

IITGN celebrated 10 years of journey



Gandhinagar:

It was a nostalgic evening as the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) celebrated a decade of its operations, innovative academic curricula, remarkable achievements and vibrant campus life. Faculty, alumni, students, partners, past employees, and staff recounted and shared their special attachment and experience with the institute in old as well as new campus.

Shri Pankaj Patel, Chairman, Cadila Healthcare Ltd was Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pankaj Patel emphasized the need to create innovations and research which are relevant to the country and indicated that the IITs have an important role to play in this context. He expressed happiness that IITGN is already doing it. Addressing the par-

ticipants, he said, "Learning from mistakes is one way to excel in education. Sensitivity and responsibility for social innovation in students is very important for the vision of India." Shri Patel congratulated IITGN for creating its own ecosystem.

Talking about the institute's core objectives from the initial years of establishment, IITGN Director Prof Sudhir Jain said, "Our aspiration was to build an institution which is one step ahead than others and can make difference to the society. We aspire to create 'Takshashila' and 'Nalanda' of the 21st century." He recounted the initial challenges, support from all the stakeholders and innovative processes adopted by IITGN for faculty, students and staff.

Describing the last ten years as very satisfying in terms of excellent faculty,

responsible student bodies and committed staff, Prof Jain also highlighted the challenges before the institute in next 25 years to maintain the spirit of innovation, to engage alumni and to attain recognition nationally and internationally. Concluding his speech, Prof Jain said, "We are not in competition with old IITs. We are in competition with ourselves to meet our aspirations."

The institute has also planned interactions with the visitors on August 11, 2018. Various stakeholders, partners, alumni, past employees, students, faculty and staff of IITGN will share their experiences from the last 10 years with each other. The institute will continue its decennial celebrations throughout the year with various activities, deliberations, workshops and seminars.

