

International Students 'Enjoying Engineering'

at Marwadi Education Foundation's Group of Institutions.



Marwadi Education Foundation's Group of Institutions (MEFGI) integrated technical campus is a place humming with academic, cultural, and interest focused activities for its international and national students. Spread in a serene 25 acre campus with beautiful artificial lake, lush green lawns, full size cricket, football, basket ball, hockey and activity ground, MEFGI campus is a love at the first sight for any visitor coming to its campus.

International students from Mozambic, Yemen, Rwanda, Syria, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Bangladesh (seven countries) are "Enjoying Engineering" at MEFGI campus supported by the academic staff of 30+ PhD faculty members and witnessing culture of India which is happening right on the campus along with 1800 students staying at our hostel campus.

International students were given best protective environment essential for their growth by focusing on **Safety, Academics & Cultural exposure.**

Safety:

1. **108 Emergency Medical Ambulance is stationed at MEFGI campus** in additional to a fleet of MEFGI vehicles from 8 pm to 8 am every night to assure safety of MEFGI's 1800 plus national and international students and 50 plus faculty members staying on campus.



2. A doctor on campus dispensary is there to make sure their health problems can be treated in time.
3. Campus has 24 hour security staff of 60+ security guards along with a full time warden to address their needs.
4. A what's app group of international students with Asst Vice President of MEFGI and Regional Officer of ICCR is made where international students are informed about the academic requirement as well it is used to address their problems immediately.

Academic Life:

International student's first objective is to learn and get an engineering degree from MEFGI.

Director of MEFGI, Dr Y P Kosta meets international students regularly for Breakfast meetings. In a recent meeting with student of BE, he explained importance of principals of engineering, its applications in the industry and process to score marks in exam.



In a joint meeting of international students with Dr. Y.P. Kosta – Director MEFGI, Dr. R. B. Jadeja – Dean Engg, Mr. Naresh Jadeja – Registrar, Mr. Pinto – Jt Registrar, Mr Urmish Vaishnav – Asst VP, Prof Forum Dave – Exe to Director and faculties acting as Host family to international students, challenges for international students were identified and were presented to Director. A regular mentoring from Dr. Kosta is helping students overcome fears of University exams and giving them clarity about need for understanding engineering concepts.

1. Based on student's request, **extra classes only for International students** are planned. All international students were given one on one coaching by expert faculties in important subjects. Faculties are helping international students to score good marks by informing them about University exam pattern.
2. Each student is having a faculty from their own department as their host family. These faculties will be part of their entire academic journey at MEFGI and are personally helping them for any academic query.



MEFGI Faculties acting as Host family for International students.

3. These groups of faculty members meets regularly to discuss issues of international students and update Director and Dean of MEFGI to take necessary actions.
4. International students are invited to make or join 'SIG' (Special Interest Groups) at MEFGI where students with similar technology interests form a group for discussions and development. MEFGI provides all required resource for tinkering and testing of student's interesting ideas.

Cultural Life of International Students at MEFGI:

1. MEFGI has requested faculty members to become a host family for our International students. Efforts of these faculty members are recognized by MEFGI as an important voluntary service to the institution. These faculties are taking them out for shopping, accompany them during festivals and invite them at their home.
2. International students celebrated following festivals on MEFGI campus –
 - i. **Tarnetar Mela:** One of the most famous 'Mela' of India, Tarnetar mela organized in Rajkot district. International students were taken to

Tarnetar mela by Asst. VP of MEFGI in institute bus to give them exposure of Indian culture and celebrations of festivals in rural areas.



MEFGI International students at Tarnetar Mela with Honb'le **Chief Minister of Gujarat Smt Anandiben Patel**



MEFGI International Students at Mela



- ii. **Youth Festival Xitij:** This year University's Central Youth festival for entire state was organized at MEFGI. Hundreds of teams from colleges across Gujarat performed in this youth festival. This youth festival had competitions in Indian and western Music and dance, art and





- iii. **Ganpati Utsav:** Giant Murti of Lord Ganesh was brought by MEFGI hostel students and Ganesh Festival for nine days was celebrated on campus. Students were informed about the festivals and were exposed to Indian culture of idols.



- iv. **Navratri Celebrations:** Nine days of Navratri was celebrated on MEFGI campus grounds. These nine days were full of Garba, Aarti and Prasad at the campus grounds. International students participated in garba festivals at campus.

