

IIM-V witnesses surplus students enrolling for its 2018-20 PG programme

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Visakhapatnam: The Post-Graduate Programme academic year at IIM Visakhapatnam would begin on Monday with 106 students against the authorised intake of 100 seats this year.

The 2018-20 batch of the PGP would be the first programme where students will sit in two sections since the approved batch strength went up from 60 seats till last year.

IIM Visakhapatnam is one among the latest of IIM-tagged premier B-schools in the country, set up in the port city in 2015.

The surplus six students are a result of the institute's strategy to send out extra offer letters as was the case earlier and in line with a practice at other IIMs too.

The additional offers were made keeping in view the possibility that some candidates who received IIM-V offers would end up preferring other IIMs if they received offers from there. The admission processes is held separately at the 20 IIMs in the country.

"We have crossed the 100 seats target and closed the admissions at 106," IIM-V director M Chandrasekhar told **TOI** on Thursday.

Since the institute cannot deny a student an admission as it had sent out a seat offer letter to him/her, it had to accommodate all the students

The institute sent out extra offer letters as it was expecting some candidates to opt for older and more established IIMs. However, a surplus of six students ended up accepting the offer letters, pushing up the final count to 106 against the capacity of 100

who turned up regardless the intake capacity.

The institute had foreseen this scenario of a higher number of offer acceptances as reported by **TOI** in April when the interview process was yet to begin.

"In a scenario of overshooting our target, we are reasonably certain that the final tally would be about 110 students. Since we are going for two sections from this academic year, we can accommodate up to 120 students with 60 in each. So, facility-wise, it should not be a problem," Chandrasekhar told **TOI**.

"However, I will need to get the extra seats ratified for which I have to approach the MHRD and our board for their nod," the director had said then.

The institute, which is being mentored by IIM Bengaluru, would have a week of orientation and preparatory programme next week beginning with the registrations on July 23. The term-1 classes would begin on July 30.