

A 'DISH WASH MOVEMENT'

Students of 'Social Movement' course at the Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) washed their used utensils last Tuesday and Thursday to understand the value of labour and also to make a bid to stop wastage of food. IIT-Gn student Rajat Gupta said that 60 students participated in the 'dish wash drive' that encouraged them to understand how difficult the task is, which is considered menial by others. Sandeep Pandey, Ramon Magsaysay award winner and a visiting faculty at IIT-Gn who coordinates the course, said that the students will learn dignity of labour through this exercise. "Practical was more important than theories of social movements that triggered the idea of dish washing," Pandey said.



NOT AN EASY JOB: IIT-Gn students learning the dignity of labour with dish wash experience



GAAM NU GOSSIP

committee meeting to discuss strategies ahead of Gujarat polls, came back with potful of gossips. The first being mayor Gautam Shah is trying hard for an assembly seat in Ahmedabad. That former CM Anandiben

Patel is going all out to procure a ticket for her daughter Anar Patel from Ghatlodia. Another popular gossip that was doing rounds was that deputy chief minister Nitin Patel will fight from a seat in Ahmedabad, preferably the Sabarmati assembly seat instead of Kadi in Mehsana district. "Nitinbhai

wins by a narrow margin each time he contests from Kadi. It is obvious that he is looking for a safer seat this time," reasoned a senior BJP councillor. Another councillor who returned from the circuit house claimed that chief minister Vijay Rupani had told few party seniors recently that the Ellisbridge seat be reserved for a "party senior". A sitting BJP councillor and recently acquitted in the Gulbarg massacre case of 2002, Bipin Patel, too is trying for an assembly seat, claim senior BJP leaders.

Votes on mayor's mind?

In the election year, amassing maximum votes is on every leader's mind, big or small. Mayor Gautam Shah already appears to be worried about the votes. On Friday, while addressing the launch event of Heat Action Plan 2017, Shah mentioned about extreme heatwave that gripped the city in 2010 and led to around 1,300 deaths. Clad in a saffron kurta and white chudidhar, he mispronounced the word 'maut' meaning death as 'mat' meaning votes. Perhaps what was on his mind came on his lips. Many officers present there were seen muzzling a giggle.

Netas prefer 'safe mode'

Last week, some BJP municipal councillors who had buzzed around in the Circuit House Annexe campus while the party held a co-ordination