



The Union HRD minister surrounded by students at the institute

# Smriti launches GIAN at IITGn

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Union Human Resource Development (HRD) minister Smriti Irani along with state education minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama launched Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN) on IIT-Gandhinagar – Palaj campus on Tuesday.

Irani said at the launch, “GIAN is not to be restricted only to central institutions. The students who are in government colleges may have never thought that a foreign academician will teach at their college. However, with this initiative, the interaction between students will be enriched. Now, things will change. Foreign faculties will be teaching at government colleges also instead of re-

maining restricted to private colleges.”

“The students will also be given a chance to get a cross section of credits. MHRD has allocated Rs 35 crore for GIAN for the current financial year. It also has GIAN portal where the teaching faculty will express its desire to teach in India,” she further said. At the launch, Irani also introduced two 10-day-long courses: 3D Digitisation for Cultural Heritage at IIT Gandhinagar and Orthopaedic Biomechanics: Implants and Biomaterials at IIT Kharagpur.

Chudasama said, “We had demanded from the government that we want IIT in Surat, so before she (Irani) came here, she called me up saying we should give IIT to Surat.”