

# Students learn global health and development at IIT Gandhinagar

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AHMEDABAD: Students from various institutes learnt how to contribute to global health and development at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) in a month long event called – 'Summer Institute on Global Health and Development'- at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar which concluded on June 12, 2015. Over 40 students took part in the event which was jointly organized by IITGN and University of Saskatchewan, Canada under the support of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL).

A PhD student of Biological Engineering at IITGN Sanjay Kumar who was a participant of the event said, "Taking part in the event has enabled me to connect my work to the social needs and issues in a great manner. The event has been very beneficial. I have also connected to various experts with whom I can collaborate in future."

Vineet Karlapalem, a student of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur, said "I learnt so much about and also realized the scope and potentials of this field."

The Summer Institute, through pedagogy and research, offered a unique opportunity to engage, empower and prepare young researchers in their global pursuit for a healthy, equitable and sustainable world for all. It explored how the scientific community at large can contribute to a sharper understanding of the complex inter-linkages of health and development.

At the end of the workshop, the students submitted project proposals in the area of public health. The proposals will be digitally published in an abstract booklet and will be published in online journals.

Summer Institute convener from IITGN, One of the coordinators of the event, professor Tannistha Samanta of IITGN said, "Through talks, debates and hands-on sessions, we have provided students with appropriate intellectual tools to address, articulate and critique the contemporary global health challenges."