



## **Consolidated Coverage Dossier**

**Press Release - IIT Gandhinagar Announces  
New Programmes Focused on Emerging  
Technologies and Design**

## Print Coverage

3rd April 2026	The Indian Express (Clip attached)	Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Ahmedabad	4	IITGN to start Master of Design, MTech in Maritime Engineering from next year	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona
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**Express News Service**  
*Ahmedabad, April 2*

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gramme, the MTech programme in Maritime Engineering will cover areas such as port and ocean infrastructure, logistics, and regulatory frameworks. Additionally, it will address gaps in maritime-focused education, particularly in Gujarat, a state known for its port activity and cargo traffic."

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3rd April 2026	Business Minute(Clip attached)	Chennai	5	IIT Gandhinagar Introduces New MDes, Maritime Engineering Courses for Future-Ready Skills	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona
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Speaking about the initiative, Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Dean, Academic Affairs, IIT Gandhinagar, said, "IIT Gandhinagar is focusing on areas expected to witness increased demand, with the objective of developing future-ready students."

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From a broader perspective, IIT Gandhinagar's academic focus is centered on emerging domains expected to shape technological growth in the next decade. Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, healthcare technologies, and sustainability are among the key areas where the Institute is building deeper academic and research engagements.

Speaking about the Institute's evolving academic direction and its emphasis on aligning education with emerging national and global priorities, Prof. Rajat Moona, Director, IIT Gandhinagar, said, "As we look at the next decade, the role of higher education institutions must extend beyond disciplinary depth to shaping how knowledge is applied in complex, real-world contexts. At IIT Gandhinagar, this has meant consciously expanding into areas such as design and maritime engineering, where the challenges are inherently interdisciplinary and systems-driven. The Master of Design programme reflects a shift towards integrating creativity with engineering and social understanding, enabling students to engage with problems that require both analytical rigour and human-centred thinking. Similarly, the MTech in Maritime Engineering is aligned with India's strategic and economic priorities, particularly in strengthening port-led development and logistics ecosystems, leveraging upon the largest coastline of Gujarat."

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IITGN also offers multiple dual-degree programmes with leading institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, National Institute of Technology, Agartala, and the Indian Space Research Organisation – Space Application Centre, among others.

9th April 2026	Millennium Post (Clip attached)	Delhi, Kolkata	16	Courses on emerging technologies & design from IIT Gandhinagar	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta
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## COURSES ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES & DESIGN FROM IIT GANDHINAGAR

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## Online Coverage

2nd April 2027	The Indian Express	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar to start Master of Design, MTech in Maritime Engineering from next year	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/iit-gandhinagar-to-start-master-of-design-mtech-in-maritime-engineering-from-next-year-10616085/">https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/iit-gandhinagar-to-start-master-of-design-mtech-in-maritime-engineering-from-next-year-10616085/</a>
3rd April 2026	The Indian Express	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar announces new MTech, MDes programmes on technologies and design	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/education/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design-10615643/">https://indianexpress.com/article/education/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design-10615643/</a>
3rd April 2026	Hindustan Times	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar introduces two master's programmes in design and emerging technologies	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/admissions/iit-gandhinagar-introduces-two-master%E2%80%A6-in-design-and-emerging-technologies-101775206540633.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/admissions/iit-gandhinagar-introduces-two-master%E2%80%A6-in-design-and-emerging-technologies-101775206540633.html</a>

4th April 2026	The New Indian Express - Edex	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Announces New Programmes Focused on Emerging Technologies and Design	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.edexlive.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-programmes-focused-on-emerging-technologies-and-design">https://www.edexlive.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-programmes-focused-on-emerging-technologies-and-design</a>
7th April	The Times of India - Education Times	Online	NA	WEEKLY ALERTS: Find out about admissions at IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Guwahati, University of Sheffield, RV University and others	NA	NA	<a href="https://www.educationtimes.com/article/campus-beat-college-life/99741429/weekly-alerts-find-out-about-admissions-at-iit-gandhinagar-iit-guwahati-university-of-sheffield-rv-university-and-others">https://www.educationtimes.com/article/campus-beat-college-life/99741429/weekly-alerts-find-out-about-admissions-at-iit-gandhinagar-iit-guwahati-university-of-sheffield-rv-university-and-others</a>
4th April 2026	Dainik Jagran	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Launches New M.Tech and M.Des Programmes in Emerging Technology and Design	Siddhi Sharma	NA	<a href="https://www.jagranjosh.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-new-m-tech-and-m-des-programmes-in-emerging-technology-and-design-183546">https://www.jagranjosh.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-new-m-tech-and-m-des-programmes-in-emerging-technology-and-design-183546</a>

2nd April 2026	India Today	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar introduces new MTech and MDes programmes for 2026-27	Mansi	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://bestcolleges.indiatoday.in/news-detail/iit-gandhinagar-introduces-new-mtech-and-mdes-programmes-for-2026-27-8753">https://bestcolleges.indiatoday.in/news-detail/iit-gandhinagar-introduces-new-mtech-and-mdes-programmes-for-2026-27-8753</a>
3rd April 2026	BW Education	Online	NA	Students Get New Options In Design, Maritime Engineering At IIT Gandhinagar	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.bweducation.com/article/students-get-new-options-in-design-maritime-engineering-at-iit-gandhinagar-600686">https://www.bweducation.com/article/students-get-new-options-in-design-maritime-engineering-at-iit-gandhinagar-600686</a>
9th April 2026	Millennium Post	Online	NA	Courses on Emerging Technologies & Design from IIT Gandhinagar	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta	<a href="https://www.millenniumpost.in/k-reers/courses-on-emerging-technologies-design-from-iit-gandhinagar-655183">https://www.millenniumpost.in/k-reers/courses-on-emerging-technologies-design-from-iit-gandhinagar-655183</a>
2nd April 2026	Careers 360	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar launches MDes, MTech in Maritime Engineering; focus on emerging sectors	Aatif Ammad	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://news.careers360.com/iit-gandhinagar-new-courses-2026-mdes-mtech-maritime-engineering-launch-design-innovation-logistics-programme">https://news.careers360.com/iit-gandhinagar-new-courses-2026-mdes-mtech-maritime-engineering-launch-design-innovation-logistics-programme</a>

4th April 2026	Times Now Education	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Expands Academic Offerings: New MDes, MTech Maritime Engineering Announced	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.timesnownews.com/education/iit-gandhinagar-expands-academic-offerings-new-mdes-mtech-maritime-engineering-announced-article-153995926">https://www.timesnownews.com/education/iit-gandhinagar-expands-academic-offerings-new-mdes-mtech-maritime-engineering-announced-article-153995926</a>
3rd April 2027	Anand abazar	Online	NA	উচ্চশিক্ষায় জাহাজ তৈশিক ৌলি! ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এবং শিজ. াই কিখাবব আইআইটি প্রশেষাি	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.anandabazar.com/education-career/indian-institute-of-technology-gandhinaga[%E2%80%A6]new-post-graduate-programmes-check-details-dgt/cid/1678134">https://www.anandabazar.com/education-career/indian-institute-of-technology-gandhinaga[%E2%80%A6]new-post-graduate-programmes-check-details-dgt/cid/1678134</a>
3rd April 2026	Silicon India	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Expands Academic Portfolio with New MTech, MDes Programs	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.siliconindia.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-expands-academic-portfolio-with-new-mtech-mdes-programs-nwid-53950.html">https://www.siliconindia.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-expands-academic-portfolio-with-new-mtech-mdes-programs-nwid-53950.html</a>

2nd April 2026	Skill Outlook	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Announces New Programmes Focused on Emerging Technologies and Design	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://skilloutlook.com/education/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-programmes-focused-on-emerging-technologies-and-design">https://skilloutlook.com/education/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-programmes-focused-on-emerging-technologies-and-design</a>
2nd April 2026	Microsoft News	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar announces new MTech, MDes programmes on technologies and design	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/news/india/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design/ar-AA200F8M">https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/news/india/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design/ar-AA200F8M</a>
2nd April 2026	First Piper	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar announces new MTech, MDes programmes on technologies and design	Prabhukvn	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://firstpiper.com/2026/04/02/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design/">https://firstpiper.com/2026/04/02/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design/</a>
2nd April 2026	Higher Education Review	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Launches New MTech, MDes Tech Design Courses	NA	Prof. Bhaskar Datta, Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.thehighereducationreview.com/management/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-new-mtech-mdes-">https://www.thehighereducationreview.com/management/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-new-mtech-mdes-</a>

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2nd April 2026	NewsBytes	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar adds MDes and MTech in Maritime Engineering 2026-27	NA	NA	<a href="https://www.newsbytesapp.com/news/science/iit-gandhinagar-adds-mdes-and-mtech-in-maritime-engineering-2026-27/tldr">https://www.newsbytesapp.com/news/science/iit-gandhinagar-adds-mdes-and-mtech-in-maritime-engineering-2026-27/tldr</a>
3rd April 2026	Microsoft News	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar introduces two master's programmes in design and emerging technologies	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/india/iit-gandhinagar-introduces-two-master-s-programmes-in-design-and-emerging-technologies/ar-AA204y9d">https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/india/iit-gandhinagar-introduces-two-master-s-programmes-in-design-and-emerging-technologies/ar-AA204y9d</a>
3rd April 2026	Order of India	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Rolls Out New Master's in Design, Emerging Tech	Khushi Nagdeve	NA	<a href="https://www.orderofindia.com/latest-news/latest/iit-gandhinagar-launches-mdes-mtech-programmes/">https://www.orderofindia.com/latest-news/latest/iit-gandhinagar-launches-mdes-mtech-programmes/</a>
3rd April 2026	Himachal.blog	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Launches Innovative Master's	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://himachal.blog/iit-gandhinagar-launches-">https://himachal.blog/iit-gandhinagar-launches-</a>

				Programs in Design and Maritime Engineering			<a href="#">innovative-masters-programs-in-design-and-maritime-engineering/</a>
3rd April 2028	College Mentor	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Launches MDes and MTech in Maritime Engineering for 2026-27 Academic Session	Vishal Mayur	NA	<a href="https://www.collegementor.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-mdes-and-mtech-in-maritime-engineering-for-2026-27-academic-session">https://www.collegementor.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-mdes-and-mtech-in-maritime-engineering-for-2026-27-academic-session</a>
3rd April 2029	Edwire .in	Online	NA	IIT गांधीनगर ने नए MTech और MDes प्रोग्राम लॉन्च किए, तिनीं और किजाइन पर फोिस	NA	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://www.entrepreneurindia.com/blog/hi/news/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design.19888">https://www.entrepreneurindia.com/blog/hi/news/iit-gandhinagar-announces-new-mtech-mdes-programmes-on-technologies-and-design.19888</a>
4th April 2026	Career India	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Introduces MDes and MTech Maritime Engineering Programmes	Gowri L	NA	<a href="https://www.careerindia.com/news/admissions/iit-gandhinagar-launches-mdes-mtech-maritime-engineering-programmes-2026-058067.html">https://www.careerindia.com/news/admissions/iit-gandhinagar-launches-mdes-mtech-maritime-engineering-programmes-2026-058067.html</a>

4th April 2026	Collegedunia	Online	NA	IIT Gandhinagar Launches New MTech & MDes Programs for Admissions 2026-27	Sapna	Prof. Rajat Moona	<a href="https://collegedunia.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-new-mtech-and-mdes-programs-for-admissions-2026-27-alertid-150100">https://collegedunia.com/news/iit-gandhinagar-launches-new-mtech-and-mdes-programs-for-admissions-2026-27-alertid-150100</a>
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