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THE INSTITUTE HAS RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT ITS 18TH SUMMER CAMP

EDI attracts school students with camps

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Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Gandhinagar has received the highest number of school students during its 18th Entrepreneurial Stimulation (ES) summer camp for school children this time.

Started in 1994, EDI has been conducting ES summer camps for school children year-on-year and is witnessing a consistent rise in the number of participants.

Pankaj Bharti, coordinator for the summer camp at EDI said, "This year we have received 108 registrations. However, one student is not well so the number of participants is now 107."

Talking about the rise in the number of participants, Bharti added, "In 2009 we had received 89 entries; in 2010 there were 100 and this year we have received 108 entries, the highest in 17 years. Last year we had only 38 girl students taking part in the camp and this year the number has increased to 52 out of 108, which is nearly 50% of the total participation."

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Each year, April 18 is the deadline for registration. However, this year EDI had to stop the admission process on March 31 owing to rising entries. Also this time, unlike every year, the summer camp has been divided into two batches. "The first batch began on May 1 and ended on May 6. The second batch will start on May 22 and run up to May 27. Both these batches have two groups: Group A and Group B, wherein Group A has students in the age group 12 to 14 years and Group B has students from the 14 to 16 age group. The objective of such camps is to inculcate the spirit of enterprise and achievement in children so that they target high achievements in their lives," said Bharti.

According to EDI faculty, although children are fairly well informed, they still need certain direction and guidance. This requires careful mentoring as it develops a spirit of achievement in students. Inputs are provided through mental gymnastics, motivation and creativity exercises, puzzles, value education, presentations, interactive sessions with successful people from different walks of life and more.