

# IITGN & EDII professors to get national award today

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PROFINDRANATH Sengupta, who heads mathematics department at Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN), and Dr Satya Ranjan Acharya, professor and director of the department of entrepreneurship education at

Ahmedabad's Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), will be awarded the National Award to Teachers 2023 by the Union Ministry of Education on September 5, Teachers' Day, for their contribution to higher education.

"Such a prestigious award for faculty members of higher education institutions will encourage

more teachers to take up teaching along with research. There has to be a perfect balance of research and teaching for every teacher in order to create a future generation of well-trained academicians," Prof Sengupta said. A firm believer that education must be made accessible to maximum number of students inside and outside the classroom, he added, "I teach stu-

dents to ask good questions."

Prior to IITGN, Prof Sengupta was a faculty at Jadavpur University in Kolkata for 13 years. He has also taught at University of Missouri Columbia in the US and Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Education and Research Institute in Kolkata during 2008-2010.

Prof Acharya, meanwhile, has

expertise in training budding entrepreneurs as well as grooming developed entrepreneurs. He is currently heading the 'Hastakala Setu' project, sponsored by Gujarat Commissioner of Cottage and Rural Industries.

He is also engaged in start-up initiatives of the Gujarat government and the MHRD Innovation Cell at AICTE.