



Dear well-wishers of IIT Gandhinagar,

As we bid farewell to 2025 and prepare to welcome a promising new year, it is worthwhile to take a moment to reflect on 2025 and all that it brought for IIT Gandhinagar. This year was marked by several significant milestones for the Institute across various fronts. From setting new benchmarks in education and innovation to fostering meaningful collaborations and driving societal impact, 2025 has been a year of growth, recognition and impactful initiatives for the Institute.

With a vibrant community of over 3,200 students, including a rapidly strengthening research ecosystem with 200+ new PhD scholars joining the Institute last year and nearly 100 PhD students graduating in 2025, along with 148 career faculty members, 169 regular staff members, 77 postdoctoral fellows and 24 newly advertised administrative and support positions, the Institute continues on a strong and inspiring growth path.

Campus Development

The past year marked an important phase in IITGN's campus development and sustainability journey. A key milestone was the finalisation of the consultant for architectural planning and design of academic and administrative buildings, the research park, student hostels and associated infrastructure, strengthening the foundation for the Institute's future expansion.

IITGN received several prestigious national recognitions for its campus initiatives. The Institute was awarded the Eat Right Campus Award (Exemplary Category) by FSSAI, reaffirming its commitment to health, hygiene, and sustainable food practices. The Student Hostel Project was recognised for Architectural Excellence by PHDCCI, highlighting design innovation in educational infrastructure.

Sustainability-led development remained a central focus, with the Guest House, Hostels and Director's Residence receiving a 4-Star GRIHA provisional rating, underscoring IITGN's emphasis on green building practices. In the domain of water conservation, the Institute achieved national recognition by securing the top rank (Joint Winner) in the National Water Awards for excellence in inside-campus water resource management.

Further enriching campus life and community engagement, IITGN inaugurated Gujarat's first Gen-Z themed Post Office on campus and was honoured with the Bhumi Campus Award for its waste management initiatives, reinforcing the Institute's position as a model eco-friendly campus.

Academics & Research

The Institute strengthened interdisciplinary learning and global engagement through the launch of the **BTech-MS Dual Degree Programme** with Iowa State University (ISU), the proposal of an MTech in Digital Governance integrating technology, policy, ethics



and management, and expanded postgraduate offerings in emerging areas, including the Master of Design (MDes) programme focused on innovation and real-world impact. In line with NEP 2020, first-year undergraduate core courses were proposed to conduct in a bilingual (Hindi–English) mode. IITGN further enhanced academic partnerships through MoUs with national and international institutions. IITGN successfully concluded InventX 2025, a six-week innovation programme hosted at Maker Bhavan, bringing together students from IITs, NITs, IIITs and leading design and engineering institutions.

IITGN continues to strengthen its innovation and industry ecosystem through the expanding Research Park and entrepreneurship programmes. The Park hosts 22 companies, including four new entrants—Firelynk Protech, Specific Fire Protection, SPEC Finance (IFSC) and NOT DRONES INNOVATIONS—and is in discussions with Tata Group and Adani Group. It supports sectors such as fire safety, fintech, biotech, agritech, electronics, defence, energy, construction, aerospace and Skill India 4.0. Startups under IIEC gained national recognition, grants, collaborations, and funded projects. Key events included the Deep Tech Venture Summit, Finnove Hack, and VidyutAI Hackathon, while entrepreneurship courses and workshops saw strong participation. Under NIDHI–PRAYAS, over 100 innovators participated, with six teams receiving grants. **The Institute filed 28 patents, received 4 and added 10 more under Invent@IITGN 2025. IITGN also launched ORBIT, its flagship bi-monthly industry meet, with the inaugural edition focused on biomedical engineering.**

IITGN celebrated its 14th Convocation Ceremony, conferring degrees on 668 graduating students and recognising excellence across academics, research, innovation, leadership, social service, sports, arts, and culture through institutional awards and medals.

Visitors at IITGN

IITGN hosted several high-level international academic, industry, and government delegations during the year to strengthen global collaboration and research engagement. The Institute organised the ‘Japan Meets India’ Summit, bringing together faculty from leading Japanese universities, representatives from JICA and JETRO, industry leaders, and officials from the Department of Science and Technology to explore partnerships in academics, research, and innovation.

Strengthening India–Japan engagement further, IITGN hosted the Vice Governor of Iwate Prefecture, Japan, along with delegations from industry and development agencies, to explore collaboration in semiconductor research, skill development, student exchange, and industry partnerships. The Institute also hosted the India–Japan Talent Bridge Career Seminar, connecting students with leading Japanese organisations and industry representatives.

Expanding industry and policy linkages, IITGN hosted Taiwan Day, signing an MoU with the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Maharashtra to collaborate on industrial research, innovation, internships, and





talent development and welcomed a delegation from Hiroshima University, Japan to explore research and student exchange opportunities. The Institute also hosted a delegation from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to explore collaborations in fintech training, research, and innovation.

Philanthropic Support

We remain grateful to all our well-wishers whose generous support continues to strengthen the Institute and contribute to the growth and development of our students. During the year, IITGN received philanthropic support exceeding ₹22 crore from individuals and organisations, reflecting sustained trust in its mission. Key benefactors include **Dr Surendra C Sheth, Shri Parimal Karani, Dr Jagdish Patel, Dr Hemant Kanakia, Shri Ruyintan Mehta, Mr Navin Doshi, Shri B V Jagadeesh and the Desai Foundation**, along with CSR support from leading organisations across industry.

Alumni engagement remained strong with the establishment of several new scholarships, including the **Sugunamma and Sarojamma Scholarship (Manikanta Mandlem)**, **NeenJa Scholarship (Dr Suman Kumari)**, **SN Goenka and Elaichi Devi Goenka Scholarship (Naman Bansal)**, **Rita Kumari Sinha and Sanjay Kumar Scholarships (Saurya Prakash Sinha)** and the **Sadhana and Mukesh Jain and Sangeeta and Balesh Jain Scholarships** instituted by **Prof Sudhir K Jain, Founding Director, IITGN**.

Major philanthropic milestones include the renaming of Lecture Halls 101 and 102 as the **Surendra C Sheth and Jayshree S Sheth Learning Theatres**, two classrooms in Academic Block 10 as the Jagdish Patel and Harsha Patel Learning Theatres, the establishment of the **P P Sukumaran Scholarship** by alumnus Jithin Prabha and the renaming of the Sports Complex as the **Hiralal R Karani Sports Complex**, supported by the Karani family.

Partnerships and Opportunities

This year, IITGN strengthened its global and national collaborations through multiple MoUs and strategic partnerships to foster research, education and innovation. IITGN signed an **MoU with Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI)** to support co-supervision of MTech and PhD students, joint coursework, faculty exchanges, and collaborative research programs. **Collaborations with Vietnamese universities—Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics and Finance (UEF) and Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HUTECH)—and Queen's University Belfast** focused on academic exchanges, joint research and innovation partnerships.

IITGN also advanced industry and defence collaboration through **MoUs with Canara Bank** to promote entrepreneurship, **Tata Electronics Pvt Ltd** for semiconductor R&D, **CPWD** for building construction technology, **iACE** for automotive research, **Bosch Global** for research and training and the **Indian Army for defence innovation**. Partnerships with **Gujarat Energy Research and Management**



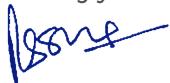
Institute, C-DOT and GMRICS/GMDC aimed to enhance sector-specific research, innovation and technical capacity building.

On the global academic front, IITGN signed agreements with the **University of Cambridge for the MAHSA project**, **Iowa State University for a Dual Degree Program**, **Nagoya Institute of Technology** for student and faculty exchanges and IISc Bangalore for Master's degree pathways and joint research initiatives. The tripartite collaboration with **L&T Semiconductor Technologies** and **C-DAC** focused on developing secure integrated circuit solutions to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem. Additional collaborations with **VNU-UET, Hanoi** and **Ethiopia supported joint research**, doctoral programs and academic exchange, reflecting IITGN's commitment to building strong international partnerships for innovation, learning and sustainable development.

Nyasa and NEEV continue to uplift lives around IITGN and beyond through impactful community initiatives. Nyasa organised health camps, donation drives for workers and creative summer workshops for school children. The Akanksha programme supported 5th-grade students in scholarship exam preparation. NEEV celebrated International Women's Day with the Mahila Haat, honoured women alumni and conducted six skill development courses for 209 rural youth and women in stitching, beautician, computer, spoken English and tally. Both programmes empower communities through education, skill-building, and inclusive outreach.

We take pride in the strides IITGN has made in fostering excellence, innovation, and inclusivity. The accomplishments of this year are a testament to the unwavering dedication of our students, faculty, staff and supporters. Looking ahead, we remain committed to building on this momentum, driving impactful change and reaching new heights of success.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling New Year!



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