



Experts discussed IITGn's Campaign 20 for 2020 to raise \$20 mn

IITGn talks on research park, launches book

4th leadership conclave discusses tie-up between IITGn & start-ups

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Over 20 entrepreneurs, academicians from across the globe as well as government officials attended the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGn) for the fifth leadership conclave on Tuesday.

Some of the agendas discussed how to succeed at Campaign 20 for 2020—an IITGn initiative to raise \$20 million and create links to the leading 20 corporate, public sector companies, start-ups and philanthropists.

“External fundraising is an augmentation to what funds the government provides a university. Ideally colleges raise funds from alumni but since IITGn is in its nascent stage with young alumni, we have adopted this approach” said Satish Tripathi, president, University of Buffalo, New York, US.

Is a research park at IITGn likely?

The possibility to create a platform where faculty and students can work with industries and lend their ex-

pertise to provide solutions as professional clients was discussed.

“Only if the faculty and students are involved in the real-time problems they will be trained to provide real-time solutions.” said Aruna Bhargava, executive director, I Create Inc.

While discussing research park at the leadership conclave, Dr. Sudhir Jain, director, IITGn said, “We will be creating a platform for encouraging start-ups as well as mid-level and high-level companies to come and seek our expertise at IITGn.”

IITGn's scholar-in-residence's book launch on Wednesday

The book “Prince of Gujarat: The Extraordinary Story of Prince Gopaldas Desai (1887-1951)” by Rajmohan Gandhi, IITGn's scholar-in-residence Rajmohan Gandhi will be launched at the campus on Wednesday. Darbar Gopaldas Desai, ruler of the State of Dhasa in Saurashtra was the first prince in the country to give up his principality to become a freedom fighter against the British Raj because of which his state was later confiscated.

Desai also had social revolutionary thoughts about his attitude to women and his people.