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IIM-K flips gender ratio with 60% female student intake

IIM Raipur Comes Close To Half Mark With 45%

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Mumbai: At a time when management institutes across the world are trying to bring gender parity in male-dominated classrooms of business education, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode has admitted almost 60% female students in its postgraduate programme in management.

In the cohort of 2024, IIM Kozhikode has 290 female students compared to 201 male students, thus overturning the gender equation on campus that had admitted 285 male students and 207 females last year. Meanwhile, IIM Raipur came close to the halfmark this year by admitting 45% female students—the number will be finalised only by July 1.

"At IIM Kozhikode, we take immense pride in being a pioneer in promoting gender diversity among Indian B-Schools. This year...we have yet again achieved a significant milestone with close to 60% female students, the highest ever in our history," said Debashis Chatterjee, director of the institute.

For one year, in 2019, the insti-

GENDER EQUATION OVERTURNING?

Students in flagship PG programme in mgmt (in %)

2023		2024	
Male	Female	Male	Female
285	207	201	290
315	93	304	100
220	114	261	123
285	202	352	135
155	233	184	130
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tute had set aside 60 supernumerary seats for women, but now, there is no reservation for them.

Many IIMs, like Ahmedabad, have come close to admitting 30% women this year. At IIM Ahmedabad, of 404 students from a diverse educational, professional, socioeconomic and gender backgrounds in the PGP Class of 2024-26, about 25% are female students. as compared to about 23% last year. About 39% of the batch comprises students from non-engineering disciplines and 61% from engineering. The new batch of PGP consists of 29% freshers and 71% experienced candidates having a range of skills and work experience in sectors such as consulting, banking and financial services, public sector units, pharmaceuticals/healthcare,

and information technology. IIMs of Indore, Raipur and Lucknow provided the most recent data available, which may see some small changes when the final numbers are collated.

Ashok Banerjee, director of IIM-Udaipur, said the newly revised curriculum tailored for this batch aims to provide a unique and transformative educational experience. IIM Raipur has admitted 131 male engineers and 52 female engineers; the other 78 women are non-engineers.