



Press Release

Maharshi Karve Stree-Shikshan Samstha and Cummins India Foundation collaborate to launch a women's engineering college in Nagpur

Nagpur, February 27, 2010: Maharshi Karve Stree-Shikshan Samstha (MKSS) and the Cummins India Foundation (CIF) have collaborated yet again to launch a high quality women's engineering college in Nagpur. The Engineering College exclusively for women offers degree programs in Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Engineering & Electronics and Telecommunications.

The College aims at offering good quality, higher education to female students and is built to accommodate 240 students, 60 in each of the four streams of engineering. The campus provides excellent accommodation facilities that can house about 200 ladies. As part of phase I, a building spanning an area of 58,000 sq. ft. has been constructed. Upon completion of phase II, the campus would span an area of approximately 145,000 sq. ft. and the hostel facility will be enhanced to accommodate 500 students. Admissions to the first batch of degree programs will commence in June/July 2010.

The association between MKSS and CIF dates back to 1991, when with a generous contribution from CIF, a trust founded by the Cummins Group in India, the first women's engineering college opened its doors to female students in Pune city. Over the last 10 years, the college has established itself as one of the finest colleges offering Engineering degrees to women in India. Having done so, MKSS and CIF have collaborated once again to establish the second unit of the Cummins College of Engineering for Women in Nagpur. MKSS has earlier established a Nursing College and a College offering B. Ed and D. Ed programs in the city.

Speaking at the press conference, Mr. Vishwas Deval, Chairman, MKSS said, "In continuation with our efforts towards empowering women, we are pleased to establish the second unit of the Cummins College of Engineering for Women. The respect and recognition garnered by the College in Pune encouraged us to look at expanding our endeavours in Nagpur. We are grateful for the support and funding that has been provided by the Cummins India Foundation in helping us realize our efforts."

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Anant J. Talaulicar, Managing Director, Cummins Group in India, said, "Higher education continues to be a focus area for our Foundation. In line with this we are humbled with the opportunity of being able to support MKSS in helping female students fulfill their educational aspirations, and become independent individuals capable of making significant contributions to their families and society. Aligned with our commitment to corporate responsibility, we look forward to a continued association with MKSS, which we are confident will improve the lives of many in times to come."

The cost of the project is expected to be Rs.27.5 crores. Keeping with CIF's commitment towards Higher Education, one of the three focus area besides Local Community Infrastructure Development & Energy and Environment, the Foundation has provided financial support of Rs. 5 crores towards the building of the Engineering College at Nagpur. A funding of an additional 3 crores is planned over three years through 2012.



The College was inaugurated today jointly by Member of Parliament, Ms. Supriya Sule, Shri. Devendra Phadnawis, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra and Mr. Anant J. Talaulicar, Managing Director, Cummins Group in India in the gracious presence of Mr. Vishwas Deval Chairman, MKSS.

About Maharshi Karve Stree-Shikshan Samstha

MKSS is a 114 year old Institution dedicated to the cause of women's education and their social upliftment. In Maharashtra, the Institution runs more than 64 educational units for women, offering education spanning pre-primary to the Master's Degree. The colleges give preference to girls from disadvantaged sections of society. More than 25,000 girl students are acquiring education in different units of MKSS located in Pune, Satara, Wai, Ratnagiri, Nagpur, Kamshet etc. In addition to this, the Institution also runs hostels for school and college going girls as well as working women.

The Institution "Maharshi Karve Stree-Shikshan Samstha" was founded by Dr. D. K. Karve in 1896. Deeply moved by the deplorable condition of widows in the society, Dr. Karve believed the solution was in providing avenues that would make them independent. In 1896, in a village called 'Hingne' near Pune City, he started an Institution which was a "Home for Widows" along side a school for educating and making the specific section of women self-reliant. He dedicated his entire life towards realizing this cause. The "Home for Widows" was later established as "Hingne Stree Shikshan Samstha".

For the sacrifices he made and his dedication to social work spanning over seven decades as also his contributions in reinstating the status of women, he was awarded the prestigious "**Bharat Ratna**" the highest national award, accorded to select distinguished citizens of India. As an expression of gratitude and respect for the pioneering contributions he made towards the betterment of the society, the General Body of the Institution decided to rename the Institution as "Maharshi Karve Stree- Shikshan Samstha".

About Cummins India Foundation (CIF)

The Cummins India Foundation (CIF) was founded in 1990 by The Cummins Group in India to channelize Cummins' commitment towards Corporate Responsibility. It focuses on three well defined areas which are Higher Education, Energy and Environment, and Local Community Infrastructure development. CIF is registered with Bombay Charitable Trust Act as a Trust under Income Tax Act & with Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India under Foreign Contributions & Regulations Act (FCRA).

Foundation's vision and mission is spearheaded by the Managing Director of the Cummins Group in India, Anant Talaulicar, together with the Steering Committee which comprises of a Board of Trustees & other senior leaders of the management team.

About Cummins College of Engineering for Women, Pune

In 1991 with a generous donation from Cummins India Foundation, MKSS was able to commission a first of its kind college in Pune, dedicated towards imparting education in the field of engineering exclusively to women. The college was named as 'Cummins College of Engineering for Women', owing to the support rendered by the Cummins Group in India through its trust, Cummins India Foundation in the following ways

- Technical support for establishing the Mechanical Engineering Department.
 - Recruitment of the students through campus placements
 - Conducting expert lectures
 - Sponsoring projects to the students
 - Association with Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, USA for the students to pursue MS programs.
- Till date, 17 students have benefited from this program.



- Association with the Purdue University, USA for the students in order to pursue MS programs. Presently 14 students have benefited from this program.

About Cummins in India

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