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IIM-N gets good response, fills up most seats in 5th batch

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Nagpur: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nagpur, now in its 5th year, continues to get stupendous response to its flagship Post-Graduate Programme (PGP) in Management.

The premier B-school registered around 97% students of its total intake of 130. This year, it had also reserved four seats under central government's economically weaker section (EWS) quota. The final admission figure stands at 122 students from 23 states of India. This time too institute has recorded a decent number of girl students. Of the 122 new joiners, 20 are girls.

Last year, highest number of 22 girls had accepted the offer and enrolled at IIM-N when the intake was doubled to 120 after addition of one more section.

The girl-boy ratio had remained low in previous batches. Before 2018, the ratio had slipped to an abysmal 5% with just 3 girls, down from seven the previous year, joining the IIM-N. The average work experience across the current batch is 26 months. Most members of the batch are engineering graduates (114). Remaining eight students come from backgrounds as diverse as chemistry, psychology, commerce, computer application and hotel and tourism management, the institute said in a press statement.

IIM-N is running from temporary campus at VNIT since it started in July 2015. It plans to shift to its own campus in Mihan-SEZ from next academic year. The prestigious college has drawn up a Rs650crore plan for constructing its permanent facility in three-phases on 132-acre land at Dahegaon Mouza.

Three batches of its flagship programme have passed out from the temporary campus. Earlier, it was expected to move out by 2019. In fact, with increase in intake the institute has acquired additional infrastructure to accommodate students at VNIT campus itself.

Meanwhile, the fifth batch was welcomed during an event at NIT Community Hall last month. Nitin Bawankule, Country director for Google Cloud, students of PGP-1 and 2, faculty, staff and parents of the new joiners attended the function. The inauguration flagged off the week-long orientation programme for the new batch.

“Fairness is more important than efficiency,” Admissions Chairperson Thiagu Ranganathan said to emphasize that the process of selection did not compromise on quality. The institute also sought to maintain inclusivity, he said, referring to the implementation of EWS quota from the current year.

IIM-N director LS Murty said parents would have to continue to support their children throughout the two-year journey in which students might encounter many ups and downs.

Murty said the new batch would be unique as it would experience both the present as well as upcoming permanent campus at Mihan.