

US varsity moves class to IITGn for Indian feel

Ten students from TAMU studied at the Palaj campus recently

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Ahmedabad: Student exchange programmes are commonly found in several institutes and universities. However, setting a new trend, ten students of aeronautical engineering from the Texas A&M University (TAMU) and a professor conducted their regular classes at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGn) for a month. The exercise was done with a view to give the students an exposure of studying in India.

Professor Chinmay Ghurat of IITGn said, "This is the first time that a regular class of an international university was conducted at our campus for a month.

The institute had provided them a conference room to conduct classes."

"Since the students came on a short notice this time around, we could not plan for activities extensively. Next year, we plan to host research students for three months at the campus apart from under graduate students," he added.

During their four-week stay, the team sought to gain Indian exposure and at the same time keep pace with routine academics. Professor Vikram Kinra of TAMU who taught a course on 'Aerospace Structural Analytics' at the IITGn campus said, "Our visit was organised under a provision called 'Vision 25 by 25' in our university, which encourages international exposure and diversity among students. By 2025, India will be the place to be in and it is important for students to be familiar with this country."



VISION 25 BY 25

TAMU students' visit was organised under a provision called 'Vision 25 by 25'

Vision 25 by 25 is initiative of TAMU, aims to provide better instruction and opportunities to students and transform engineering education to mould the engineer of the future.

The people in India are very open. I love the huge variety of fresh vegetables. The traffic, however, is bad and needs attention."

CHRIS TRUE, TAMU student

A group of students from TAMU, US, along with IITGn students at Akshardham in Gandhinagar