General Information & Basic Infrastructure

1. **What is the history of IIT Gandhinagar?**
   IIT Gandhinagar is one of the eight new IITs that were established by the government of India in 2008-09. The institute started with undergraduate programs in Electrical, Mechanical and Chemical Engineering in 2008.

2. **What is the situation with the permanent campus?**
   The government of Gujarat has recently allotted land to IIT Gandhinagar for its permanent campus on the river bank of Sabarmati at Palej. The process of construction will start soon.

3. **Which facilities have been provided in the current (temporary) campus?**
   The current campus at Vishwakarma Government Engineering College premises has all the basic facilities like classrooms, labs, hostels and sports grounds, etc.

4. **How are the internet facilities?**
   The entire institute and the hostels are well equipped with high speed Wi-Fi internet facilities along with LAN facilities.

5. **What is the climate like in Gandhinagar?**
   Gandhinagar has generally a dry climate apart from the monsoon months of June to September. March to June are hot summer days with average maximum temperature of about 36°C while the months of November to February are winter with temperature ranging between 15°C to 30°C, which can occasionally drop to 5°C.

Academics

1. **In what way is IIT Bombay associated with IIT Gandhinagar?**
   Each of the new IIT that were established was to be mentored by an existing IIT. IIT Gandhinagar is being mentored by IIT Bombay.

2. **How good is the academic infrastructure? What kind of Labs does IIT Gandhinagar have?**
   The basic infrastructure is in place at IIT Gandhinagar. We have our own well setup Labs for each department. Besides this there are student run labs to promote innovation and research in the college.
3. **What are the undergraduate programs offered at IIT Gandhinagar?**

   Undergraduate programs:
   - BTech in Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

   Postgraduate programs:
   - MTech in Chemical and Civil Engineering
   - PhD in Chemical, Civil engineering, Cognitive sciences, Economics, Electrical engineering, English, Mathematics, Mechanical engineering, Philosophy, Physics and Sociology.

4. **What about the library?**

   The library of IIT Gandhinagar has grown to become a good library since the past three years. The books that are required as texts and references are available in the library.

5. **What are the branch change policies?**

   IIT Gandhinagar has adopted very liberal branch change policy based on academic performance. Last year, all the students who applied for change of branch got the branch of their first preference.

6. **Do we have Honours and Minors? What are some of the other innovations in Education that IIT Gandhinagar has initiated?**

   Yes, Institute also offers minors in Computer Science, Management, Humanities, Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical engineering to undergraduate students to improve inter-disciplinary knowledge of the students. Honours is also offered to undergraduate students in their respective branches. The institute has also started a concept of short courses and workshops which provide students with additional information inside and outside their branch.

**Hostel and Mess facilities**

1. **How far are the hostels from the main campus?**

   IIT Gandhinagar has three hostel wings, out of which two are for boys and one for girls. The girls hostels and one wing of the boys hostels is located inside the present campus while the other wing is just across the street from the campus.

2. **Is there accommodation for girl students?**

   Yes, as mentioned above we have a separate hostel wing for girls at our current campus.
3. **Are internet facilities provided in the hostels?**
   Yes, all the hostels are equipped with high speed WiFi-connection.

4. **What is the arrangement for food?**
   For mess, food services have been outsourced to a top caterer. A highly qualified nutritionist ensures that the students are provided with healthy food. Night Canteen is also available for students of each of the wings.

5. **What will be the living expenditure?**
   The expenditure pattern is similar to that of metro cities. Apart from the Institute fees which are payable every semester, the anticipated expense per month should be about Rs 4000 including messing charges.

6. **What about medical facilities?**
   Primary medical facilities through OPD are provided and a (lady) doctor is available round-the-clock for any medical needs of our students. Health insurance to all students for their medical needs is being provided through Bajaj Allianz. The Institute has also made suitable arrangements with top hospitals in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar for cases requiring hospitalisation.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

1. **How are the sports facilities?**
   A highly qualified physical education instructor is on the staff to train students. Grounds are available for football, cricket, volleyball and basketball. Facilities for indoor games such as badminton and table-tennis have also been made available. A modern multi-purpose gym is available along with gym instructors.

2. **How involved are the students in extracurricular activities?**
   The institute believes in all-round development of the students and hence the students are encouraged to participate in various extra-curricular activities that interests’ them like music, dance, drama, arts, social-welfare, etc.

3. **Are sports compulsory for the first years?**
   Yes, the institute believes that sports play a major role in the development of personality of the students. Hence, all the first year students are required to devote a minimum no. of hours towards sports for their NSO course to achieve pass grade.
4. **What kind of Student Initiatives has been taken in IIT Gandhinagar?**
The institute highly encourages and promotes students initiatives. In fact, all the major activities around students are initiated by them, for example the intra-college sports festival Halla-Bol, cultural festival Blithchron, Technical festival Amalthea etc are students run. [Click here to know more.](#)

**Internships & Placements:**

1. **What is the situation on placements and internships so far?**
The first batch will be sitting for placements in the upcoming academic year. The internship scenario has been very exciting and students have got a chance to work at best institutes and companies across the world. [Click here to know more.](#)

**Location:**

1. **Where is IIT Gandhinagar located?**
Currently the Institute is functioning from the premises of Vishwakarma Government Engineering College, Visat-Gandhinagar Highway, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad – 382424, Gujarat.

2. **How close is the nearest airport and railway station? How do I get to IIT Gandhinagar from there?**
The current campus is approximately 10 km from Ahmedabad Airport and 14 km from Ahmedabad Railway Station. You may like to have a look at the [map](#).
A taxi ride would cost about Rs 250 from the airport. The most common transportation is an auto rickshaw. Typical fare from Ahmedabad railway station to Chandkheda by auto rickshaw is Rs. 80 to Rs. 100.