



137 Indian Institutions in QS Rankings Asia 2026 | National Current Affairs | 05 Nov 2025

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the record increase in Indian universities in the [QS rankings](#), reiterating the government's commitment to quality education, research, and innovation.

- **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** is a London-based global higher education analyst best known for its widely recognised [QS World University Rankings](#).

Key Points

- **About:** The QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026 reveals that **no Indian university is in the top 50**, but **India added 137 universities**, marking a 1,125% increase in representation since 2016.
 - India now has 294 universities in the [QS Asia Rankings](#), making it the **second highest after China**, which added 261 universities, bringing its total to 395.
 - **Indian institutions continue to perform strongly in academic reputation, research productivity, and employer reputation, but lag behind in internationalisation and research visibility.**
- **Top Performers in Asia:**
 - **University of Hong Kong:** Ranked **1st**.
 - **Peking University:** Ranked **2nd**.
 - **National University of Singapore (NUS)** and **Nanyang Technological University (NTU):** Ranked **3rd** (tied).
- **Top Indian Institutions:**
 - **IIT Delhi:** **59th** (down from **44th** in 2025).
 - **IIT Bombay:** **71st** (down from **48th** in 2025).
 - **IISc Bengaluru:** **64th** (down from **62nd** in 2025).
 - **IIT Madras:** **70th** (down from **56th** in 2025).
 - **IIT Kanpur:** **77th** (down from **67th** in 2025).
 - **Delhi University:** **95th** (down from **81st** in 2025).
- **Private Institutions' Growth:**
 - **Chandigarh University** improved to **109th** (from **120th** in 2025).
 - **BITS Pilani**, **Shoolini University**, and **O.P. Jindal Global University** also achieved their **highest-ever rankings**.

Amul Ranked 1st Among World's Top Cooperatives | National Current Affairs | 05 Nov 2025

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, congratulated **Amul** and **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** for securing the **1st and 2nd ranks among the top ten cooperatives globally**, according to the **ICA World Cooperative Monitor 2025 report**.

- This milestone was recognized during the **ICA CM50 Conference held in Doha, Qatar**.



Key Points

- The [International Cooperative Alliance \(ICA\)](#), in collaboration with the **European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE)**, released the **2025 edition of the World Cooperative Monitor (WCM)**, marking the [UN International Year of Cooperatives](#).
- The **13th edition of the WCM** provides a comprehensive overview of the global [cooperative sector](#), showcasing cooperatives' contributions to **sustainable, inclusive, and resilient economies** worldwide.
- The **2025 report** features the **Top 300 cooperatives**, highlighting their **economic impact** across sectors like **agriculture, finance, health, energy, and education**, with a combined turnover of **USD 2.79 trillion** in 2023.
 - By **turnover relative to GDP per capita**, **India's Amul** and **IFFCO** top the global list, highlighting the strength of cooperatives in **emerging economies**.
 - **This ranking underscores the strength and potential of India's cooperative sector in driving economic empowerment and growth.**

About Amul (Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd)

- **Amul** was established in **1946** as the **Kaira District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited** in **Anand, Gujarat**, founded by **Tribhuvandas Patel** with support from **Morarji Desai** and **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.
- In **1950**, the cooperative launched the **Amul brand**, and it has since grown to become India's largest **food product marketing organisation** with an annual turnover of **USD 7.3 billion** (2023-24).

About IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative)

- **IFFCO** was founded in **1967** and is headquartered in **New Delhi**. It manufactures and markets **fertilisers** to Indian farmers.
- As one of the world's largest cooperatives, **IFFCO** operates with **35,000 member cooperatives**, reaching over **50 million farmers** across India.

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