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Rising Diversity in IIMA's PGP and PGP - FABM Programmes

Ahmedabad | July 1, 2017: Registration for the new batch of PGP and PGP-FABM culminated on June 30, 2017 at IIMA with one of the most diverse batches ever, in terms of gender and educational background, joining the Institute.

Professor Ashish Nanda, Director, IIMA said, "In our discussion based learning environment, diversity in student backgrounds and experiences helps enrich the learning process by bringing in different perspectives to the class. We at IIMA are delighted to welcome this diverse group of incoming students."

Non-engineers constitute 32% of the students who have joined PGP Program this year, the highest ever in more than 15 years.

Professor Apratim Guha, Chairperson, Admissions, IIMA, explains "Our admissions policy is to invite for interviews candidates from different academic disciplines based on their academic performances, subject to their clearing certain CAT cut-offs. This approach increases the discipline diversity of our incoming class. This is part of a conscious effort to improve the in-class learning experience of students, who we believe would benefit from being in class with people from diverse background."

Data for PGP Graduate Program: Non - Engineering students

Batch	Percentage
2015-17	9%
2016-18	20%
2017-19	32%

The PGP Programme has also witnessed a steady growth over the last three years in the percentage of women students, with this year's batch having 28% women, one of the highest ever.

Professor Nanda noted: "We are pleased with the increasing percentage of women students in our entering class. This has been achieved without giving extra credits or holding specific quotas on account of gender. The increased percentage has been achieved through a combination of active recruitment of women candidates, encouraging discipline diversity of students called for interviews, and paying attention to holistic leadership potential among applicants being interviewed. A broad mix across gender will contribute to a richer learning environment at the Institute."

Data for PGP Graduate Program: Female Students

Batch	Percentage of Female Students
2015-17	14%
2016-18	21%
2017-19	28%

PGP-FABM programme, the world's top-rated programme in agri-business, also had a diverse entering class. Forty five percent of the entering class were non-engineers and 50% were women.

Data for PGP- FABM Graduate Program: Non - Engineering students

Batch	Percentage
2015-17	15%
2016-18	26%
2017-19	45%

Data for PGP – FABM Graduate Program: Female Students

Batch	Percentage of Female Ratio
2015-17	39%
2016-18	46%
2017-19	50%

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