

## IIT-Gn hosts international meet

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After a students' meet at IIT Gandhinagar, the institute now plays host to international delegates. IIT-Gn is hosting the first three-day international conference on 'Cognition, Experience and Creativity' beginning today.

IIT-Gn is making efforts to explore new inter-disciplinary interfaces — with computer science, neuroscience, psychology, linguistics, philosophy and social sciences disciplines — and consolidate those that already exist.

Through this conference, the cognitive science programme at IITGn will be strengthened. It will also become an active partner in the cognitive science consortium in the country.

Attended by participants from United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Italy, Bulgaria, Japan, Canada and Portugal and also by scientists, scholars and students from many prestigious institutes in India, the conference will see 27 distinguished scholars from India and abroad presenting their work.

There will be 10 scientific sessions including one poster session.

The conference was conceptualised and convened by Dr Jaison A Manjaly, IIT-Gn, and Prof Bipin Indurkha of International Institute of Informaton Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad.

The themes of the conference include Cognitive correlates of experience and creativity, Experience per se: Which theoretical positions offer a reasonable metaphysical account of experience, Experience as Anubhava: An inquiry into the Indian theoretical tradition of perception & experience, Creativity in Cognition: Models of creative cognition and mechanisms for stimulating creativity.

### WHAT IS COGNITIVE SCIENCE?

Cognitive Science is the study of how we perceive, act in, reason about and form beliefs about our environment. It is an interdisciplinary research area that involves philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, anthropology and artificial intelligence.

Cognitive Science is now recognised to one of the four pillars of knowledge of the 21st Century along with nano, bio and information technology.