

# No female takers for IIT Indore's PG courses

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Poor representation of girl students in BTech courses offered by IITs is no new news and no new concern.

But a newer news and newer concern to the powers that be could be that the representation of fairer sex in post-graduate courses of IITs is even worse.

For evidence contact Indian Institute of Technology Indore.

The institute that launched two PG courses, thus far, from sessions 2013-14 did not find even a single female candidate for the courses. The courses in mention here are MTech programme in communication and signal engineering and MTech

programme in production and industrial engineering.

Of the 24 admission offers, 12 for each course, sent to MTech aspirants, no candidate is a girl.

"The matter is really concerning but we can't help. We are not discriminating against the girls; it's just that they are not coming forward to take admissions," an officer of the institute said adding that the picture at the other IITs is no different.

The officer cited "compulsory stay on campus" one big reason for zero admission of girl students in PG courses offered by IIT Indore.

"In our conservative society, parents still hesitate in sending their daughters

to the institutes where campus stay is compulsory. In our case, we are providing accommodation to students in a rented campus. Perhaps, the parents are more concerned because of this and are not sending their daughters to the institute," the officer said. He seems right as the BTech programmes of the institute have also witnessed very low representation from girl candidates. The BTech programmes have nearly 20 per cents girl students only. The fact aside, the institute however is soon to come up with a policy aimed at increasing number of girl students. "We are working on the policy draft," the officer stated.