

Cracked ABCL? Study for free at IIM-Nagpur

Fee Waiver For 10 Students Under Scholarship

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Nagpur: The Indian Institute of Management-Nagpur (IIM-N) will now offer complete fee waiver in the form of a scholarship to 10 students who are eligible for admissions to IIMs at Ahmedabad, Bangalore (Bengaluru), Calcutta (Kolkata) and Lucknow, also known as ABCL, but opt for Nagpur.

The IIM has hiked its fee to around ₹18 lakh for the 2022-24 batch of postgraduate programme (PGP) in management. Students availing scholarship will only have to bear the mess charges while rest of the academic fee would be covered under the sponsorship.

Traditionally, Common Admission Test (CAT) toppers having percentile of more than 95 get calls from these prestigious B-schools.

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Best brains, including freshers from IITs and NITs are able to crack the admission process of the top four IIMs.

The previous cut-off for IIM-Nagpur was approximately 88 percentile.

The selection criteria of IIMs also varies with each having their unique assessment methods. Based on the overall performance of applicants, a merit list is prepared for admission.

The IIM so far has been giving more weightage to applicants with work experience. Hence, those having lower CAT percentile are sometimes placed higher in its merit list.

This year's CAT has been conducted and students will be filling admission forms for different B-schools.

IIM director Bhimaraya Metri told TOI that only a high CAT percentile would be required to qualify for the scholarship. "The scholarship will be open to all. Even if an applicant has lower ranking in our merit list but has higher CAT percentile, she or he qualifies for the scho-



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IIM-N to hold three convocations at its Mihan campus next month

Nagpur: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM-N) has confirmed that it will hold its three convocations simultaneously next month at its new campus in Mihan, as per its officials. The ceremonies were not held due to the pandemic for the last two years, **report Vaibhav Ganjapure and Sarfraz Ahmed.**

On February 21, TOI was the first to report that IIM-N is planning a grand ceremony for at least the previous two batches, while the current batch's convocation to was likely to be merged. The 2018-20, 2019-21 and 2020-22 batches of two-year flagship postgraduate programme in management, comprising over 450 students, will be conferred with degrees and prizes.

The last convocation of the students from 2017-19 batch, which was the B-school's third one, was held on April 15, 2019 at the VNIT premises, from where it was operating all that while. It shifted operations to the new campus in January this year.

The premier institution also plans to inaugurate its state-of-the-art campus on the same day when convocations would be held, probably in April first week. The IIM-N administration is trying to invite a high-profile dignitary from the central government along with Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, officials said.

IIM-N director Bhimaraya Metri told TOI the guests were yet to be finalized and they would be spelling out details when their participation would be confirmed. Speaking about the new campus, the director said it was delayed by a couple of years due to the pandemic, but now its first phase was almost ready.

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larship. The modalities are being finalized by a committee and details would soon be uploaded on our website. In case of a clash in percentile, we may consider the institute merit list and other academic achievements," he said.

So far, the IIM hasn't got many applicants from IITs or top NITs. Officials feel presence of such bright students in the batch will add

value and change the environment of the class.

The city IIM is also planning a revision in its assessment pattern for admission, just like IIM-A which gives more weightage to freshers.

Metri added that next academic year, the institute shall also roll out new courses like Bharat Darshan, rural sensitisation, Indian ethos and business as per NEP.