



Saint-Gobain India grants merit scholarship to girl students from IIITDM Kancheepuram

Chennai, 2nd June, 2023: Saint-Gobain India and Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM) Kancheepuram signed an MoU in the year 2022 to award merit scholarships to girl students pursuing B. Tech program at the institute. In line with this commitment, the first batch of girl students admitted to IIITDM were awarded scholarship in June 2023 taking into account their JEE rank and parental income. Through the MoU, Saint-Gobain has committed to contribute INR 2.29 crores to support the education of girl students through 130 annual scholarships for a period of 8 years.

This industry-academia partnership is in line with Saint-Gobain India's, Gender Diversity Agenda, to attract and retain more women into manufacturing from institutions of national importance. The scholarship will encourage aspiring girl students from underprivileged background to seek admission and pursue B.Tech in Computer Science, Electronics, and Mechanical engineering among others.

Mr. P. Padmakumar, Executive Director-HR & Head CSR, Saint-Gobain India, during the event, said, "Within the global framework of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Saint-Gobain Group in India focuses on specific priority actions under each of the six broad areas – one of which is linked to Social Welfare and Community Development. In this endeavour, we are happy to associate with IIITDM Kancheepuram to grant scholarships to girl students for pursuing their academic program. We hope our initiative will encourage girl students to meet their aspirations."

Prof. MV Kartikeyan, Director, IIITDM Kancheepuram said "The implementation of the scheme is expected to enhance the enrollment of girl students at IIITDM Kancheepuram. He further expressed his plan to approach other nearby industries for grant of a similar scholarship scheme for girl students."

Prof. S Sadagopan, Chairman, Board of Governors expressed his desire for more girls taking up technical education and contribute for development of the country”

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