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# A first for IIM-Rohtak: Over 50% students are women

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ROHTAK: For the first time since it started functioning in 2010, the Indian Institute of Management at Rohtak has more than 50% woman students. This year, of the 242 students enrolled in the institute's flagship PGP programme, 123 are women.

In its first batch, IIM-Rohtak had just three women against 45 men. Then, in its next batch in 2011-13, the institute had nine women. The tally improved to 12 next year. There was a massive jump in the 2013-15 batch, as 73 women enrolled in the programme. The figure was 49 for the year after, 2014-16.

The number fell to 14 in 2015-17 and to nine in 2016-17. Many had blamed Jat reservation stir in Rohtak for the dip in women seeking admission to

the institute. A professor at IIM-Rohtak said many women had shown interest in 2016 initially, but they backed out after seeing the state in flames.

The number of women in the 2017-19 batch rose to 27 in a batch of 260.

The premier institute recently shifted to its 200-acre, state-of-the-art campus at Sunariya village on Hisar-Delhi national highway.

A spokesperson said majority of the batch was aged between the ages of 23 and 25. "It is diverse and has representation of 20 states, which is a healthy mix," the spokesperson added.

IIM-Rohtak director Dheeraj Sharma credited the diverse mix of students to the institute engaging with potential applicants through outreach programmes, management conclaves, and online interactions. “Some of our new students include a sub-lieutenant in the Indian navy, the captain of the under-19 cricket team, and a physicist from DRDO,” Sharma said.