

# India-Israel Meet

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Wednesday

The India-Israel innovation initiative was held in iCreate Campus, Deo Dholera, Ahmedabad at 11 am. Total 39 students participated in this meet. Our bus departed from Vidyanagar at 8 am sharp. We reached the iCreate Campus at 10:30 am. It was compulsory to carry the invitation card, College Id card as well as Identity proof.

The ceremony started with felicitation of Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu (Honourable PM of Israel) followed by our CM Vijay Rupani 's speech. India Israel innovation challenge awards were given in the category of innovation in agriculture ,water and digital health. Total 165 ideas were received from which 150 were from Israel itself. Mr. Benjamin also gave a short speech on how delighted was his tour to India and how technology and young people are the future. Some words very rightly said by him and were appreciated by the crowd too were, "I want young minds of Israel to come visit India ,not just with a backpack but with a laptop".The demonstration of Mobile Water Treatment Vehicle was shown. After that a warm welcome to Mr. Benjamin was given by Narendra Modi (Our honourable PM) , he also mentioned that they went to Sabarmati Ashram and fly kites there before coming there. Then a very inspirational speech was delivered by our PM. He started by his favourite quote in Hindi "Sankalp se Siddhi". He reminded the crowd about late Prof. N. G. Vasani(the founder of iCreate). He praised Gujarat by making India in top for pharmaceuticals whose pillars were laid 50-60 years ago when the first pharmaceutical college of India was opened in Ahmedabad. Also how last year during his visit to Israel he thought that India and Israel are working together in many fields like Water observation, agriculture products, food processing, etc. and he wanted to make this relation a lot stronger than it was back then and iCreate is the outcome of that. He concluded his speech by saying," Desh ka akar nahi, deshvasiyon ka Sankalp desh ko aage le jata he".

Then after we had our lunch. We also got the opportunity of visiting the exhibition of the projects that were developed under iCreate.

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