

IIM Raipur creates history, admits more girls than boys

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At a time when management institutes across the world are trying to bring gender parity in male-dominated classrooms of business education, a young Indian Institute of Management (IIM) has made history by admitting more girls than boys this year.

In the cohort of 2022, IIM Raipur has 205 girls compared to 125 boys — thus overturning the gender equation on campus that had admitted 146 boys and 120 girls last year. Now, the institute has 20% more girls than boys in the flagship postgraduate programme in management.

MORE WOMEN APPLY TO B-SCHOOLS GLOBALLY

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- It has 20% more girls than boys in the flagship PG programme in management
- A '21 GMAC survey showed more women apply to B-schools. That is also true of India now
- IIM Kozhikode is known for strong woman power in its board of governors and faculty

Meanwhile, IIM Kozhikode, which for one year in 2019 set aside 60 supernumerary seats for women, has seen the share of women candidates admitted in 2022 at 46.7%.

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IIM Raipur admissions were gender-blind

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Apart from Raipur and Kozhikode, while many IIMs have crossed the mark of having 30% women this year (see table), others such as IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Calcutta are slowly inching closer to that. A 2021 application survey by GMAC revealed that more women than men had applied to join B-schools around the world. And that is reflective in the incoming batch of B-school

TOWARDS GENDER-BALANCED CLASSROOMS

Students in flagship PG course in management (in %)

Institute	2022		2021	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
IIM Raipur	37.9	62.1	54.9	45.1
IIM Kozhikode	53.3	46.7	61.4	38.6
IIM Indore	66.8	33.2	66.7	33.3
IIM Bangalore	67.62	32.38	68.4	31.6
IIM Udaipur	69.1	30.9	60.1	39.9
IIM Calcutta	71	29	69	31
IIM Ahmedabad	77.1	23	72	28

(Data collected from each IIM by TOI)



freshers in India too. IIM Raipur is an example where this trend played out imposingly. The institute's admission process was gender-blind: Neither did it alter its selection process nor the interview panel. No additional marks were doled out to women candidates. IIM Kozhikode stands alongside Harvard Business School and Oxford Said as one of the most balanced MBA programmes. Diversity sits at its core with strong women power in its board of governors and among faculty.