



QS World University Rankings 2022

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[QS World University Rankings](#) 2022 shows that **India's tally in the top 200 universities** hasn't changed for the **fifth straight year**.

QS World University Rankings

- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) is a **leading global career and education network** for ambitious professionals looking to further their personal and professional development.
- QS **develops and successfully implements methods of comparative data collection and analysis** used to highlight institutions' strengths.
- The 'QS World University Rankings' is an **annual publication of university rankings** which comprises the global overall and subject rankings.
- **Six parameters** and their weightage for the evaluation:
 - Academic Reputation (40%)
 - Employer Reputation (10%)
 - Faculty/Student Ratio (20%)
 - Citations per faculty (20%)
 - International Faculty Ratio (5%)
 - International Student Ratio (5%)

Key Points

- **Global Rankings:**
 - **Top Ranks:**
 - **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** of the US is the top university for the **10th consecutive year**.
 - The **University of Oxford (UK)** has risen to **second rank for the first time since 2006**, while Stanford University (US) and the University of Cambridge (UK) share third spot.
 - **Asian Institutions:**
 - Singapore's **National University of Singapore** and **Nanyang Technological University**, and China's **Tsinghua University** and **Peking University**, are the **only Asian universities in the global top 20**.
- **Indian Institutions:**

Top varsities | JNU, featuring for the first time in the QS World Universities Ranking list, is among the top-600 in the world
= indicates shared ranking

| 2022 global rank | Name |
|------------------------|--|
| 177= | Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay |
| 185 | Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi |
| 186= | Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru |
| 255= | Indian Institute of Technology, Madras |
| 277= | Indian Insitute of Technology, Kanpur |
| 280 | Indian Insitute of Technology, Kharagpur |
| 395= | Indian Insitute of Technology, Guwahati |
| 400= | Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee |
| 501-510 (ranking band) | University of Delhi |
| 561-570 (ranking band) | Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi |

- Overall, there are **22 Indian institutions in the top 1,000 list** compared to **21 in the 2021 Rankings**, with the **Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Guwahati, Kanpur, Kharagpur and Madras making major strides in rankings.**
- Jawaharlal Nehru University** has **entered the top 1,000 of the rankings for the first time**, as its new undergraduate engineering programme now makes it eligible for the rating.
- IIT Bombay** maintained its position as the **top Indian institution for the fourth consecutive year**, although it fell five places in the global rankings to the joint 177th position.
- IIT Delhi** (185 rank) overtook the **Indian Institute of Science**, Bangalore (186 rank), giving **India three institutions in the world's top 200.**
- IISc** was also declared the **world's top research university by the indicator of most citations per faculty member**, when adjusted for faculty size.

▪ India's Performance:

- Indian universities have **improved their performance on academic reputation metric and research impact**, but continue to **struggle on the teaching capacity metric.**
- No Indian university ranks among the top 250 for faculty-student ratio.
- Poor performance on teaching capacity** is not because of any drop in hiring, but rather **an increased student intake mandated by the government** to implement reservations for **economically weaker sections.**

▪ Concerns:

- No Objective Methodology:**
 - The rankings **do not accurately reflect the quality of education in India**, as they are largely dependent on international perception factors.
 - Half of the score comes from reputation indicators which are **based on perception, rather than any objective methodology.**
- Manipulation:**

- It is being blamed that this year's improvement in scores was simply a **manipulation of numbers by the rankings agency, driven by commercial pressures.**

▪ **Related Indian Initiatives:**

◦ [Institutions of Eminence \(IoE\) Scheme:](#)

- It is a government's scheme to provide the **regulatory architecture for setting up or upgrading of 20 Institutions** (10 from public sector and 10 from the private sector) as world-class teaching and research institutions called 'Institutions of Eminence'.

◦ [National Education Policy, 2020:](#)

- It aims to introduce several changes in the Indian education system - from the school to college level and **make India a global knowledge superpower.**

◦ [Impacting Research Innovation and Technology \(IMPRINT\):](#)

- It is a first-of-its-kind Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to **develop a new education policy and a roadmap for research to solve major engineering and technology challenges** that India must address and champion to enable, empower and embolden the nation for inclusive growth and self-reliance.

◦ [Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana \(UAY\):](#)

- It was announced with a view to promote innovation of a higher order that directly impacts the needs of the Industry and thereby improves the competitive edge of Indian manufacturing.

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