, the authorities of IIT-GN said.

"Selected students from the second-year batch will be allowed to work for a maximum of eight hours a week during the semester, and 40 hours per week during the vacations.

They will be paid a remuneration of Rs50 to Rs80 per hour. Initially, 25 to 30 students will be selected for the programme," said Jaison Manjaly, assistant professor and faculty coordinator for the programme.

Manjaly said that the programme will help the students gain exposure to administrative, organisational and human-resource management. "The students will be engaged in the library, computer centre, laboratories, general administration, placement services, public relations etc," he said.

Sudhir Jain, director of IIT-GN, said that the programme will provide a mutually beneficial situation for the students and the institute. "Engaging the students in the management of the institute will help us keep a check on the quality and efficiency of the workforce. The programme will utilise mostly the unproductive time of the students, so that their academic and extracurricular activities are not affected. The programme will also be a confidence-building mechanism for the students and will help them prepare for the challenge of teamwork. Moreover, the programme will add value to their resumes and profiles," he said. Jain said that students with a CPI of seven and above will be eligible for participation in the programme.

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