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Ahmedabad: Signalling a significant rise in candidates interested in pursuing doctoral studies at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn), the institute has received around 8,160 applications for its 66 doctorate (PhD) seats.

According to an official statement from IIT-Gn, this is a steep rise of around 466% over the 1,754 applications it received last year. A similar surge has been seen in the admission process for the master of technology (MTech) course. For that, the institute has received around 20,000 applications for the 105 available seats.

This makes selection criterion for doctoral students tougher than the common admission process followed through Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), it said. With 8,160 applicants for 66 PhD seats, the selection ratio is less than 1%, making it more competitive than JEE, wherein the ratio is 2%, the statement said. JEE is taken by around 5 lakh students in 15 IITs, of which 10,000 undergraduate (BTech) students get admission.

For MTech, the selection ratio is down to 0.5%. IIT-Gn director Sudhir K Jain said increase in the applications for doctoral and graduate courses reflects the growing reputation of the institute.

Electrical engineering has attracted the most PhD applications at IIT-Gn, at nearly a quarter of the total. It is followed by biological engineering (20%), mechanical engineering (10%), computer science and engineering (9%) and chemistry (7%).

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