

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

14 July 2025

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 598 to be answered on 21/07/2025 regarding "Mental Health of Students in Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)".

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Sl. No.	Name of the IIT	(b) whether the Government has set aside any amount of funds allocated to IITs for ensuring adequate mental health facilities for students;	(c) if yes, the details thereof	(d) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to examine the mental health of students in IITs and upon completion survey they suggested the measures to improve mental health of suffering students;	(e) if yes, the details of Committee's recommendations thereof; and	(f) if not, the reasons thereof?
10	IIT Gandhinagar	Yes	The mental health facilities for students are fully funded by the institute's budget. These include six full-time psychological counsellors, a wellness centre and regular awareness and sensitisation campaigns	There is no formal committee to examine students' mental health. However, the institute has Faculty in-Charges Counseling Service, Faculty in-charge Student Wellbeing Initiative, and six full-time professional counsellors on campus to support students with any mental health concerns or emergencies.	• Encourage individuals to openly discuss and navigate through their personal challenges. • 24X7 service to students to deal with their personal issues with positive perspective. • Guide students in gaining clarity on their concerns and anxiety by exploring various solutions and devising effective strategies. • Foster a deeper sense of self awareness and help students overcome obstacles and enhance their quality of life at IITGN possibly having a long-term impact. • Work in tandem with Dean Student Affairs for matters that relate to these goals. • Create a dedicated team of faculty, staff members and other community members to offer assistance to students on broad range of concerns. • Enable frequent interactions with the team and students in extreme confidence. • Connect to every single student even if they are well doing and encourage them to come forward and talk. • Work in tandem with Faculty in-charge Counselling Service and Dean Student Affairs for matters that relate to these goals.	NA

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question .No. 166 to be answered on 21/07/2025 regarding " Establishment of IITs, IIMs and AIIMS".				
S.No	Name of the Institute	(d) the measures taken to address the faculty shortage and research funding constraints in IITs	(e) the details of incentives provided to attract the international faculties;	(f) details of policies which promote the Multi disciplinary Research, Startup IncubationCenters, and AI-Based Learning Modules
10	IIT Gandhinagar	Currently, the Sanctioned Strength of faculty at IITGN is 190 out of which 183 faculty members, including contractual faculty members are in position. Hence, there is no acute shortage of faculty members as such. However, to fill up the vacancies of Faculty positions, the institute puts huge efforts to hire faculty members through rolling advertisements against which applications are invited throughout the year and occasionally through Special Recruitment Drives. The Institute also organizes 'Sabarmati Alumni & Faculty Research & Outreach Network' events at international level occasionally. This event enables prospective faculty candidates to hear from noted academic and industry leaders and to interact with the Director, Deans, faculty, and alumni of IIT Gandhinagar. Interested candidates are encouraged to register themselves. The received applications are screened periodically, and the selected candidates are invited to IIT Gandhinagar.	- The Institute pays special attention to the proposal to invite international faculty members with a good caliber of research and teaching. - Institute provides reimbursement of economy class international airfare for to and fro journey with a ceiling of Rs. 2.5 lakhs subject to the applicable norms of the Institute. - The Institute provides internal funding support and research fellowships to the new faculty to support them in their research during the initial phase. - IITGN provides support to their faculty for international conferences and collaborations. - The Institute provides full support to them for the completion of arrival and departure formalities as and when required by following the policy of Ministry of Home Affairs and FRRO. - The Institute also provides flexibility to teach online courses for full/half semester as per the convenience of Faculty Member. - The Institute provides a functional office with all facilities, including a printer and a VoIP phone, when a new faculty member joins the Institute even for a brief period.	The Institute has taken several steps to encourage Faculty members to increase their participation in multi-disciplinary research through joint appointment and affiliation with multiple departments/disciplines. The Institute, at present, has 13 departments with 19 disciplines and AI related fields. Faculty members are encouraged to be associated with multiple disciplines within a single department or spanning over multiple departments. The Ph.D. students can have supervisors from multiple disciplines facilitating multi-disciplinary research. The Institute has established two new centers recently, out of which one is : the Centre for AI Driven Innovations alongside new e-Master's degrees in Composites and Data Science for Decision Making. IITGN's standout projects include the development of 'Ganga-1B', an AI language model designed specifically for Hindi. The Institute started B.Tech., M.Tech and Ph.D programme in AI. Recently, multiple interdisciplinary faculty-led projects have been selected for phase II of the AI Center of Excellence in Sustainable Cities that endeavor to solve the pertinent problems of urban flooding and smart energy using tools and models from artificial intelligence. In 2015 Institute established a section 8 Company "IIT Gandhinagar Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center" (IIEC) to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and technology commercialization activities. IIEC is governed by well laid policy framework for supporting the entrepreneurial ventures (including the ventures promoted by IITGN students, faculty and staff) approved by the Board in its meeting on 15.11.2021. The basic principles of the policy are (a) Consistency with the core vision of IIT Gandhinagar (b) Creating enabling environment to encourage faculty start-ups and (c) Provide guidance to manage conflict of interest, intellectual property, utilization of Institute's resources, etc. The faculty member can be associated with the startups (1) As a founder of a company without any executive role and without any IP/ technology from IITGN (2) As a founder of company without any executive role and using IP/ technology from IITGN (3) As a founder of company with an executive role and using IP/ technology from IITGN (4) As a founder of company with an executive role and without using IP/ technology from IITGN (5) As a mentor/ advisor to a start-up company incubated at IIEC or outside.

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18 July 2025

Subject: Request to provide inputs on Rajya Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 358 for 23.07.2025 reg. "Compliance of Anti-ragging Rules in HEIs".

Compliance of Anti-ragging Rules in HEIs			
S.No	Name of the Institute	Are Anti-ragging rules being followed in the Institute	If yes please provide remarks, if no please provide reasons.
10	IIT Gandhinagar	Yes	At the time of admission every student is required to submit an online Anti-Ragging Undertaking on the official website, www.antiragging.in, declaring familiarity with the rules and penalties aimed at stopping ragging. Additionally, newly admitted students at IITGN also go through a Foundation/Orientation Programme, where they are informed about the institute's zero-tolerance policy towards discrimination, bullying, harassment, and ragging. The IITGN Student Honor Code created and upheld by the student community has significantly contributed to fostering a positive and respectful campus environment and it's available on the institute's website. An anti-ragging committee is also constituted and made effective at the beginning of each academic semester in accordance with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

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24 July 2025

Subject: Seeking Inputs for LSUQ No. 1273 regarding Dedicated Mental Health Counselling Centers for answer on 28.07.2025

Particulars	Response
a. The total number of Institutes of National Importance having dedicated mental health or counselling centers with full-time professional counsellors or clinical psychologists;	Yes. IITGN has counselling centre with full time professional counsellors.
b. The total number of such institutes that have implemented a mental-health screening module such as questionnaires or peer-assessment programmes during student induction or periodically;	Yes. IITGN has implemented.
c. The total number of institutes having 24x7 helpline or tele-counselling services, either in-house or via partnerships with platforms like Your DOST or Tele-MANAS;	Yes for IITGN
d. Whether any centralized audit or annual report is produced to track student uptake, session usage, and impact evaluation across these institutions; and	IITGN maintains students' data.
e. Whether the Government has any plans to ensure that all Institutes of National Importance comply with minimum mental-health infrastructure standards by 2026?	The required mental-health infrastructure is available at IITGN.

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13 August 2025

Subject: Admitted LSUSQ No. 4132 for 12.08.2025 regarding "AI in Education".

Admitted LSUSQ No. 4132 to be answered on 18/08/2025 regarding "AI in Education"						
S.No	Name of the Institute	whether IITs plan to integrate Artificial Intelligence into the teaching pedagogy under policies such as the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020?	and if Yes, details thereof;	whether IITs have included subjects such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning under B.Tech and M.Tech programmes?	and if so, details thereof;	the details on how the Institute envisions the role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping the future of education?
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
10	IIT Gandhinagar	Yes	IIT Gandhinagar launched its BTech program in Artificial Intelligence in 2023–24, and introduced MTech and PhD programs in AI from 2024–25. In line with NEP 2020's vision for technology-integrated learning, AI courses are a compulsory part of all undergraduate programs, with options for students to pursue minors or majors.	Yes	IIT Gandhinagar offers courses under Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning particularly within disciplines like Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. The curriculum promotes interdisciplinarity and flexibility, empowering students to address real-world challenges through responsible AI, integrating domain knowledge alongside technical prowess. IIT Gandhinagar specifically having The Gordhanbhai B Gelot Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science drives collaborative innovation across AI, data science, applied math, and beyond and The Human-AI Interaction (HAIX) Lab underscores IITGN's commitment to human-centered AI—developing AI systems that are transparent, trustworthy, and intuitively usable.	IIT Gandhinagar envisions Artificial Intelligence as an integral part of its academic curriculum, preparing students for the rapidly evolving technological landscape. AI concepts and tools are being introduced across disciplines to enhance problem-solving, innovation, and interdisciplinary learning. Through project-based courses, hands-on labs, and real-world applications, the Institute aims to equip students with the skills to use AI effectively and ethically, creating a learning environment that is future-ready and socially responsible.

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08 December 2025

Subject: Provisionally Admitted UNSTARRED LOK SABHA question bearing Diary No. 5027 on "SC/ST Cells in IITs" to be answered on 15/12/2025-reg

Provisionally Unstarred Dy.No. 5027 to be answered on 15/12/2025 regarding " SC/ST Cells in IITs".						
Sl. No.	Name of the IIT	Whether SC/ST cell exists	SC/ST Cell is Functional	Events are conducted by SC/ST Cell	Details of last events conducted	Remarks
		Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No		
10	IIT Gandhinagar	Yes	Yes	Yes	1. An array of events organised to celebrate the 133rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on the 11th, 13th, and 14th of April 2024. 2. Library at IITGN celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti with book exhibitions of his works on 14th of April 2024. 3. Periyar Memorial Lecture: A talk on "Periyar's Legacy: Revisiting his Rationalist and Scientific Worldview" on 19th Sep 2024. 4. An array of events organised to celebrate the 134th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and the 198th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of April 2025. 5. Library at IITGN celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti with book exhibitions of his works on 14th of April 2025. 6. Special Film screening on the occasion of this year's Periyar Jayanti celebrations. 7. The "Run for Unity" event was organised on 31st October 2025 to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) and the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. 8. The SC/ST category PhD students in the Department of Chemical Engineering and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering were contacted on November 18, 2025 and encouraged to apply to 'Transformative Leadership in STEMM (TLS) Workshop 2026' Organized by IIT Delhi.	

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13 March 2026

Subject: RSUQ No. 2924 (Dy. No. 7495) for 18.03.2026 regarding Ranking Cost of Higher Education and Relief education loans - reg.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Response
(a)	the extent of increase in fees during the last three years in engineering, medical and Central and State Universities, year-wise;	There has been no increase in Tuition Fees and Other allied charges during the academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25. However, while tuition fees remained the same, the other allied charges were revised during the academic year 2025-26 by 10.70% for UG Programme and 24.60% for PG Porgamme, Considering the increase in the number of hostels, expansion and enhancement of academic and other facilities, as well as inflation since 2021, the need for reviewing the fees and other dues was felt necessary..
(b)	the guidelines issued by Government to regulate or control the rising fees in higher education institutions;	As per the Statutes of the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, the fee structure for students is prescribed by the Board of Governors of the Institute in accordance with the policies decided by the Council from time to time. Students admitted to various programmes are required to pay tuition fees and other charges as approved by the Board.
(c)	the current average rate of interest on education loans and whether there is any plan to reduce the interest rates or enhance interest subsidy for middle-class and economically weaker students, if so, the details thereof;	The PM-vidyalaxmi Scheme, a Government of India initiative offering collateral-free and guarantor-free education loan is available for all students who are being admitted to this Institute and who are desirous of availing education loans to pursue their higher education. The Students may apply for education loans through the portal https://pmvidyalaxmi.co.in/ . This portal does not charge any amount from the applicant. Under the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme, the education loan interest rate is not fixed by the Government. Instead, the interest rate is decided by individual banks, usually linked to their benchmark lending rate.
(d)	the future policy of Government to ensure accessible and affordable higher education for all sections of society, the details thereof?	The Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar implements policies through various modes of financial assistance and support mechanisms for the students. These include various external scholarships, Institute scholarships, fee waivers, which include the Tuition Fee Waivers, free basic messing, and financial assistance schemes for students belonging to economically weaker sections. In addition, students are encouraged to avail education loans through platforms such as the Vidya Lakshmi Portal, which facilitates access to multiple education loan schemes offered by banks. Students are also eligible to apply for various scholarships offered through the National Scholarship Portal.

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27 March 2026

Subject: Admitted Unstarred Lok Sabha Question No. 5878 to be answered on 30/03/2026 regarding "Migration of Students to Tier-1 Cities for Higher Education"

<u>Admitted Unstarred Rajya Sabha Question No. 5878 to be answered on 30/03/2026 regarding "Migration of Students to Tier-1 Cities for Higher Education"</u>		
S.No.	Institute	(c) the details of higher education institutions located in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities currently offering credit-linked minors, dual degree or industry-integrated programmes in partnership with Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) or other national bodies; and
10	IIT Gandhinagar	IITGN provides Minor, Dual Degree and industry integrated programmes to our regular students. In addition, IITGN extends learning opportunities to external students by offering semester-long study options as well as summer internships, promoting academic exchange and experiential learning. Similarly, BTech students at IITGN have the opportunity to undertake semester-long internships with industrial, research organizations.