



Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

A Report on

“High On Life Night Marathon”

23rd June 2018

Introduction:

Healthy Campus Committee (HCC) of Gandhinagar Institute of Technology works with an objective of making students aware about healthy life style, social consciousness, stress-management, self-esteem and drug awareness. GIT participated in the “High On Life Night Marathon” on 23rd June 2018, 5:00 PM onwards at Rajpath Club, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad. The event was organized by High On Life foundation in alliance with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Suraksha Setu Society and Healthy Campus (an initiative by the NCB).

Objective:

Drug addiction causes immense human distress and the illegal production and distribution of drugs have spawned crime and violence worldwide. According to a UN report, one million heroin addicts are registered in India and unofficially there are as many as five million. What started off as casual use among a minuscule population of high-income group youth in the metro has permeated to all sections of society. Cannabis, heroin, and Indian-produced pharmaceutical drugs are the most frequently abused drugs in India. The marathon event was organized with an effort to spread awareness about the increasing drug abuse among the youth and the perils of Drug addiction in our society.

Program:

Shri Nitin Patel (Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat), Smt. Bijal Patel (Mayor, Ahmedabad) and Shri Hari Om Gandhi (Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau) were the chief guests of the event. More than 5000 people took part in the 5 km, 10 km and Free Run categories. The participants wore ‘Say No to Drug’ t-shirts and ran from Rajpath club to Ring Road and back, spreading the message of a drug free nation. GIT played an active role in the event with around 50 students and 7 faculty participants. Twenty students from GIT volunteered in the event and helped High on Life foundation to carry out the event successfully. Shri Nitin Patel praised the initiative taken by High on Life foundation to eradicate this social stigma. Shri Hari Om Gandhi motivated students to stay healthy through daily exercise and exemplified ways to stop the growing drug consumption in our society. The students of GIT pledged to be physically fit and live a drug free life. The event ended with a live performance by singer Priyanka Negi.

Photo Gallery:



Shri Nitin Patel, Smt. Bijal Patel and Shri Hari Om Gandhi at the event.



GIT faculty participants at the event with race accessories.



GIT student volunteer's group photo with institute HCC banner.



GIT student participant's group photo with institute HCC banner.



HCC faculty members with student volunteers.



Participants from the 5 km, 10 km and Free Run categories, getting ready for the event.