

IITGN, NIRMA, MSU DROP DOWN IN NIRF '19 LIST

14 institutes from State in top 100 in the national rankings this year in various categories; IITGn down from 39th in 'Overall' ranking to 51st; Nirma goes from 18th to 21st and MSU from 12th to 17th in 'Pharmacy' category

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The Ministry of Human Resource and Development on Monday announced National Institutional Ranking Framework 2019. Good news first. Last year, there were 13 institutes in the list of top 100. This year, there are 14. Three institutes from the state have found a place in the top 10 in different categories, up for one last year. These include the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) at second rank in 'Management' category, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) at 9th rank in 'Law' and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) at ninth rank in 'Pharmacy'. Now for the not-so-good news. IIMA has lost its first rank.

The winners say it all...

Anand Agricultural University reentered the top 100 list this year in the 'Overall category' after being kept out last year. It was 62nd in 2017. In 'Engineering' category, IIT-Gn improved its position to 24th rank from last year's 27th, SVNIT in Surat went up a few places to 58th rank from 61st last year. DAIICT, which was 106th last year, was placed at 91 this time. In the 'College' category, PD Patel Institute of Applied Science in Change bagged the 26th rank, up several ranks from last year's 48, while St Xavier's College climbed to 56th rank from 65th last year.

"The reason for improvement from last year's ranking is because of the varied research groups, best selected students and faculties. The institute boasts of the finest infrastructure, including well-equipped laboratories and resource centre," said KS Dasgupta, director of DAIICT.

Disappointment too...



The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGn) got the 51st place in 'Overall Ranking', down from 39th last year. IIMA was ranked first in 'Management' in 2017 and 2018. The same rank this year would have meant a hat-trick for the premier institute. It lost the rank to IIM Bangalore. Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) slipped from 43rd rank in 2018 to 51st in 2019.

The MS University of Baroda slipped from 12th last year to 17th position this year in the 'Pharmacy' category. In the same category, Nirma University went from 18th rank last year to 21st this year and LM College of Pharmacy from 24th rank in 2018 to 31st this year.

The VC of a state university said there should be a separate ranking for state universities as we do not get the kind of funding that centres of excellence and central government institutes get. It is like comparing apples with oranges.

Dr Anup Singh, director general of Nirma University, too had a similar opinion. While expressing satisfaction at the varsity's 40th rank in 'Management' this year, he pointed out that "institutions like NIPER are hugely funded by the central government". He added, "We need to have autonomy. We mainly face competition from central government institutions like IITs, Central University and south-based institutions which have more autonomy and freedom."

NIRF RANKINGS OVER THREE YEARS

OVERALL	2019	2018	2017
INSTITUTE			
IIT-Gn	51	39	78
Anand Agri Univ	96	-	82
UNIVERSITY			
AAU	67	83	40
ENGINEERING			
IIT-Gn	24	27	30
SVNIT	58	61	50
DAIICT	91	--	70
COLLEGE			
PD Patel Institute of Applied Sciences	26	48	-
St Xavier's	56	65	-
MANAGEMENT			
IIM-A	2	1	1
Nirma University	40	--	31
IRMA	51	43	29
PHARMACY			
NIPER	9	14	--
MSU	17	12	--
Nirma University	21	18	16
LM College of Pharmacy	31	24	23
BK Modi Govt Pharmacy college	66	--	--
LAW			
GNLU	9		
ARCHITECTURE AND MEDICAL			
			No rankings from Gujarat

AAU only one in top 100 universities

As many as 14 institutes from the state have figured in the list of top 100 in NIRF in various categories. Except for Anand Agricultural University (AAU), no state university has made it to the top 100 list in the 'University' category. Gujarat University, MS University of Baroda, Junagadh Agricultural University, Navsari Agricultural University have got a rank in the list of 101 to 150. Also in the list are private universities like Charotar University of Science and Technology, Dharmsinh Desai University, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology as well as Nirma University.



The parameters

As per the NIRF website, the parameters on which the institutes are evaluated include teaching learning and resources, research and professional practice, graduation outcome, outreach and inclusivity and perception.