



# QS World University Rankings 2025

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## Why in News?

Recently, the latest [QS World University Rankings](#) for 2025 were released revealing **significant improvements** for [Indian universities](#) and notable global standings.

## What are the Key Highlights of the Rankings?

- **About:**
  - **QS Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** offers unrivaled data, expertise, and solutions for the global higher education sector.
  - For the compilation of the 2025 **QS World University Rankings**, **QS claims to have analysed 17 million research papers**, 176 million citations, data from 5,600 institutions worldwide and insights from 175,798 academics and 105,476 employers.
- **Top Global Institutes:**
  - **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT):** Retained its position as the **best institute globally** for the 13th consecutive year.
  - **Imperial College London:** Improved from sixth to second.
  - **Harvard University and University of Oxford:** Jointly held the third rank.
- **Regional Highlights:**
  - **ETH Zurich:** Continues to be the **top institution** in **Continental Europe** for the 17th year.
  - **Asia:** The **National University of Singapore (NUS)** remains a prominent institution, keeping its eighth spot.
- **India's Position:**
  - In this edition of the rankings, with **46 universities**, the [Indian Higher Education system](#) is the **seventh most represented** globally and the **third in Asia**, trailing only Japan (49 universities) and China (71 universities).
  - 61% of Indian universities' ranking has improved, with **IIT Bombay** gaining the **top spot in India**.
  - A total of 61% of Indian universities have risen in rank this time, while 24% have maintained their positions.
  - **Research and Collaboration:**
    - **Citations per Faculty:** India's performance in this **indicator is strong**, with a score of 37.8, surpassing the global average of 23.5.
      - This is the **second-highest in Asia** among countries with more than 10 ranked universities.
    - However, **India lags in the International Faculty Ratio** and International Student Ratio indicators, underscoring the need for greater international collaboration and exchange
  - **Top Indian Institutes:**
    - **IIT Bombay:** Leading in India, IIT Bombay climbed from 149th in 2024 to 118th in 2025.
    - **IIT Delhi:** Achieved the second position in India, moving up 47 ranks from 197th to 150th.

- **IIT Indore:** The only Indian institute that declined in ranking, dropping from 454th to 477th.
- **New Entries:** Symbiosis International (Deemed University) entered the top 20, ranked between 641-650 globally.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### **Prelims:**

**Q. Which of the following provisions of the Constitution does India have a bearing on Education? (2012)**

1. Directive Principles of State Policy
2. Rural and Urban Local Bodies
3. Fifth Schedule
4. Sixth Schedule
5. Seventh Schedule

**Select the correct answer using the codes given below:**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Ans: (d)**

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