



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

IIT Gandhinagar has a vibrant and enthusiastic student community. Students are actively encouraged to participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities which are an important part of overall development. The students have not only participated in many of these activities throughout the year but also have initiated many of them.

## Inter-IIT Sports

Suresh Choudhary earned a Bronze medal for IITGN in 5000m long run in the 45<sup>th</sup> Inter-IIT sports meet hosted by IIT Kanpur, during December 11-18, 2009. Swati Verma and Shruti Jain secured fourth position in the Women's Badminton in the same sports meet.

Vrushiket Patil of IITGN bagged the 4<sup>th</sup> place in two events: 200m Backstroke and 200m Breaststroke at the "Inter-IIT Aquatic Meet" held at IIT Kanpur during October 2-5, 2009.

IITGN students secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the basketball event at the PDPU Sports Meet during January 22-26, 2010.

Other friendly matches were played including the Loyola Tournament where the basketball team participated, and a basketball match against IIT Hyderabad in which IITGN emerged winners with a 64-16 margin. IITGN also played a football match against DAIICT and won 3-1.





## Music

Kanchan Patel and Gourav Dubey bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> position whereas the 3<sup>rd</sup> position was secured by Swati Verma and Chetas Joshi at RAAGA – 2010, a musical event held at Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DAIICT), Gandhinagar on January 22, 2010.

## Robotics Workshop

The Robotics Club of IIT Gandhinagar 'ROMPOTIKS' started with a vision to make robots which would help in routine work as well as aid causes such as fire-safety, irrigation, plantations, etc. The active members of Rompotiks attended a workshop exclusively for the students of IITGN organized at Mumbai by THINKLABS (an organization known for Robotics). The attendees in turn, organized a workshop for other members at IITGN during November 7-8, 2009. The activities included a competition to make XCAVATORS (robots useful for digging) during the workshop.

## Orientation Programme

IIT Gandhinagar welcomed the second batch of enthusiastic undergraduate students on July 22, 2009. A total of 109 students joined the Institute compared to 90 students in the year 2008 in the





Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering streams. All the new students were inducted into IITGN with a one-week orientation program. The program was designed to initiate a comfortable transition of students into their life at IIT. Some of the workshops conducted during the Orientation Programme are as follows:

### Personality Development Workshop

The orientation program began with a one-day Personality Development Workshop conducted by Ms Rashmi Datt of Dialog Services, Gurgaon with the objective of enhancing the skills of the students for teamwork and interpersonal communication.

### Workshop on Life at IIT: The Traps and the Tricks

Ms Madhu Chadda, an alumna of IIT Kanpur and her team of Personality Matters, Hyderabad, organized a one-day workshop on “Life at IIT: the Traps and the Tricks”. The salient topics of this workshop were stress management, time management, creativity, and IIT culture.

### Architectural Appreciation Workshop

An architectural appreciation workshop was conducted by Theater and Media Centre, Ahmedabad. The students were taken to several heritage sites in and around Ahmedabad, including Lothal, where they saw the archaeological remains of the Harappan civilization. The students were shown a presentation on the architectural heritage of Ahmedabad and its neighborhood.



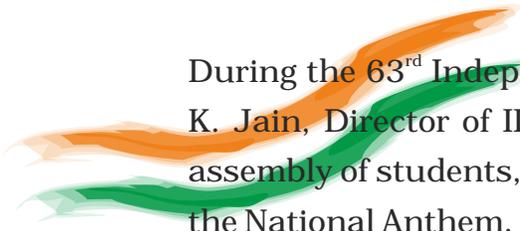
### Workshop on Film Appreciation

A five-hour workshop on film appreciation was conducted by Theater and Media Centre, Ahmedabad for the first year students. Three films were screened - "Matilda" - a children's fantasy film, "Earth 1947" - a Hindi film based on the Hindu Muslim riots of 1947, and a Charlie Chaplin comedy movie. The screening was followed by a lively discussion led by an experienced film critic who analyzed and explained different facets of the films to the students.

### Theater Workshop

A one-day Theater Workshop was conducted by Theater and Media Centre, Ahmedabad. The workshop included hydra headed activities with specific tasks like "Mirror", "Statue", "Scene Making" etc. The theater workshop turned out to be one of the activities most appreciated by the students.

## Independence Day Celebrations



During the 63<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day on August 15, 2009, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Director of IITGN, hoisted the National Flag in front of the assembly of students, staff and faculty of IITGN. This was followed by the National Anthem. In his speech Prof. Jain pointed out that despite gaining freedom from foreign rule, India has still to free herself from the shackles of poverty and misery, and urged everybody to contribute their level best towards reducing the disparities inherent in our society. Thereafter a cultural programme was organized by the students.

## Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day celebrations comprised a tasteful blend of drama, music, dance and movies at IIT Gandhinagar. The celebrations started with a drama "Purani Jeans" which reflected upon the various hues of the unique life on an IIT campus. The drama was followed by the soulful musical performance by the club "Planet Sangeet" which drew a huge response from the audience. The dance club also displayed an acrobatic dance performance which had the crowd on its feet. "Pancham Unmixed- Mujhe Chalte Jaana Hai", a film directed by Bhramanand Singh exploring R. D. Burman, was screened. The film has won several awards in the USA and was premiered in India for the first time, and what better place than IIT Gandhinagar to screen it! A member of the production team of the film Mr Gaurav Sharma, an IIT Bombay and IIM Kozaikode alumnus, shared his movie-making experiences and his views with the audience .

## Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations

As part of the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations on October 2, 2009, a Quiz competition on Mahatma Gandhi was held at IIT Gandhinagar, followed by high tea and the screening of the film "Gandhi". The winners of the quiz Santosh Raut, Bharat Shara, Manu Bansal and Chinu Ravi Teja were given book vouchers.

## Freshers' Party

The much anticipated night finally arrived on October 30, 2009 with Fun-n-Flames at the Fun Republic. Dressed on the theme of Rock-n-Roll, everyone tried to outdo everyone else. The biggest attraction of the Freshers' Party was the selection of Miss Fresher and Mr Fresher on the basis of talent, looks, style, humour, attitude, situation management skill, interaction with the seniors, group discussion, and participation in the college activities. After a tough competition



and an even tougher process of adjudication, Shruti Jain and Deep Kumar Dinesh were declared Miss Fresher and Mr Fresher respectively for 2009.

## Republic Day Celebrations

During the 60<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebration on January 26, 2010, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Director of IITGN, unfurled the National Flag in front of an assembly of students, staff and faculty of IITGN. This was followed by the National Anthem. High-tea was served to all present. Thereafter, a trip to Sabarmati Ashram was organized for IITGN students, faculty and staff, coordinated by Prof. Jaison A. Manjaly.

## Blood Donation Drive



A blood donation drive was conducted by IITGN students in association with the Indian Red Cross Society, Ahmedabad during January 9-18, 2010. Sixty four people donated blood at the three collection centers. Among the students Pratyul Kapoor, K. Pranav Kumar and Aditi Jaywant Dighe, did a commendable job in motivating people to donate blood.

## Blithchron '10

“BLITHCHRON”, IIT Gandhinagar's Annual Festival was held on January 23-24, 2010. The major attraction at Blithchron '10 was the Pro Show by the band Parikrama, India's most popular rock band. The two-day festival was witnessed by a total of 6000 people from more than 40 colleges across Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. With the sponsors having been promised a footfall in excess of 4000, the festival was much larger than expected, with significant growth from the previous year's footfall of 1000. The title sponsor for the festival was SBI, while Ceat and ONGC were the co-sponsors with other major contributors being Suzlon, Tata Steel, ITC, Inox and Coca Cola. The





The rock band Parikrama performing at IITGN during Brithchron '10

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band wars - “String Theory” featured six of the best bands from across India, who competed for the prize money, the participants and audience both agreed that Blithchron had the best rock band competition in Gujarat. There was also a spectacular drama “She” performed by the theater group Entertainment Engineers who are alumni of IIT Bombay. The other flagship events “The Butler Did It” and “Jobless” were appreciated by the numerous participants and media personnel. Technical events were also introduced in this version of Blithchron.