

RSU, IITGn profs to study rath yatra

Experts to recommend technology solutions for next year's event

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Experts at Raksha Shakti University (RSU) and the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGn) will study the 139th rath yatra to evaluate the existing technologies used by cops and suggest advance technology intervention for future enhancement. A team of six experts, three each from RSU and IITGn, will study the rath yatra process on Wednesday and come up with ways to make the security arrangement more effective. Experts will also suggest how technology solutions can be implemented for the same.

IPS Vikas Sahay, director general, RSU said, "We have tied up with IITGn to conduct the study that aims at identifying areas where technology interventions can be made. Areas such as job allocation of thousands of cops, which is at present being done manually can be computerised, location of hundreds of trucks before and after the rath yatra can be tracked and upgradation of present systems, will be studied."

Existing system involves

- GPS tracking system of vehicles
- SMS location
- Vehicle-mounted cameras
- CCTV live-streaming
- Drones

Balram Meena, DCP, Control Room has been made the nodal officer for the project. He said, "The main purpose of the study will be to evaluate existing technology and come up with ways to enhance it for future bandobast for similar festivals."

"Currently, we are using GPS tracking system of vehicles, SMS locations, vehicle mounted cameras, CCTV live streaming and two drones at a time. They even visited our control room on Tuesday and will give their inputs post the festival for value addition," added Balram.

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Paramilitary personnel outside Jagannath Temple