



ARIIA 2021 Rankings

Why in News

Recently, the Ministry of Education's innovation cell released the **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021**.

- The very first edition of ARIIA started in 2019.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is a joint **initiative of the Ministry of Education and [All India Council for Technical Education \(AICTE\)](#)** to systematically rank all the major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to **“Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development”** amongst students and faculties.
- More than quantity, **ARIIA focuses on quality of innovations** and tries to measure the real impact created by these innovations nationally and internationally.

▪ Parameters of the Evaluation: ARIIA evaluates institutions on parameters such as:

- Budget & Funding Support
- Infrastructure & Facilities
- Awareness, Promotions & support for Idea Generation & Innovation
- Promotion & Support for Entrepreneurship Development
- Innovative Learning Methods & Courses
- Intellectual Property Generation, Technology Transfer & Commercialization
- Innovation in Governance of the Institution

▪ Rank Categorisation:

- The rankings were made under two categories: **Technical and Non-Technical**.

- The technical category included 5 sub-categories-

- Central Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs), Central University, & Institute of National Importance
- State University & Deemed University (Govt. & Govt. Aided)
- Govt. College/Institution (Govt. & Govt. Aided)
- University & Deemed University (Self-Finance/Private)
- Private College/Institute (Self-Finance/Private)

- The non technical category included two sub-categories-

- Central Funded Institutes (CFIs)/Central University/Institute of National Importance (Non-Technical)
- General (Non-Technical)

▪ Topper Institutes in 2021:

- **Institute of National Importance, Central Universities & CFTIs:**

- IIT Madras followed by IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi.
- **In government and government-aided universities:** Panjab University
- **Govt. and Govt. Aided College/Institutes:** College of Engineering Pune
- **Private or Self-Financed Universities:** Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology Khordha
- **Private or Self-Financed College/Institutes:** G H Rasoni College of Engineering, Nagpur
- **Institute of National Importance, Central Universities & CFTIs (non-technical):** Indira Gandhi National Open University
- **General (Non-Technical):** Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India
- **Significance of the Ranking:**
 - The rankings will certainly inspire Indian institutions to reorient their mind-set and build ecosystems to encourage high quality research, innovation and entrepreneurship in their campuses.
 - Further, the recently announced [New Educational Policy 2020](#) will also make these efforts more effective and efficient, and impactful in the long run.
 - India is constantly improving on [Global Innovation Index \(GII\)](#) ranking and has now moved upward to **46th position in 2021 from 81st in 2015**. It has also emerged as the **world's third-largest startup hub**.

Other Rankings for Higher Educational and Universities

- [India Rankings 2021:](#)

- It was released by the Ministry of Education instituted by the [National Institutional Ranking Framework \(NIRF\) \(sixth edition\)](#).

- **QS World University Rankings:**

- It is an annual publication of university rankings which comprises the global overall and subject rankings released by **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**.

- [World University Ranking:](#)

- It is released by **Times Higher Education (THE)**.

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