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Ahmedabad: This year around 120 students will take part in the Explorer Fellowship organised by the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGn).

Introduced in 2015, the fellowship saw participation of only 14 students, and 50 students in 2016, who travelled across India under the support of the fellowship.

IITGN director Sudhir Jain said, "The Explorer Fellowship is meant to serve two purposes, to give our students an opportunity to appreciate ground realities of our country; and to provide them

a platform to experience the enormous diversity in culture and practices across the country."

The fellowship provides financial aid to students who will then travel places through bare minimum means including non-AC trains, state government buses, stay in youth hostels among others. The students will form 40 groups and travel across the country for six weeks. After returning from the study trip, they will share their experience and knowledge with other students at the institute. The institute will then select and award two students with the best diaries/blogs of the travel.

Professor Jaison Manjaly, dean of Student Affairs - IITGN, said, "With this initiative we aim to nurture future leaders. We want to be a learning institute, not just an engineering college."