



QS World University Rankings 2025

[Source: IE](#)

Why in News?

Recently, the latest [QS World University Rankings](#) for 2025 were released revealing **significant improvements** for [Indian universities](#) and notable global standings.

What are the Key Highlights of the Rankings?

▪ About:

- **QS Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** offers unrivaled data, expertise, and solutions for the global higher education sector.
- For the compilation of the 2025 **QS World University Rankings**, **QS claims to have analysed 17 million research papers**, 176 million citations, data from 5,600 institutions worldwide and insights from 175,798 academics and 105,476 employers.

▪ Top Global Institutes:

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT):** Retained its position as the **best institute globally** for the 13th consecutive year.
- **Imperial College London:** Improved from sixth to second.
- **Harvard University and University of Oxford:** Jointly held the third rank.

▪ Regional Highlights:

- **ETH Zurich:** Continues to be the **top institution in Continental Europe** for the 17th year.
- **Asia:** The **National University of Singapore (NUS)** remains a prominent institution, keeping its eighth spot.

▪ India's Position:

- In this edition of the rankings, with **46 universities**, the [Indian Higher Education system](#) is the **seventh most represented** globally and the **third in Asia**, trailing only Japan (49 universities) and China (71 universities).
- 61% of Indian universities' ranking has improved, with **IIT Bombay** gaining the **top spot in India**.
- A total of 61% of Indian universities have risen in rank this time, while 24% have maintained their positions.
- **Research and Collaboration:**
 - **Citations per Faculty:** India's performance in this **indicator is strong**, with a score of 37.8, surpassing the global average of 23.5.
 - This is the **second-highest in Asia** among countries with more than 10 ranked universities.
 - However, **India lags in the International Faculty Ratio** and International Student Ratio indicators, underscoring the need for greater international collaboration and exchange
- **Top Indian Institutes:**
 - **IIT Bombay:** Leading in India, IIT Bombay climbed from 149th in 2024 to 118th in 2025.
 - **IIT Delhi:** Achieved the second position in India, moving up 47 ranks from 197th to 150th.

- **IIT Indore:** The only Indian institute that declined in ranking, dropping from 454th to 477th.
- **New Entries:** Symbiosis International (Deemed University) entered the top 20, ranked between 641-650 globally.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims:

Q. Which of the following provisions of the Constitution does India have a bearing on Education? (2012)

1. Directive Principles of State Policy
2. Rural and Urban Local Bodies
3. Fifth Schedule
4. Sixth Schedule
5. Seventh Schedule

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Ans: (d)