

# At IIT-Gandhinagar... Two 'early birds' have cake, eat it too

Bhavya Jain and Vikas Meena completes 4-year BTech course in 3.5 years, use remain six months to decide on what to do ahead in life

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It is not often that educational institutes offer flexibility to students willing to graduate earlier than the stipulated time. At IIT-Gandhinagar's convocation on Saturday, two such students will walk up to the stage with a swagger to receive their degrees. Bhavya Jain and Vikas Meena, who enrolled for the BTech course in 2014, completed the four-year course in 3.5 years. So what did they do in the surplus six months they had to themselves? Jain mullied on what he wants to do with his career in the long term while Meena went to Delhi to prepare for civil services exam.

They will be receiving their degrees with 112 BTech students, 2 BTech-MTech Dual Degree students, 96 MTech students, 78 MSc students, 14 MA students, 24 PhD students and 2 PGDIIT students.

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and I thought additional six months will give me much needed time to plan the way forward," said Jain, a student of electrical engineering. He took up a job in Chennai and is also handling his own business.

"At IIT-Gn, we were always encouraged to explore beyond realms of engineering. In the six months that I had with me, I learnt the ABC of business and the technical aspects associated with it," he said. "I love sports. But I cut

down on table tennis and chess sessions to complete the eight-semester course in seven. I am catching up on them," he said.

Meena, who completed BTech in electrical engineering, said that having additional six months helped him prepare for the UPSC exam. "I went to Delhi to enroll for civil service exam coaching. IIT-Gn's education system helped us a lot and I hope other colleges also provide such flexibility to their



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#### About the convocation

Anu Aga, Director, Board of Thermax Limited and Chairperson, Teach for India, will be the Chief Guest on the occasion and deliver the convocation speech. The specially designed stole-ropes

for the 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation of IITGN is a combination of Western academic attire and Indian free-flowing draped garments. It uses rich fabrics like Mashru and Ghicha silk, supporting the dying handloom and hand weaving techniques to promote self-reliance and indigenous skills, crafts and textiles.

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