

Let us think intelligently

**She aims to include humanities,
social sciences in engg course**

As far as future plans go, what excites me the most as a social scientist is to be part of an institution. Although it is a new IIT, it is making its mark as a unique place and wants to be a world-class institute across disciplines. It gives me great satisfaction to be part of this vision as it grows and tries to become a well-rounded world-class institution across disciplines.

I have set up a course: Introduction to Politics. It is a course which talks about India from a comparative perspective. I wanted this course to be for everyone, especially science and technology students. I want to create an intellectual space in IIT which exposes students to the study of Indian politics, no matter what their academic goals are.

When you talk to the most successful graduates from IITs over the past few decades, they invariably say one thing. They may or may not remember their engineering education but they remember humanity and social science education. IITs have always had social science as a subject, though they may not have put great emphasis on it. IIT-Gandhinagar is trying to change this. Whatever may be the course, such an education deeply impacts the professional journey of these students.

It helps them to be better engineers because it is not only about applying technical skills but also really understanding the social world. I also want to write much more. I want to understand Gujarat better and travel beyond the state.

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