



THE World University Rankings 2023

Why in News?

Recently, the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings 2023 were released.

- Earlier, [QS World University Ranking 2023](#) was released.

What is Times Higher Education?

- **THE**, formerly known as **The Times Higher Education Supplement (THES)**, is a magazine reporting specifically on news and issues related to higher education.
- The Times Higher Education World University Rankings include 1,799 universities across 104 countries and regions, making them the largest and most diverse university rankings to date.
- This is based on 13 performance indicators that measure an institution's performance across four areas: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook and is trusted worldwide by students, teachers, governments and industry experts.

What are the Key Highlights of the Ranking?

- **Parameters:**
 - The parameters based on which the institutes are ranked are **teaching (30%), research (30%), citations (30%), international outlook (7.5%), and industry outcome (2.5%).** In teaching and research, 15% weightage each is based on a reputational survey.
- **Global Top Performer:**
 - The **University of Oxford** has emerged as the best institute among 1,799 universities from 104 countries.
- **Indian Institutions:**
 - **Rankings:** India is the sixth most represented country in the 2023 rankings with 75 ranked universities.
 - The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** is at **the top position among Indian institutes**, for its performance score for teaching and research.
 - Globally, the IISc is placed in the 251-300 band.
 - IISc was the top-ranking Indian Institute in the **2022 rankings** as well.
 - The second position among Indian institutions has been taken by Himachal Pradesh based **Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences** (351-400 overall), which made its debut in the rankings.
 - IIT Ropar which was the second highest ranking Indian institute in 2022 rankings, slipped to 6th position.
 - The third position is backed by Tamil Nadu's **Algappa University**, a public institution.
 - **Response from IITs:** It has been **boycotted by most Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)** for the third consecutive year **over transparency concerns**.
 - The last time major IITs participated in the rankings was in 2019 when IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi were placed in the 401-500 overall band behind IIT Ropar and IIT

// INDIAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE TOP 500

Institution	2023 Rank	2022 Rank	Change
Indian Institute of Science	251-300	301-350	up 1 group
JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research	351-400	351-400	no change
Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences	351-400	NR	
Alagappa University	401-500	501-600	up 1 group
Mahatma Gandhi University	401-500	601-800	up 2 groups

What are the Related Indian Initiatives?

- **Institutions of Eminence (IoE) Scheme:** [Institutions of Eminence \(IoE\) Scheme](#) is a government scheme to provide the **regulatory architecture for setting up or upgrading 20 Institutions** (10 from the public sector and 10 from the private sector) as world-class teaching and research institutions called 'Institutions of Eminence'.
- **National Education Policy, 2020:** [National Education Policy, 2020](#) aims to introduce several changes in the Indian education system - from school to college- and **make India a global knowledge superpower.**
- **Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT):** [Impacting Research Innovation and Technology \(IMPRINT\)](#) is a first-of-its-kind Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to **develop a new education policy and a roadmap for research to solve major engineering and technology challenges** that India must address and champion to enable, empower and encourage the nation for inclusive growth and self-reliance.
- **Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY):** [Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana \(UAY\)](#) was announced with a view to promote innovation of a higher order that directly impacts the needs of the industry and thereby improves the competitive edge of Indian manufacturing.

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