



Institutions of Eminence Scheme

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The **University Grants Commission**, has nominated 20 institutions for **Institutes of Eminence tag** (IOE).

Nominations have been made on the recommendations of **Empowered Expert Committee (EEC)** headed by **N Gopalaswami**.

Empowered Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) was entrusted to conduct the appraisal of applications for shortlisting 20 Institutions of Eminence (10 public and 10 private institutions).

Objectives

- **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 shall be recommended for the IoE status.
 - **Public institutions** are assessed on the basis of **QS-2020 world rankings**, in case of a tie **QS- 2019 rankings** are used.
 - **Private institutions** are assessed on the basis of their ranking in the **QS India or National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF)**, the NIRF ranking being used as a tie-breaker.
 - Any institution that did not appear in any rankings (QS-2019, QS-2020 and NIRF) is excluded completely from the list of IOE tag.
- **Greenfield Proposals:** Only after exhausting the above criterion, if any slot remains vacant, consideration shall 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 **3 year period** to establish and operationalise the institution, and thereafter, EEC will consider giving IoE status to such institutions.
 - **Satya Bharti Foundation (telecom major Airtel's philanthropic arm)** became the **second greenfield institution** to be given IoE status, **after Reliance's Jio Institute.**

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 IOE tag will receive a government grant of ₹1,000 crore, while the private institutions will not get any funding under the scheme.

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