



IIT Gandhinagar to open on August 2

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Ahmedabad, July 26 Indian Institute Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar, which is one of the new IITs proposed by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, will open on August 2, with 103 students.

IIT Gandhinagar will offer three specialization subjects in its four-year B. Tech courses in chemical engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Till the time a new IIT campus is established, classes will be held at the Vishwakarma Government Engineering College (VGEC) in Gandhinagar. IIT Bombay will mentor IIT Gandhinagar by giving able guidance and helping in the development of high quality academic programmes of international standard.

UA Yagnik, professor of physics at IIT-Bombay, will be the dean of IIT Gandhinagar.

The first batch of the new IIT will have 103 students, including 8 female students. There are 31 students in chemical engineering, 37 in electrical engineering and 35 in mechanical engineering. The orientation and registration programme for students of the first batch will be conducted on August 2.

The academic programmes will be conducted by deputed faculty members from IIT Bombay and by hiring new faculty members. The authorities said laboratories for the first year students are in place and the "remaining teaching laboratories will be developed as per course demands and requirements."

Usha Neelkanth, coordinator for IIT Gandhinagar, said: "One block, with all the basic facilities, has been finalised for male students within the VGEC campus. The curriculum and fee structure will be similar to that of IIT Bombay till the time the academic body of the new IIT is in place."