



Institution Of Eminence Scheme

For Prelims: UGC, World-class teaching systems, Higher education, Quality teaching and Research.

For Mains: Institution of Eminence Scheme.

Why in News?

There are many Institutes which, after being selected for the [Institution of Eminence \(IoE\)](#) Status, are still waiting for the IOE status for more than three years.

What is the Institution of Eminence Scheme?

▪ About:

- The central Government formulated the IoE scheme to establish **20 prestigious educational institutions in the country.**
- It was introduced by the [University Grants Commission \(UGC\)](#) in 2017 that required the IoE scheme to **receive accreditation within five years of notification.**
- The status of 'Institute of Eminence' was launched to empower higher education institutions in India and **help them implement world-class teaching systems** to enhance affordable access to high-quality education.
 - Twenty institutions (10 Public and 10 Private Institutions) received the grant, and eleven among the selected ones got the **Institutions of Eminence status in April 2021.**

▪ Objective:

- **Excellence and Innovation:** To provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit at post-graduate, graduate and research degree levels.
- **Specialization:** To engage in areas of specialization to make distinctive contributions to the objectives of the university education system.
- **Global Rating:** To aim to be rated internationally for its teaching and research as a top hundred Institution in the world over time.
- **Quality Teaching and Research:** To provide for high quality teaching and research and for the advancement of knowledge and its dissemination

▪ Criteria:

- **Global/National Ranking:** Only those institutions which have appeared in any of the global/national ranks (e.g., [QS](#), [NIRF](#)) shall be recommended for the IoE status. The Institutions should be among:
 - Top 50 in the National institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in their category.
 - Top 500 in internationally recognised rankings like the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, QS.
- **Greenfield Proposals:** Only after exhausting the above criterion, if any slot remains vacant, shall consideration be given to yet to be established (Greenfield) proposals.
 - The term greenfield project generally refers to the initiation of a project without the need to consider any prior work.

- The Greenfield Institutions would get a 3-year period to establish and operationalize the institution, and thereafter, EEC will consider giving IoE status to such institutions.

▪ **Benefits:**

- **Autonomy:** Institutes with IOE tag will be given greater autonomy and freedom to decide fees, course durations and governance structures.
- **Grant:** The public institutions under the IOE tag will receive a government grant of Rs 1,000 crore, while the private institutions will not get any funding under the scheme.

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