

# Soon, BTech-MSc degree at IIT-Gn

Students will have to put in an additional year with BTech's 4-year course to also get MSc degree



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**O**n the occasion of the 7<sup>th</sup> convocation of Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) on Saturday, director of the institute Sudhir K Jain said that the institute's Board of Governors have decided to launch BTech-MSc course for students to be able to acquire two degrees by studying an additional year.

Moreover, Jain said that IIT-Gn has decided to welcome all engineering

colleges across the state for exchange of knowledge. The decision was taken after the board mulled over ways to involve IIT-Gn more with local students.

"It has been observed that students often choose to study engineering but sometimes their interest lies in studying core science subjects like mathematics and physics. If a student opts for this course, he/she will be able to acquire two degrees – BTech and MSc. They will have to put in an extra year since BTech is a four-year course and by studying an additional year, they will get BTech and MSc degrees. This will help students in pursuing PhD or research in these subjects in future," he said.

A total of 328 students were conferred degrees and 21 students awarded gold medals, 10 students awarded silver medals, while 16 students received bronze medals for excellence in various categories.

IIT-Gn has corpus of Rs 50 lakh to help Vishwakarma Engineering College, as IIT-Gn was located on its campus in Chandkheda. "In Board's meeting, we discussed how we could involve more engineering colleges of Gujarat. We have been doing this with VGES, whose students come to IIT-Gn. Now we will be doing the same for other engineering colleges," Jain said on the sidelines of the event.

## 'Invest in good teachers and make teaching fun'

Shift focus from infrastructure to quality of education: Anu Aga

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**A**t a time when quality of education has taken centre stage, chairperson for social initiative 'Teach for India', Anu Aga, who was the chief guest at IIT-Gn's 7<sup>th</sup> Convocation said that India needs to shift its focus from infrastructure in schools to improving quality of education and teachers. She said that it is mid-day meals that bring students to civic schools now and efforts should be made to bring them to school because of education.

"RTE focuses on inputs - building, toilet and infrastructure. These are important but it is not education. You can be under a tree and learn and you can be in fancy buildings and not learn. It is good to have basic infrastructure but focusing on this only will not improve quality of education," he said.



She said, enrolment under RTE has improved but quality of education has not improved. "This is because teacher's training institutes that we have churn out really bad quality teachers. Teaching is not an aspirational profession, the best don't want to take up teaching. Those who can't do anything better become municipal teachers. Another issue is that we don't invest in teachers once they join school. Programmes like DIET are defunct. There are some good teachers in the system but there is a need to invest in them. There is a need to make learning fun," she said.

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