## Amid fire tragedies, BTech in fire safety turns a hot cake

## GSFC University Registers 100% Placement

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Vadodara: At a time when Gujarat is recovering from the lives lost to tragic fire incidents, young graduates who have earned a degree in BTech in fire, environment, health and safety (Fire & EHS) from GSFC University are getting record placements.

GSFC University became the first varsity in the state to offer a four-year full-time bachelor's degree programme in Fire & EHS in 2019.

In the last two years, the university has started registering 100% placement of students graduating from this stream. In fact, the highest salary package offered to a BTech in Fire & EHS has even surpassed the salary package offered to a BTech graduate in computer science and engineering (CSE) this year.

GSFC University has 2,152 students, including 871 students enrolled with the School of Technology that offers BTech in the three engineering streams — fire & EHS, CSE and chemical engineering. The highest salary package of Rs 6.5 lakh



File photo of GSFC University students during a mock drill

per annum has gone to a student of BTech in Fire & EHS this year.

The average or medium salary package of the 2023-24

graduating batch stands at Rs3lakh per annum.

"Even last year, the highest salary package of Rs 6 lakh per annum was offered to a student of BTech in Fire & EHS," said an official.

"Considering the fact that there is an acute shortage of professionals in fire and safety despite Gujarat rapidly emerging as a state of industries, we had realized this pressing need and embarked with the program of BTech in Fire and EHS in 2019," said GSFC University's president PK Taneja.

"In 2019, we had started the first batch with 25 students, including four girl students," he said, adding that initially the programme had less social acceptance.

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ast year, Reliance Industries Limited, Gujarat Chemical Port Limited, Alembic Pharma, Jindal Saw and Chennai-based IMC, India's leading port terminalling and infrastructure company recruited the graduates; this year, Adani Group, Nirma Limited, Reliance Retail and Sicgil Industrial Gases have joined the list of recruiters.

The campus is equipped with 'FirePlex' – a training institute in fire & safety, approved by the Gujarat directorate of industrial safety & health in which field training is provided. Students of BTech Fire & EHS undergo drills to be industry-ready. "Placement of 100% in reputed companies speaks of the importance this course assumes for industries and society alike," he said. TNN