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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar is collaborating with professional Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and global professionals to advance India's educational stature on the international stage. The Institute is hosting an 'Overseas Indian Higher Education Conclave', on its campus, on February 22 and 23, 2019.

Speaking about the importance of this Conclave, Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Director, IIT Gandhinagar, said, "The large number of professional NRIs and PIOs are an incredibly valuable resource that Indian educational institutions can tap for their

academic and institutional advancement. Several overseas Indians serve as Visiting Faculty, Scholars in Residence or industry associates at IITGN. Many others volunteer their time and effort in fundraising or expanding out overseas network.”

## **What conclave is all about?**

The Conclave celebrated IITGN’s overseas supporters and brainstormed on ways to engage more widely and deeply with professional NRIs and PIOs. Recognising that many overseas Indians contribute their time, talent and treasure already, participants at the Conclave explored models, challenges and opportunities for partnerships.

## **How is IIT Gandhinagar students benefited**

Nearly 40% of IIT Gandhinagar’s undergraduate students and 75% of PhD students receive options to study abroad and other international opportunities, which is among the highest in India and three times the average at universities in the U.S. In addition, from 10% to 15% of IIT Gandhinagar’s faculty are Visiting Faculty from India and abroad.

Since its inception in 2008, IITGN has benefitted immensely from the support of several overseas Indians who applaud the Institute’s innovative programs and are keen to contribute to the educational development, back home in India. NRIs have been crucial in the success of several of IITGN’s signature programs, including faculty chairs, fellowships, scholarships and interdisciplinary centres. Their support has turned IITGN into a holistic global campus.