

IIM-V to offer fellow programme in management

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Visakhapatnam: The Indian Institute of Management at Visakhapatnam, the only IIM in the two Telugu states, would begin its doctoral programme—fellow programme in management (FPM), from next academic year with five seats.

The IIM-Vizag could be the first one among the newest set of seven IIMs, also known as the third generation of the IIMs, set up in 2015, to begin the interdisciplinary research programme. On Monday, the premier B School has inducted 105 students as its fourth batch of its flagship Post Graduate Programme in Management.

"We have received the approval of the ministry of HRD to begin our FPM programme. We plan to have an intake of five researchers annually," M Chandrasekhar, director, IIM-V told

TOI. The fellow programme in management (FPM) is equivalent to PhD and is a full time residential doctoral programme which is already offered by the older IIMs like Bangalore, which is the mentor institute of IIM-Vizag. The FPM at the IIMs is globally recognized and is considered as a premier source of rigorous, inter-disciplinary research in all areas of business management. Typically, FPM students would specialise in one of the areas like finance & accounting, marketing, entrepreneurship, management, organizational behaviour & human resources public policy, strategy.

"For the FPM programme, we need well experienced faculty whom we plan to gain in due course. We would take the help of our mentor institute- IIM Bangalore- in FPM in the initial years," Chandrasekhar tells **TOI** on the side-lines of the PGP induction event.

NEW BATCH INDUCTED

> IIM-V inducted **105 students** in fourth batch of its flagship PGP course

> The sanctioned strength of the course went up from **60** till last year, to **100 seats** from this academic year onwards

> The five extra students are a result of a practice at the IIMs of making extra offers since some of the aspirants who get their letters might prefer the superior ones

> IIM-V admissions received higher response this year.

A student who joined another of the newest IIMs has finally preferred IIM-V, officials said

> The **105 students** are from across **20 states** of the country, though most of them are from the two Telugu states

> The PGP course fee at the IIM-V is **₹5.25 lakh** per annum

The PGP 2018-20 batch would be sitting in two sections since the strength is now over 100

The IIM-V, which is helped by the IIM-B in admission process, too is planning to manage its admissions on its own from next year with some guidance from the supporter institute. The academic activities of the IIM-V are at present run from the Andhra Bank School of Bu-

siness building of the Andhra University, while accommodation for the students is provided at two private hostels in the city. The institute is planning to move into its own campus to come up at Gambheeram near the city by the beginning of the 2021 academic year.

Teaching positions to be filled at IIM-V

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Visakhapatnam: The IIM Visakhapatnam is in the process of filling five teaching positions at the institute soon which would take the teacher-student ratio, at one of the newest IIMs in the country, to a healthy 1:10 this academic year.

The IIM-V director M Chandrasekhar said that 1:10 ratio is according to the instructions of the HRD ministry. "We are in the screening process of the applications and once shortlisted, we will call for interviews etc. process which could take place in two month time," Chandrasekhar said.

While the new batch of PGP

with an additional intake of 40 students from this year is 100, the previous batch which is in second year now is of 60 students which in total make student strength of 160.

At present there are 11 full time faculty at the institute. The addition of five more teachers likely by September-October would take it to 16:160 or 1:10. This apart, several visiting faculty from various IIMs and other institutes would continue to visit frequently and teach here, the director said.

IIM-V has recorded 100% placements for its 2016-18 PGP batch, with the average salary of the top quartile offers at 16.3 lakh per annum.