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IIM-Rohtak maintains gender diversity in its 10th batch too

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ROHTAK: Maintaining its gender diversity track record, the Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak (IIM-Rohtak) has enrolled 124 girl students out of total 246 students in its 10th PGP Programme. The classes for the new batch start on Wednesday.

A spokesperson of the IIM-Rohtak said that total 246 students joined the course this year and of these 50% are female, a successful repeat of its 9th PGP Programme in 2018. To bridge the gender gap, the premier institute has started providing 5% extra weightage to female students applying for the course here.

Majority of the batch is between the age of 23 and 25 years and is diverse with representation from 20 states, which reflects a healthy combination from all parts of the country, the spokesperson said.

According to IIM-Rohtak report, it has achieved 51% women batch size in sync with its gender diversity goal of students in its 2018 PGP Programme in which of 242 students, 123 were women. In 2017, it had inducted 29 female students in its eight batch that was also an improvement from nine in the previous batch.

In the 2017, the IIM-Rohtak had increased its batch size from 160 to 260 students to bring the gender diversity in its campus for egalitarian environment. IIM-Rohtak, which came into being in 2009, had only three girls in its inaugural batch of 2010-2012. There were just nine girls against 115 boys in the next batch.

However, the number of girl students dropped in 2016 following the Jat reservation stir in Haryana. There were just nine girls against 145 boys in its 2016-18 batch, forcing the authorities to explore options to bring gender diversity in its campus.

Welcoming the 10th batch, IIM-Rohtak director Dheeraj Sharma said that this was the second batch in a row which has a diverse set of students in every sense. The diversity in campus brings a holistic and important learning experience for students.

He said: “With our aim to have a high level of diversity in its students and faculty, we continue to emphasize on ‘recruitment’ and not ‘selection’ to attract the best in the country to IIM-Rohtak.”

The inaugural ceremony of new batch was attended by MP Satya Pal Singh, High commissioner of Bangladesh to India Syed Muazzem Ali and Rajya Sabha member Subramanian Swami.