



# NIRF Rankings 2021

## Why in News

Recently, the Ministry of Education released the [India Rankings 2021](#) instituted by the [National Institutional Ranking Framework \(NIRF\)](#) (sixth edition).

## Key Points

### ▪ About:

- **Launch:** The **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** was **approved by the Ministry of Education** (Erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development) in **September 2015**.
  - It is the first-ever effort by the government **to rank Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** in the country.
  - Participation in NIRF was made compulsory for all government-run educational institutions in 2018.
- **Assessment on Five Parameters:**
  - Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR)
  - Research and Professional Practice (RP)
  - Graduation Outcomes (GO)
  - Outreach and Inclusivity (OI)
  - Peer Perception.
- **11 Categories:** Best institutions across 11 categories are listed out - overall national ranking, universities, engineering, college, medical, management, pharmacy, law, architecture, dental and research.
- **Reason for Launch:** The subjectivity in the ranking methodology developed by [QS World University Rankings](#) and the [Times Higher Education World University Ranking](#) led India to start its own ranking system for Indian HEIs on the line of Shanghai Rankings.
  - NIRF is in its sixth year, but it **continues to only rank Indian HEIs** whereas Shanghai Rankings were international in character from the first year itself.
  - The long-term plan of NIRF is to make it an international league table.
- **No. of Participating Institutions in 2021:** More than 6,000 institutes participated in NIRF Rankings.

### ▪ Highlights of India Rankings 2021:

- **Overall:** IIT-Madras, IISc-Bangalore, and IIT-Bombay have emerged as the country's top three higher education institutions
- **University:** IISc, Bengaluru tops the category.
- **Research Institution:** IISc, Bengaluru was ranked the best research institution, **a category included for the first time in India Rankings 2021**.
- **Colleges:** Miranda College retains 1st position amongst colleges for the fifth consecutive year, followed by Lady Shri Ram College for Women and Loyola College.
- **Engineering:** Among engineering institutions, IIT-Madras remained number one.

- **Management:** Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad was ranked one.
- **Medical:** All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi occupies the top slot in Medical for the fourth consecutive year.
- **Pharmacy:** Jamia Hamdard tops the list in Pharmacy subject for the third consecutive.
- **Architecture:** IIT Roorkee takes the top slot for the first time in Architecture subject.
- **Law:** National Law School of India University, Bangalore retains its first position in Law for the fourth consecutive year.
- **Dental:** Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal secured 1st position.

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