



# NIRF Ranking 2023

## Why in News?

The [National Institutional Ranking Framework \(NIRF\) Ranking 2023](#) was announced recently, showcasing the excellence and achievements of various educational institutions in India.

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras** secured the top spot in the overall ranking for the **fifth consecutive year**, while the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru was ranked as the best university.

## What are the Major Highlights of NIRF Ranking 2023?

- **Areas of Ranking:**
  - The ranking exercise for the year 2023 continues with the practice of providing a common **“Overall” rank in addition to a separate rank for Universities, Research Institutions**, Degree Colleges, and discipline-specific ranks in Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Law, Medical, Dental and Architecture & Planning.
- **Three Distinct Additions of 2023 Edition of India Rankings:**
  - Introduction of a new subject namely [Agriculture & Allied Sectors](#)
  - Expansion of scope of **“Architecture” to “Architecture and Planning”** to include institutions imparting courses in Urban and Town Planning.
  - Integration of the **“Innovation” ranking previously executed by the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)** into the India Rankings to reduce the burden on institutions of providing similar data to two different agencies.
- **Participants:**
  - While the total number of [Higher Educational Institutes](#) that participated in the ranking exercise in various categories and subject domains have increased from **3565 in 2016 to 8686 in 2023**, the number of categories and subject domains have increased from **4 in 2016 to 13 in 2023**.
- **Major Top Rankings:**
  - **Leading Engineering Institutions: IIT-Madras** maintained its dominance as the top engineering institution in India for the eighth consecutive year, with IIT-Delhi and IIT-Bombay securing the second and third positions, respectively.
  - **Top Management Institutes: Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad**, claimed the top position as the leading management institute in India, followed by IIM Bangalore and IIM Kozhikode.
  - **Top Law Institutes: The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru**, emerged as the top law institute in the country. National Law University, Delhi, secured the second position, and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, was ranked third.
  - **Top Pharmacy Institutes: The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Hyderabad**, was recognized as the leading pharmacy institute in India. It was closely followed by Jamia Hamdard and BITS Pilani.
  - **Top Colleges: Delhi University (DU)** made its mark in the rankings, with **five of its colleges securing positions in the top 10 colleges in India**.
    - **Miranda House retained its top position**, while Hindu College secured the second spot.

## What is NIRF Ranking?

### ▪ About:

- The NIRF is a methodology to rank institutions across the country based on various parameters.
- NIRF was approved by the **Ministry of Education (Erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development)** and launched on **29<sup>th</sup> September 2015**.
- It is the **first-ever effort by the government to rank Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** in the country.

- **Parameters for NIRF Ranking:** The weightage for each parameter varies depending on the category of the institution.

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Fig. 1: NIRF Parameters for Ranking of Institutions

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