IITD registers around 30% increase in female admission

IIT Delhi has registered around 30% increase in the total number of female candidates admitted this year, data available after the third round of counselling has revealed.

There will be a total of seven rounds of counselling. The final round of reporting will be held on July 22.

Chairman JEE (Adv) A K Nema says that as against 70 female candidates admitted in 2016, a total of 93, including one in the top 100, have already taken admission in the institute after the third round of counselling this year. Even the overall percentage of female candidates admitted, as against the total admissions so far, has spiraled from 8 to nearly 11%.

"Even though the overall percentage of female students in IITs has been low in the past, due to better awareness as well as many new initiatives there is substantial increase in this figure in recent years. It is worthwhile to note that a study within IIT Delhi from data over last several years showed that the female B.Tech students outperformed male counterparts in terms of grades despite sometimes having lower JEE ranks. We plan to incorporate various new measures to improve the overall environment in the campus catering to the needs of female students." says Joby Joseph who is the acting Dean Academics

Overall there has been an increase of around 11% in the number of students who ranked in top 100 and took admission to the institute.

“While IIT Delhi already has a large population of female post graduate students, this year, based on the estimates from second round of counselling, we are expecting 30% increase in number of female under-graduate students. The cosmopolitan atmosphere in campus and integration of student activities that provide rich overall individual growth, especially to female students via various extra and co-curricular opportunities make it a much desired destination for girls, says IIT Delhi director V Ramgopal Rao.

Elucidating on the efforts being taken by the institute to increase the number of female students, Prof Rao said that for the past few years, at least one of the elected student General Secretaries of student bodies had been an under-graduate girl student. “This not only allows setting up of good examples for all students, but
ensures that any issues related to gender equality and sensitization are well addressed in different fora across the campus.”

**Interaction desk at IITD for girls**

In an effort to increase the number of girls on the campus, IIT Delhi had organised an on-campus interaction on June 17 with the girl students who had cleared the JEE Advanced 2017.

Besides interactions in-person, there were also consultations via emails and telephone calls. “The response was extremely positive. The idea was essentially to encourage girls to join an IIT and allay any doubts or fears that they or their parents may have had regarding pursuing any area at IIT Delhi”, Shalini Gupta, who coordinated the interaction said.

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