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IIT-Gn gets full-time director

Jain's last term ended in June this year; he promises to complete work left unfinished

After a gap of almost two months, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar got its full-time director on Sunday. Prof Sudhir K Jain has been reappointed as

the director of the premier institute. Jain had earlier served for two consecutive 5-year terms, his last term having ended in June this year. He has been one of the founding members of the institute.

On Sunday, Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) announced his name for the position, enabling him to helm the institute for the third time.

Talking about his appointment, "I am thrilled and excited at the appointment. The job comes with great responsibility and the new journey at IIT-Gn will be the continuance of the unfinished work."

Institute to be global

Talking about his plans, Jain said: "For taking the institute at par with global institutes, the next five years will see major transformation at IIT-Gn." When asked about anything he missed out during his ten-year tenure, he said: "I left nothing incomplete. Everything has a perfect time to happen. If I started something five years ago as it was warranted. If I start something tomorrow, it will be only if it is warranted."

Quality, quantity of faculty to be improved

IIT-Gn already has a good faculty in place. The students who study under them are equally good. "We will see to it that it improves further over time. For this it is imperative to have good coordination between faculty, students and the staff of the institute," he said.

'Appointment didn't surprise me'

Talking about his appointment, Jain Said: "The announcement of my name didn't take me by surprise. I was, in fact, invited for interview by the selection committee and they zeroed in on my name."

He further said: "They (selection committee) must have found my work of ten years satisfying, hence they have again given me the responsibility of carrying the legacy of the institute to new heights."

