



On International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Arturo Reyes Sandoval Encourages Girls to Dare to Dream

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The Director General of the Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN), Arturo Reyes Sandoval, officially launched nearly 200 activities to be held nationwide in celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. The initiatives will continue through March 8 and will involve 15 research centers, 19 academic units, and 35 Gender Network nodes.

In his address before students, faculty members, researchers, scientists, administrators, and hundreds of members of the IPN community gathered at the Ing. Alejo Peralta Auditorium of the Jaime Torres Bodet Cultural Center, Reyes Sandoval emphasized that the Institute's history has been shaped by the determination of women who overcame historical barriers and paved the way for new generations.

He noted that the IPN continues to move forward steadily and currently educates nearly 28,000 women in the fields of Science and Engineering at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He also highlighted that programs such as Environmental Engineering, Biotechnology, and Food Engineering have surpassed the gender gap, and that nearly 75 percent of the Institute's female researchers belong to Mexico's National System of Researchers (SNII), including 325 scholars at Level I.

The commemoration was held in alignment with the public policies of Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo and the Secretary of Public Education, Mario Delgado Carrillo.

Reyes Sandoval affirmed that the IPN will continue working to ensure that Mexico becomes a scientific and technological powerhouse—an objective promoted by President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo—while guaranteeing the full participation, talent, and voice of





women, particularly those of the Politécnico, who are entrusted with putting “La Técnica al Servicio de la Patria” into practice.

After recalling outstanding women who have distinguished themselves at the IPN, he acknowledged that a historical debt remains.

“A debt to learn about the legacy they have left us. A debt to bring that legacy into the present. Because they are not only role models for women; they are role models for the Politécnico, for science within our institution, and—let us say it clearly—for our entire country,” he stated.

Reyes Sandoval urged girls and young women to pursue their dreams of studying mathematics, programming, geology, or any other field at the Politécnico.

“We want society to see the impact of Politécnica women on the country’s development, but above all, we want girls and adolescents to see women who can inspire them. We want them to know they can dream of becoming mathematicians, vaccine experts, programmers, or geologists—and that those dreams have a place here, at the Instituto Politécnico Nacional,” he emphasized.

For her part, Martha Leticia Vázquez González, Secretary of Research and Graduate Studies at the IPN, explained that the activities reflect an institutional commitment to all women within the Politécnico community.

“This initiative is not an improvised starting point; it is the result of many conversations, of converging commitments and agreements built from diverse perspectives, with the conviction that the major challenges we face as a society and academic community require collaborative and human-centered responses,” she stated.

Vázquez González underscored that incorporating a gender perspective represents a fairer and more comprehensive way of disseminating knowledge, shaping public policy, developing talent, and transforming institutions. Recognizing that individual trajectories are not the same for everyone, she said, creates more equitable conditions to ensure that no one is excluded from scientific and academic development.

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