

IIT students to share research work on website

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AHMEDABAD: Students of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are now working towards improving the quality of research at their institutions. A consortium of students of various IITs across the country will now collect the details of their research and make it available through a common website for all the institutes, which the students plan to launch by the end of November.

A two-day long summit of IIT students called "Inter-IIT Gymkhana Summit 2011" which began at IIT-Gandhinagar (IIT-GN) on Saturday discussed issues which are common to all of them. The summit was attended by student representatives from 10 IITs including IIT Gandhinagar, Guwahati, Rajasthan, Mandi, Ropar, Indore, Madras and Hyderabad. IIT Kanpur and Bombay joined the sessions online.

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Along with several other points the students also discussed how they could share research works of students of B Tech, M Tech and PhD students. "As students are unaware of past researches, they often repeat the same research. If all the past researches are available online, this repetition can be avoided."

"Students can take forward researches undertaken by other students and carry it forward towards advanced stages. A rich database of a wide range of research could also become a very useful learning resource," said an IIT alumnus Kalyan Surapanani, who initiated the "Inter-IIT Gymkhana Summit" four years back.

Apart from sharing research works, the summit also decided to initiate a common newsletter for all the IITs so that the students get to know more about each other's campuses and learn in the process.