



"Empowered Women, empowering Women"

My name is Mrinali Rochlani and I am an Indian. I did my Masters in TU Dresden and earlier this year, I started my PhD under the Faculty of Civil Engineering in the Institute of Pavement and Urban Engineering.

When there is a will there is a way!

I come from a male-dominated culture, as well as a male-dominated study discipline. I have faced gender discrimination in my family, society and work culture. There is a significant dearth of female role model in the civil engineering field and I aspire to change that with the support offered by the Graduate Academy & the Early-Female Career scholarship program from TU Dresden.



Time to shatter the glass ceiling!

Some of the problems I faced in Germany include:

- German Language →
- Bureaucracy & a lack of information available for foreign students in English →
- Lack of social life & missing home →
- Lack of study space and write in peace →
- Racism in various aspects of life →
- Writing efficient reports and research papers of high standard →

My solutions include:

- I recently joined German classes & within two months I feel more confident and am already speaking German
- I ask my German colleagues and friends for help
- I have taken up various hobbies like dancing, cycling, etc.
- The Graduate Academy now offers space for members to study and write in peace.
- Achievement has no colour – A. Lincoln
- The Graduate Academy offers various courses on efficient science communication. I had the opportunity to attend one of these recently and I learnt a lot.

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