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What are Indian universities doing to get into global top 100s

BHU, DU, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi share their processes and plans



By Abhinav Singh

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Group study: Students at the Banaras Hindu University | Pawan Kumar Sayajirao Gaekwad III was a huge source of support to a young B.R. Ambedkar. The ruler of Baroda (now in Gujarat) provided him scholarships and employment. It would not be wrong to say that Ambedkar went on to become an institution. Sayajirao also made a telling contribution to another great Indian institution. In 1927, he donated Rs2 lakh towards the establishment of the Central Library at the Banaras Hindu University.

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The university librarian Dewendra Kumar Singh proudly tells THE WEEK that they have priceless manuscripts, some of which are written in gold. “In the last couple of years, our library has grown phenomenally,” he says. “We have around 16 lakh printed documents, 86,000 e-books, and around 1.5 lakh video lectures, plus 10,000 journals. All our publications can be accessed remotely.” The library has around 5,000 daily users and is open almost round-the-clock—it is closed only for cleaning, which takes three hours. Even during those hours, students continue to queue up outside, sometimes numbering around 500, as per Singh.

“Research and citations are the strength of BHU, and a few science departments such as life sciences and medical sciences are among the top ones,” says Dr Vijay Kumar Shukla, rector, BHU. “With the IoE (institute of eminence status and the associated government grant), we have been trying to encourage our young faculty and other faculty members to go ahead with their publications. Under the IoE, we have appointed 15 to 20 post doc fellows. They are now in a position to produce good publications.”

BHU is the largest residential university in Asia, housing around 20,000 students in-campus and another 20,000 close by. But, like other top Indian universities, it is not ranked among the best in the world. For example, in the QS World University Rankings 2023—one of the world’s most-consulted such lists—there are no Indian universities in the top 100. A reason for this is that apart from criterion like academic and employer reputation, research and faculty-student ratio, the ranking also focuses on diversity—international student and faculty ratio. This puts Indian universities at a disadvantage because aspirational migration is usually higher to western countries. For instance, Rice University, Houston, Texas, which is ranked 100th in the QS list, scores 90 out of 100 for international faculty ratio and 92.6 for international student ratio. BHU scores 1.3 and 1.9, respectively.



THE WEEK-HANSA RESEARCH SURVEY 2023

INDIA'S BEST UNIVERSITIES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

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2	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	716
3	University of Delhi	Delhi	706
4	University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad	635
5	Jadavpur University	Kolkata	630
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admissions from the Common University Entrance Test as they wait for confirmation by March.

“Teaching is never done in a closed environment,” Prof Arun Kumar Singh, registrar, BHU tells THE WEEK. “People should come from different countries and our people should go to different countries. Most of our students are from Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, Bihar and surrounding areas. When they get exposed to the teachers coming in from different parts of the world, it will help them widen their horizons.”

Prof A.K. Tripathi, director, Institute of Science, BHU, says excellence and ranking are different things and adds that the university has a few institutes par excellence such as the institutes of medicine, agriculture, environment and sustainable development. He also points out that BHU is one of the Indian government’s Sophisticated Analytical Technical Help Institutes, along with IIT Delhi and IIT Kharagpur. SATHIs have the facilities and analytical instruments to help industry, other universities and national laboratories. “Samples that were sent abroad are sent here now,” says Tripathi.

For the University of Delhi (DU), which is third among multidisciplinary universities in THE WEEK-Hansa Research survey, the size and challenges are vastly different from foreign universities, says Prof Yogesh Singh, vice chancellor. “Many teachers were working on an ad hoc basis for several years, but now we are hiring more teachers,” he says. “We are conducting interviews 20 days a month and, in the last eight to nine months, we have recruited more than 500 teachers. At the same time, we are focusing on funding research and recruiting people with the right kind of research potential.”

He adds that the university’s international department is taking a keen interest in admitting international students. “We do not have international faculty on a regular basis,” he says. “Currently, we have around 20 adjunct international faculty members who have been engaged from different countries. Those who have an idea of the international system know that DU is a good university, but there may be professors who do not have any idea about India or Indian universities. The government of India recently allowed having international faculty. [With] the government taking the right steps, the image of India has improved in

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39	Goa University	Goa	356
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42	The English and Foreign Language University	Hyderabad	345
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45	Kumaun University	Nainital	327
46	Manipal University	Jaipur	326
47	Amity University	Gurugram	321
48	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University	Aurangabad	320
49	Amity University	Jaipur	318
50	Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University	Jalgaon	316
51	Sikkim Manipal University	Gangtok	315
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56	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Bilaspur	305
58	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	304
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63	REVA University	Bengaluru	264
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69	Presidency University	Bengaluru	250
70	Amity University	Gwalior	247
71	K.R. Mangalam University	Gurugram	244
72	The ICFAI University	Dehradun	243
73	SRM University	Sonepat	239
73	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	239
75	JIS University	Kolkata	238
76	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	236
77	Amity University	Raipur	234
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79	DIT University	Dehradun	179
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82	University of Engineering & Management	Kolkata	159
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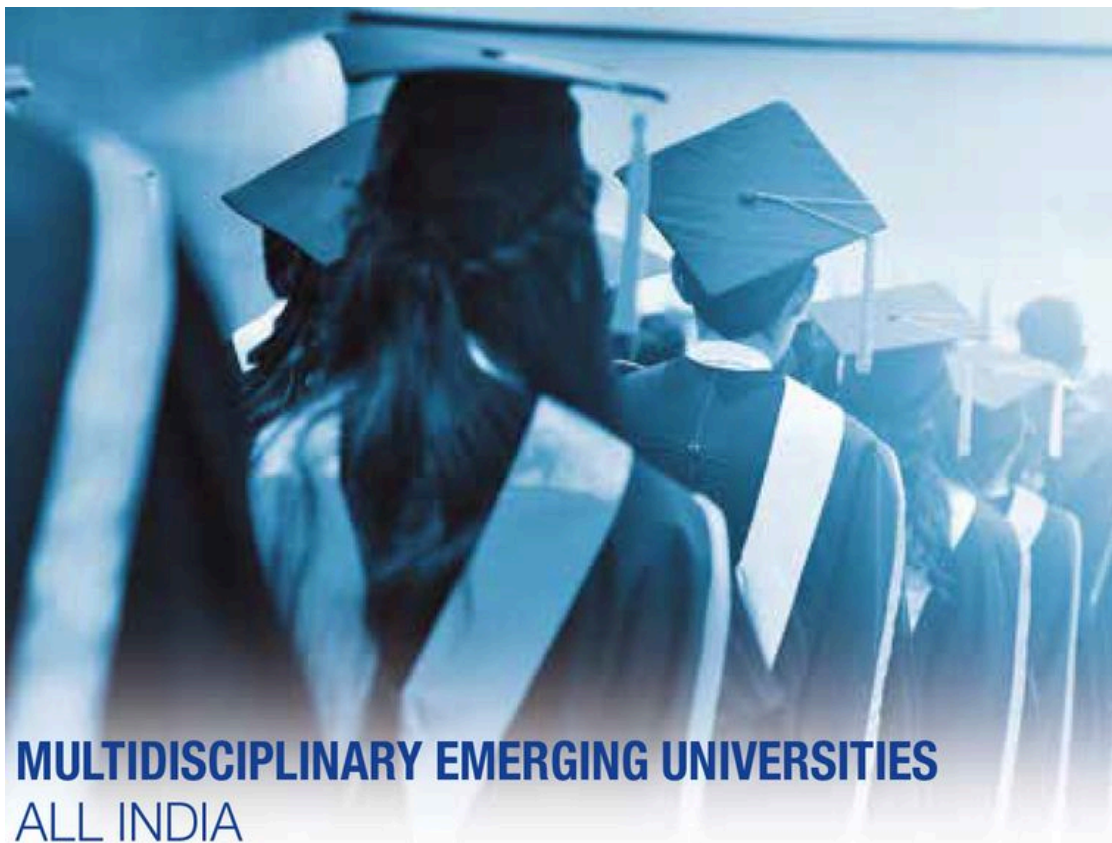
courses in Delhi and many students are not able to get admissions for them. “But many students from India still prefer to go abroad for higher education, especially in the US and the UK,” he admits, adding that the perception would change over the next few years.

Singh is of the opinion that if foreign universities set up their campuses in India (the University Grants Commission is moving in this direction), it would be good for the country as students will have different kind of opportunities. “[Indian campuses of] foreign universities may not be affordable to all, but they will create different types of opportunities for our students in emerging areas of knowledge,” he says.

IIT Bombay, ranked first among technical universities in THE WEEK’s survey, is on the right path, says its director, Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri. “One needs to understand the journey to the top for IITs,” he tells THE WEEK. “The first 20 to 25 years since inception—that I call IIT 1.0—IITs had to concentrate on creating extraordinarily trained manpower, which they have been doing very well ever since. Subsequently, the need was felt to also emphasise on research-based postgraduate education. This is what I call IIT 2.0. For the last five to 10 years, we are also focusing on industry interaction for greater economic and societal impact. I would say all these would slowly make IIT Bombay truly world-class.”

He also points out an issue with the definition of “foreign” faculty. “In most western countries and ranking organisations, they look at the citizenship at birth, while majority of them had done their PhD in the same country,” he says. “This may be taken as ethnic diversity, but there is no academic diversity. On the other hand, IITs have tremendous academic diversity where a large number of faculty members have their PhDs from all over the world, but very few with non-Indian ethnicity. Most of the faculty members, thus, do have significant international exposure. Further, IITs, being centrally funded technical institutes, have excellent cultural diversity. In my opinion, academic diversity is more important than the passport of faculty.”

Chaudhuri says that as India is a large country with a highly aspirational youth, foreign universities setting up their centres in India would be a welcome move. “I shall be happy to be of help in such initiatives and I am sure all IITs will be happy to collaborate with them, should there be such



MULTIDISCIPLINARY EMERGING UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

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4	Amity University	Gurugram	321
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15	SRM University	Sonepat	239
15	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	239
17	JIS University	Kolkata	238
18	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	236
19	Amity University	Raipur	234
20	DIT University	Dehradun	179
21	Sage University	Indore	176
22	LNCT University	Bhopal	169
23	University of Engineering & Management	Kolkata	159

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Note: The emerging lists comprise universities which were established in 2010 and thereafter

technology, engineering, mathematics) in India (449 PhDs last year), has been working towards an ecosystem that fosters cutting-edge research and innovation. With the Centre's IoE grant, it has been setting up world-class laboratories to ensure that researchers have access to high-end tools and facilities. Several interdisciplinary centres and various centres of excellence have been set up. These include the Koita Centre for Digital Health, the Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science, and the Centre for Climate Studies.

The entrepreneurship ecosystem, which has incubated companies with a combined valuation of more than \$2.5 billion, is set to get stronger—a new research building, which will house startups, will be ready in six to eight months. IIT Bombay is also setting up a translational research centre that will take early concepts in academic departments to maturity and “productisation” stages. Curriculum updation is, of course, continuous, in keeping with global technological developments. “Once in 10 to 12 years, we do a major overhaul and the last major change in UG education happened in 2021,” says Chaudhuri.

Prof Rangan Banerjee, director, IIT Delhi, ranked second among technical institutes by THE WEEK, feels that academic institutes, particularly IITs, have a role towards society as they are training future manpower and not just competing for international world university rankings. “We have many things to do to increase the impact of our education and research,” he says. “We would not do it with the goal of improving our ranking. We have to provide an all-round education for our students and also see what is needed, in terms of whether it is societal organisations, government or the industry. In such cases, we need to be aware of what is happening across the world. Our focus would be to do things that will enhance the student experience, see that we are doing research on relevant problems, see that the knowledge that we generate actually makes an impact on society and provides leadership of thought.” He adds that doing these things would automatically improve IIT Delhi's global ranking.

Banerjee says that IIT Delhi attracts a diverse group of students from across the country and that its students are doing well and making an impact, but adds that the impact now needs to be enhanced. “There are certain areas where we need to get the groups of faculty members together and make a greater impact,” he says. “In health care, we are planning a new campus in Jhajjar, Haryana. We are working with AIIMS

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY EMERGING UNIVERSITIES WEST ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Rabindranath Tagore University	Bhopal	306
2	Amity University	Mumbai	251
3	Amity University	Gwalior	247
4	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	236
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national faculty predominantly for AI. It will also be open for researchers from across India.” Banerjee says the government has asked the institute to have an international presence and, consequently, IIT Delhi is going to have an Abu Dhabi campus soon.

He says having foreign faculty can surely help and adds that IIT Delhi has temporary faculty from Japan and Germany. “We even have Nobel laureates visiting us,” he says. “The whole idea is that we have different ways of looking at things and we do joint workshops and research projects with different universities. We will prioritise a set of universities, but we are insisting on two-way traffic in linkages. Under this, students can go and come.”

Banerjee emphasises the need to keep reinventing. “It is an interesting and exciting time,” he says. “One of the challenges for higher education is that students now have lots of choices and can google in the classroom. It is challenging to actually get their attention. The approach cannot be conventional.” For this reason, he says, IIT Delhi has an innovation ecosystem where students and faculty can run with their ideas. “We would like many of our students to become job creators rather than just go and sit for placements,” he says.

Prof Sajal Dasgupta, vice chancellor, University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata

Having foreign faculty and/or Indian faculty with substantial international experience is important to bring in foreign and global perspectives in the area of study. This also helps promote inclusiveness in education and explore more dimensions of the subject.

Kadhambari S. Viswanathan, assistant vice president, Vellore Institute of Technology

Future-ready programmes ensure that students become capable of strengthening and influencing the future of work. Such programmes in a student-centric learning environment—with technology-enabled peer learning through interactive strategies— will help train students with competencies desirable today.

Prof Devinder Narain, senior director, corporate relations & human resource, Shobhit University

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Prof P.R. Sodani, president, IIHMR University, Jaipur

Universities have to be committed to harnessing the new opportunities emerging in our dynamic, fast-changing world through interdisciplinary research, innovations in pedagogy, providing world-class infrastructure, and facilitating entrepreneurship. Current research by faculty should be integrated with teaching, leading to industry-ready students.

Sardar Simarpreet Singh, director, JIS Group

Universities must produce society-makers who are capable of providing leadership to their fellows and juniors. They can innovate the essential things for the society of the future and add value to the rapidly changing world. Also, the internationalisation of education is a growing urge of the universe and is gaining momentum.

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2	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)	Pune	357
3	Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University	Pune	307
4	Rabindranath Tagore University	Bhopal	306
5	Amity University	Mumbai	251
6	Amity University	Gwalior	247
7	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	236
8	Sage University	Indore	176
9	LNCT University	Bhopal	169
10	Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Indore	117



CENTRAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Delhi	727
2	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	716
3	University of Delhi	Delhi	706
4	University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad	635
5	North-Eastern Hill University	Shillong	388
6	Dr. Harisingh Gour University	Sagar	374
7	The English and Foreign Language University	Hyderabad	345

STATE MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Jadavpur University	Kolkata	630
2	University of Calcutta	Kolkata	601
3	Savitribai Phule Pune University	Pune	536
4	Andhra University	Visakhapatnam	521
4	Bharathiar University	Coimbatore	521
6	Panjab University	Chandigarh	516
7	University of Madras	Chennai	491
8	Acharya Nagarjuna University	Guntur	464
9	Guru Nanak Dev University	Amritsar	455
10	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kottayam	402
11	Alagappa University	Karaikudi	398
12	University of Jammu	Jammu	394
13	Bharathidasan University	Tiruchirappalli	393
14	Sri Venkateswara University	Tirupati	392
15	Kurukshetra University	Kurukshetra	389
16	Cochin University of Science and Technology	Kochi	388
17	Utkal University	Bhubaneswar	387
18	SNDT Women's University	Mumbai	375
19	The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	Vadodara	370
20	Gauhati University	Guwahati	366
21	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	Delhi	361
22	Goa University	Goa	356
23	Kumaun University	Nainital	327
24	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University	Aurangabad	320
25	Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University	Jalgaon	316
26	The University of Burdwan	Bardhaman	314
27	Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication	Bhopal	221



PRIVATE & DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University)	Manipal	545
2	Amity University	Noida	504
2	Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University)	Banasthali	504
4	Symbiosis International (Deemed University)	Pune	395
5	Christ (Deemed to be University)	Bengaluru	385
6	Chandigarh University	Mohali	378
7	Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	374
8	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	371
9	The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education	Hyderabad	362
10	Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	361
11	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)	Pune	357
12	Chitkara University	Patiala	355
13	Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)	Ambala	346
14	Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	343
15	NITTE (Deemed to be University)	Mangaluru	335
16	Manipal University	Jaipur	326
17	Amity University	Gurugram	321
18	Amity University	Jaipur	318
19	Sikkim Manipal University	Gangtok	315
20	Uttaranchal University	Dehradun	308
21	Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University	Pune	307
22	Rabindranath Tagore University	Bhopal	306
23	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	305
23	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Bilaspur	305
25	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	304
26	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	303
27	Integral University	Lucknow	279
28	Chitkara University	Solan	273
29	Sanskriti University	Mathura	267
30	REVA University	Bengaluru	264
31	JECRC University	Jaipur	257
32	IIHMR University	Jaipur	255
33	University of Engineering & Management	Jaipur	254
34	Sri Padmapat Singhania University	Udaipur	253
35	Amity University	Mumbai	251
36	Presidency University	Bengaluru	250
37	Amity University	Gwalior	247
38	K.R. Mangalam University	Gurugram	244



39	The ICFAI University	Dehradun	243
40	SRM University	Sonepat	239
40	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	239
42	JIS University	Kolkata	238
43	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	236
44	Amity University	Raipur	234
45	DIT University	Dehradun	179
46	Sage University	Indore	176
47	LNCT University	Bhopal	169
48	University of Engineering & Management	Kolkata	159
49	Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Indore	117
50	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Hajipur	102
51	AISECT University	Hazaribag	96

DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University)	Manipal	545
2	Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University)	Banasthali	504
3	Symbiosis International (Deemed University)	Pune	395
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13	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	305
14	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	303

DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University)	Banasthali	504
2	Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)	Ambala	346
3	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	303

DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University)	Manipal	545
2	Christ (Deemed to be University)	Bengaluru	385
3	Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	374
4	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	371
5	The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education	Hyderabad	362
6	Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	361
7	Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	343
8	NITTE (Deemed to be University)	Mangaluru	335
9	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	305



TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Mumbai	817
2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Delhi	814
3	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Chennai	802
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Kanpur	777
5	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	754
6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Roorkee	741

INDIA'S
BEST
UNIVERSITIES
2023



7	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Guwahati	687
8	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT BHU)	Varanasi	681
9	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Tiruchirappalli	675
10	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Surathkal	639
11	Anna University	Chennai	625
12	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)	Dhanbad	619
13	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	594
14	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Warangal	583
15	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	551
16	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST)	Shibpur	509
17	National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut	Kozhikode	506
18	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	502
19	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur	500
20	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar	Ropar	481
21	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	469
22	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad	Prayagraj	464
23	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur	462
24	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Durgapur	454
25	Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar	415
26	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Patna	414
27	Indrapratha Institute of Information Technology	Delhi	382
28	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT)	Bhopal	377
29	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Jamshedpur	353
30	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT)	Surat	345
31	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Hamirpur	340
32	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Noida	335
33	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	331
34	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	287
35	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	283

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Delhi	814
2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Kanpur	777
3	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	754
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Roorkee	741
5	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT BHU)	Varanasi	681

6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar	Ropar	481
7	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MN-NIT), Allahabad	Prayagraj	464
8	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur	462
9	Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar	415
10	Indrapratha Institute of Information Technology	Delhi	382
11	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Hamirpur	340
12	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Noida	335
13	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	331
14	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	287

PRIVATE & DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	754
2	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Noida	335
3	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	331
4	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	287

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Chennai	802
2	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Tiruchirappalli	675
3	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Surathkal	639
4	Anna University	Chennai	625
5	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	594
6	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Warangal	583
7	National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut	Kozhikode	506
8	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	502
9	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	283

PRIVATE & DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	594





2	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	502
3	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	283

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES EAST ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Guwahati	687
2	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)	Dhanbad	619
3	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST)	Shibpur	509
4	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	469
5	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Durgapur	454
6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Patna	414
7	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Jamshedpur	353

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES WEST ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Mumbai	817
2	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	551
3	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur	500
4	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT)	Bhopal	377
5	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT)	Surat	345

GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Mumbai	817
2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Delhi	814
3	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Chennai	802
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Kanpur	777
5	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Roorkee	741
6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Guwahati	687
7	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT BHU)	Varanasi	681
8	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Tiruchirappalli	675
9	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Surathkal	639
10	Anna University	Chennai	625

11	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)	Dhanbad	619
12	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Warangal	583
13	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	551
14	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST)	Shibpur	509
15	National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut	Kozhikode	506
16	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur	500
17	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar	Ropar	481
18	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MN-NIT), Allahabad	Prayagraj	464
19	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur	462
20	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Durgapur	454
21	Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar	415
22	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Patna	414
23	Indrapratha Institute of Information Technology	Delhi	382
24	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT)	Bhopal	377
25	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Jamshedpur	353
26	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT)	Surat	345
27	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Hamirpur	340

PRIVATE & DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	754
2	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	594
3	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	502
4	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	469
5	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Noida	335
6	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	331
7	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	287
8	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	283

DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	754
2	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	594





3	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	551
4	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	502
5	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	469
6	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Noida	335
7	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	331
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DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	754
2	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Noida	335
3	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	331

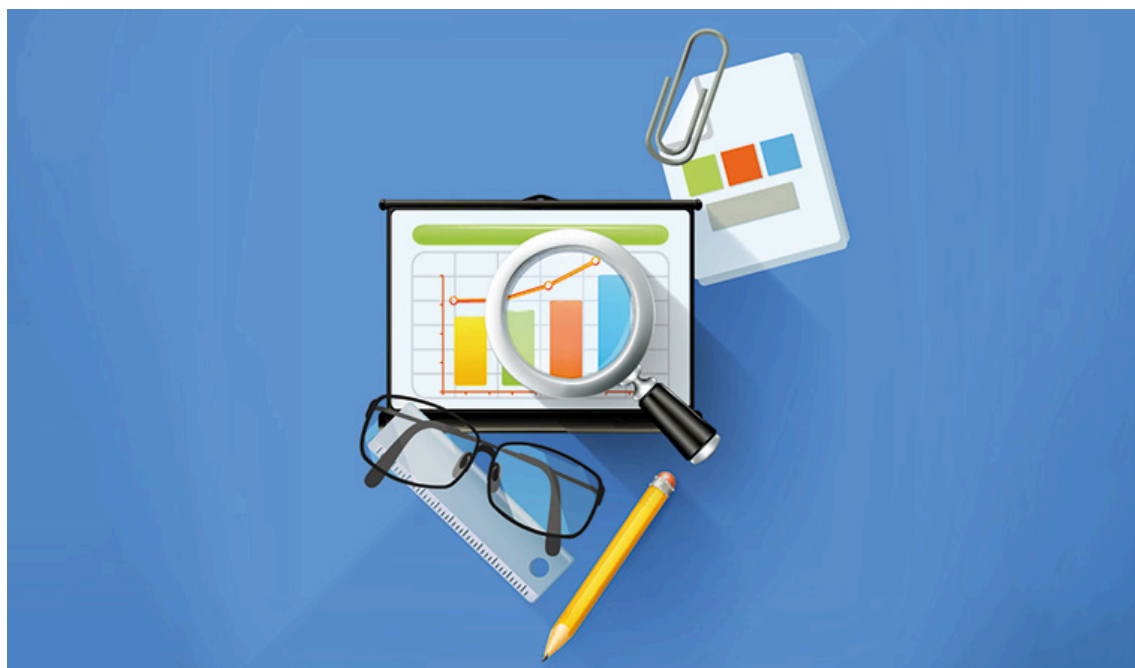
DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	594
2	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	502
3	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	283





RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE (OUT OF 1,000)
1	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Delhi	792
2	Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER)	Puducherry	743
3	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	695
4	King George's Medical University	Lucknow	675
5	Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER)	Chandigarh	618
6	Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences	Lucknow	532
7	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)	Bengaluru	527
8	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Jodhpur	492
9	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Bhubaneswar	490
10	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Raipur	463
11	BLDE (Deemed to be University)	Vijayapura	286



THE WEEK-Hansa Research Best Universities Survey 2023 provides insight into the hierarchy of multidisciplinary, technical and medical universities in the country. This year, the study was done across 15 cities.

To be eligible, universities had to be recognised by the UGC, offer full-time postgraduate degree courses in at least two disciplines and should have graduated at least three batches from the postgraduate programmes.

A primary survey was conducted with 302 academic experts, spread across selected cities. The respondents were asked to nominate and rank the top 20 universities in India.

Perceptual score was calculated based on the number of nominations and the actual ranks received.

For factual data collection, a dedicated website was created and the link was sent to universities. Fifty-four universities responded within the stipulated time.

Factual score was calculated based on information collected from universities and other secondary sources on the following parameters:

- ◆ Age and accreditation
- ◆ Infrastructure and other facilities
- ◆ Faculty, research and academics
- ◆ Student intake and exposure
- ◆ Placements (only for technical universities)
- ◆ Final score = Perceptual score (out of 400) + factual score (out of 600)

Some universities could not respond to the survey. Among them, for the universities which confirmed that they wished to be ranked, the composite score was derived by combining the perceptual score with an interpolated factual score based on their position in the perceptual score list.

How Jawaharlal Nehru University became India's best

JNU was conceived a university with 'a personality of its own'



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Joy of learning: Students in the nine-storey JNU library.

This is not going to be a university like so many other universities that exist today, said Union external affairs minister M.C. Chagla as he tabled the The Jawaharlal Nehru University Bill in the Lok Sabha on November

16, 1966. When the bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha, on December 24, 1964, Chagla, who was former chief justice of the Bombay High Court and envoy to the US and the UK, had been the education minister.



Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit

“The object of this bill is to establish in the city of Delhi a distinctive university; a university which will not be a mere duplication of other universities but a university which will have a personality of its own, characteristics of its own, unique in many ways,” he went on to say in the Lok Sabha. It took a couple more years for the Act to come into force, leading to JNU’s establishment in 1969. But, it is no overstatement that India’s best university has become what it was meant to be, and more.

The 1,000-acre campus is housed on the rugged terrain of the Aravali hill range in Delhi. As per its vision statement, it “exemplifies the positive aspects of human habitation and intervention”. As you enter the campus, the greenery takes your breath away. The landscape is an explosion of colours thanks to the innumerable trees and shrubs. The campus, a birdwatcher’s dream, is also home to peacocks and nilgais.

The walls are decorated with posters representing different political ideologies and diverse thinking. JNU is a microcosm of India as it draws students from across the country and from different strata of society. For example, in 2022-23, of the 9,515 students, 1,428 were from scheduled castes, 677 from scheduled tribes, 3,285 from OBCs and 401 students were physically challenged. Women numbered 4,081.

“ JNU is the only university in the country that can affiliate all over the country. For instance, the National Defence Academy cadets are all JNU graduates as they are awarded degrees from JNU. - Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, 13th vice chancellor of JNU **”**

Moreover, for the Indian nationals (77 foreign nationals were admitted in 2022-23), the fees are among the lowest in the world—tuition fee component starts at around Rs200 for UG, PG and PhD. Though for the PG diploma in big data analytics, this is Rs10,000. And, for MBA, the total programme fee is Rs12 lakh for general category students, Rs8 lakh for OBCs, and Rs6 lakh for SC/ST students and for students with disability. For overseas students, the MBA tuition fee for two years is \$16,000 (just over Rs13 lakh).

Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit is the 13th vice chancellor of JNU. She is the first woman to head the university and also the first alumni of JNU to head JNU. She takes immense pride in what JNU stands for. “We are a very nationalistic university and very democratic,” she said. “We have all types of ideologies. Multiple narratives exist and we also agree to disagree here.” She added that JNU had the highest faculty to student ratio in the country—700 to 10,000—and that another 150 faculty roles were being filled. “Also JNU is the only university in the country that can affiliate all over the country,” she said. “For instance, the National Defence Academy cadets are all JNU graduates as they are awarded degrees from JNU.”

Pandit said that during her JNU days in the mid 1980s, there were only 2,500-3,000 students and the campus was not fully developed. There were only seven hostels at that time as against 17 now. The number of women in the university, too, was low as the women’s hostel was not full. “More schools and centres have come in now,” she said. “With the National Education Policy 2020, we have brought in courses of Indian knowledge systems in all types of schools. We asked schools to innovate and tried to align with the industry. We have courses such as disaster management and national security.”



Pandit also highlights the inclusivity at JNU. “One of our alumni, Sarita Mali who is now in the US, is the daughter of a flower seller from Mumbai,” she said. “Her father still sells flowers in Ghatkopar. While she was doing her PhD, she never wore a new dress. We have children from extremely poor families, we also have children of sex workers. We have physically disabled students as well as faculty. We have a faculty in the English department who is 90 per cent visually disabled.”

Another key factor which sets JNU apart is that it was interdisciplinary at inception, long before interdisciplinary became a buzzword in India in the 2010s and the NEP 2020 provided impetus to the approach. In fact, the JNU Act, 1966, says that the university shall “take appropriate measures for promoting interdisciplinary studies”. This was, at least in part, inspired by the universities in the UK and the US, which, as Chagla had said in Parliament, emphasised the “indivisibility of knowledge”.

“ Think-tanks can come and go, but institutions such as JNU, SIS are built by leaders for centuries. The SIS will last as long as scholarships matter in the world. - Amitabh Mattoo, dean, school of international studies, JNU ”

To this end, the university is not divided into narrowly defined departments, but into broader and more inclusive schools, under which come more specialised centres. As per the most recent annual report, there are 14 schools and eight special centres. As a result of such efforts, it is not uncommon for PhD students to work in areas like environment and literary studies, sociology and aesthetics or linguistics and biology.

The freedom given to the faculty to decide the syllabus and academic research is another key factor in JNU's success. Apart from the continuous syllabus revision, JNU also runs “zero programmes”. This means that if a new area, which is not in the syllabus, becomes trending, then the faculty can take it up themselves and teach it even before the syllabus is updated. There is also the provision for a “zero semester”. This can be availed of if students need to take a break because of medical conditions, availing of scholarships/fellowships or visa constraints.

Apart from their teaching, research and curriculum creation, JNU's faculty is also renowned for their role in the development of the country. They participate in decision-making bodies and provide guidance and counsel on matters pertaining to both technology and policy. In terms of research output, JNU's academic members published 170 books, 351 chapters in books and 1,111 papers/articles in journals in 2022-23. They also had 1,878 participations in seminars/conferences/workshops, delivered 1,393 lectures outside JNU, and were awarded 290 research projects.



The university's largest schools are the school of social sciences, the school of international studies and the schools of languages and culture.

The school of social sciences has 13 centres, covering topics like history, geography, education, philosophy, social inclusion, economic systems, sociology and political science. Four centres—history, geography, political science and sociology—are globally ranked. Prof Kaushal Kumar Sharma, dean, school of social sciences, points out an interesting feature of the school. "Wherever we require some specialised contribution, we have a concurrent faculty, where a person or a professor who has qualification to teach in another centre can come and teach," he said. "This is not happening anywhere else. So we do not have ad hoc faculty at all, because we have teachers who can teach in other centres."

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25	Cochin University of Science and Technology	Kochi	424
28	Christ (Deemed to be University)	Bengaluru	420
29	Dr. Harisingh Gour University	Sagar	414
29	SNDT Women's University	Mumbai	414
31	Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	409
32	The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	Vadodara	406
33	Gauhati University	Guwahati	401
34	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	Delhi	393
35	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	378
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36	Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	362
38	Chitkara University	Patiala	361
39	The English and Foreign Language University	Hyderabad	348
39	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)	Pune	348
41	Goa University	Goa	339
42	Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)	Ambala	338
43	Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	332
44	NITTE (Deemed to be University)	Mangaluru	314
45	Manipal University	Jaipur	313
45	Amity University	Jaipur	313
47	Nirma University	Ahmedabad	310
48	Amity University	Gurugram	308
48	Sikkim Manipal University	Gangtok	308
50	Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University	Jalgaon	307
51	The University of Burdwan	Bardhaman	303
52	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University	Aurangabad	302
53	Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University	Pune	294
54	Kumaun University	Nainital	291
55	Rabindranath Tagore University	Bhopal	290
55	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Bilaspur	290
57	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	289
58	St Joseph's University	Bengaluru	288
59	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	285
59	Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (A Deemed to be University)	Tumakuru	285
59	Integral University	Lucknow	285
62	Chitkara University	Solan	273
62	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	273

64	Sanskriti University	Mathura	257
65	IHMR University	Jaipur	255
66	REVA University	Bengaluru	253
67	Rayat-Bahra University	Mohali	247

during their assessment. All this is shared with other students in the centre. The school, which has over 3,000 students, also has a large number of chairs, like the World Bank chair, the RBI chair and the Ambedkar chair.

The school of international studies (SIS) started even before the establishment of JNU. It was founded in 1955 and later merged with JNU and today has 125 faculty members. Prof Amitabh Mattoo, dean, SIS, said that the school had alumni in all the top universities in the world. “The whole policy of non-alignment was generated through this school,” he said. “The principal justification for India’s policy and weaponisation was produced by this school; India’s intervention in East Pakistan, the rationale was produced by this school. So, whether it is in terms of policy or scholarship, there is no parallel to this school. Think-tanks can come and go, but institutions such as JNU, SIS are built by leaders for centuries. The SIS will last as long as scholarships matter in the world.”

The school is currently planning a master’s programme in global governance and an MA in security studies. SIS also has executive development programmes for the industry and the government. “Already we have collaborated with the ministry of defence for short-term courses for their officers,” said Mattoo. “We are also devising short-term executive programmes for leaders. For instance, [geared to] big corporate groups [for their personnel] to understand international relations. For journalists, we have programmes focusing on how to cover conflict and wars. Also, how do you use AI as a productive tool.”

Another area SIS is into is risk analysis. “Suppose a corporate wants to set base in Africa, what kind of environment they are likely to face there, what is the situation there, what is the risk analysis there, what is the impact of investing there...,” said Mattoo. “SIS will become the number one international affairs school in the world. Harvard and Oxford do compete with us, but we will be the number one. There are 1,500 students in the school. A pool of the best and the brightest in the country.”

Naina Khatri is pursuing her PhD from SIS. She has been in JNU since 2016 and her topic of study is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and its role in the life of refugee women. “I am doing a case study of Kenya,” she said. She said that she got to know about SIS from one of her professors at the University of Delhi while she was pursuing her UG

68	JECRC University	Jaipur	238
69	University of Engineering & Management	Jaipur	233
70	Amity University	Mumbai	221
71	Sri Padmapat Singhania University	Udaipur	218
72	The ICFAI University	Dehradun	212
73	Amity University	Gwalior	198
74	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	195
75	Presidency University	Bengaluru	191
76	K.R. Mangalam University	Gurugram	185
77	Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication	Bhopal	179
78	Sage University	Indore	177
79	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	170
80	SRM University	Sonepat	169
81	JIS University	Kolkata	158
82	Amity University	Raipur	156
83	University of Engineering & Management	Kolkata	155
84	LNCT University	Bhopal	152
85	Mangalayatan University	Jabalpur	151
86	World University of Design	Sonepat	146
87	Haridwar University	Roorkee	141
88	Poornima University	Jaipur	135
89	DAV University	Jalandhar	129
90	Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Indore	117
90	AISECT University	Hazaribag	117
92	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Khandwa	114
92	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Hajipur	114

EMERGING MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Chandigarh University	Mohali	424
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5	Rabindranath Tagore University	Bhopal	290
6	Sanskriti University	Mathura	257
7	REVA University	Bengaluru	253
8	Rayat-Bahra University	Mohali	247
9	JECRC University	Jaipur	238
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11	Amity University	Mumbai	221
12	Amity University	Gwalior	198
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The school of language, literature and culture studies teaches 25 languages. This includes languages such as French, German, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Greek, Turkish and Indonesian. JNU already teaches more foreign languages than any other university in India. There are plans to introduce Malayan and Lithuanian, which has similarities to Sanskrit. The school of Sanskrit and indic studies has recently floated a certificate course in Pali.

The dean, Shoba Sivasankaran, highlights the flexibility the school offers to students. “In the five-year integrated programme those who want to leave after BA can leave,” she said. “Many students leave after BA because we have a successful placement programme as many MNCs hire our students (as interpreters and translators).” The language lab, where students learn to speak and translate, is a vital part of the school, which employs 120 faculty.

Ashish Kumar Mishra is pursuing a masters in Russian. “While teaching basics in Russian language, the teachers use different methods such as teaching alphabets through songs,” he said. “They conduct quizzes and games, which are interesting and quite engaging. The newly built interpretation lab has advanced technology and helps to make interpretations like professional interpreters.”

JNU has an interesting mixture of courses, like yoga and wellness and ayurveda and biology. It also has a special centre for molecular medicine. It is collaborating with Patanjali and others to develop ayurveda and has also started the centre for Hindu studies, centre for Buddhist studies and centre for Jaina studies.

The university offers technology courses like quantum computing, cybersecurity, network security, cryptography and mathematical robotics. In the field of sciences, it offers life sciences, nano science, bioinformatics and biotechnology. Moreover, the National Institute of Immunology’s doctoral programme leads to a JNU PhD. The university grants degrees to many other top research institutes. The institutes decide their curriculum, but are academically audited by JNU professors.

Considering what JNU has contributed to nation building, it is perhaps fitting that private companies are now coming forward to build things for it. For instance, HDFC has promised smart classrooms and solar lighting. JNU’s highest spend is electricity, which is free across the campus (as is WiFi).

17	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	170
18	SRM University	Sonepat	169
19	JIS University	Kolkata	158
20	Amity University	Raipur	156
21	University of Engineering & Management	Kolkata	155
22	LNCT University	Bhopal	152
23	Mangalayatan University	Jabalpur	151
24	World University of Design	Sonepat	146
25	Poornima University	Jaipur	135
26	DAV University	Jalandhar	129
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27	AISECT University	Hazaribag	117
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Note: The emerging lists comprise universities which were established in 2010 and thereafter

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NORTH ZONE

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9	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	195
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and modernise the mess) from the ministry of education and the work is ongoing.”

The biggest strength of any top institution is its alumni. JNU’s case is no different. Except that it can boast the likes of Union ministers S. Jaishankar and Nirmala Sitharaman, Nobel-winning economist Abhijit Banerjee, bureaucrats Amitabh Kant and Ajith Sen, and politicians Sitaram Yechury, Prakash Karat, Baburam Bhattarai (former prime minister of Nepal) and Ali Zeidan (former prime minister of Libya).

Pandit is looking to her fellow alumni for additional monetary support and JNU has recently collected Rs22 lakh from them. “We have put up an online payment gateway so anyone who wants to donate can do so,” she said. “People will donate if they are confident that the fund will go directly to the university. Our alumni are well-to-do and are ready to pay. We have given alumni cards to our alumni like Jaishankar and Kant.”

Research methodology

THE WEEK-Hansa Research Best Universities Survey 2024 provides insight into the hierarchy of multidisciplinary, technical and medical universities in the country. This year, the study was done across 15 cities.

To be eligible, universities had to be recognised by the UGC, offer full-time postgraduate degree courses in at least two disciplines and should have graduated at least three batches from the postgraduate programmes.

A primary survey was conducted with 318 academic experts, spread across selected cities. The respondents were asked to nominate and rank the top 20 universities in India.

Perceptual score was calculated based on the number of nominations and the actual ranks received.

For factual data collection, a dedicated website was created and the link was sent to universities. Sixty-two universities responded within the stipulated time.

Factual score was calculated based on information collected from universities and other secondary sources on the following parameters:

- * Age and accreditation
- * Infrastructure and other facilities
- * Faculty, research and academics

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EMERGING MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	REVA University	Bengaluru	253
2	Presidency University	Bengaluru	191

MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Delhi	731
2	University of Delhi	Delhi	725
3	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	716
4	Panjab University	Chandigarh	598
5	Amity University	Noida	589
5	Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University)	Banasthali	589
7	Guru Nanak Dev University	Amritsar	560
8	University of Jammu	Jammu	505
9	Kurukshetra University	Kurukshetra	424
9	Chandigarh University	Mohali	424
11	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	Delhi	393
12	Chitkara University	Patiala	361
13	Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)	Ambala	338
14	Manipal University	Jaipur	313
14	Amity University	Jaipur	313
16	Amity University	Gurugram	308
17	Kumaun University	Nainital	291
18	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	285
18	Integral University	Lucknow	285

Rank	University	Location	Score
20	Chitkara University	Solan	273
20	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	273
22	Sanskriti University	Mathura	257
23	IIHMR University	Jaipur	255

universities which confirmed that they wished to be ranked, the composite score was derived by combining the perceptual score with an interpolated factual score based on their position in the perceptual score list.

Ashok Kumar Mittal

Trends in Indian university education driven by the rise of AI and changing employer preferences prioritise skill-centric learning, practical abilities, adaptability, and lifelong learning, preparing students for the evolving professional landscape.

founder chancellor, Lovely Professional University

N. Mallikarjun Rao

Incorporating innovative assessment methods is crucial to providing a comprehensive evaluation of students' learning outcomes. Therefore, the university should adopt assessment methods that go beyond traditional exams. This includes project-based assessments, portfolios and peer evaluations. These methods allow students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and abilities in diverse ways, fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

registrar, Annamacharya University, Rajampet, Andhra Pradesh

S. Madhu

It is essential to focus on both the curriculum and teaching methodologies. For example, offer personalised learning paths and flexible course structures that allow students to customise their educational journey based on their interests, career goals, and learning pace. Provide guidance and support services to help students make informed decisions and navigate their academic path effectively.

director, Anurag Centre for Educational Innovations, Anurag University

Prof V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai

Technological interventions, deregulation and the National Education Policy 2020 are the trendsetters in the current higher education scenario in India. Universities are exploring adaptive learning platforms and personalised teaching methods to cater to individual student needs and

24	Rayat-Bahra University	Mohali	247
25	JECRC University	Jaipur	238
26	University of Engineering & Management	Jaipur	233
27	Sri Padmapat Singhanian University	Udaipur	218
28	The ICFAI University	Dehradun	212
29	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	195
30	K.R. Mangalam University	Gurugram	185
31	SRM University	Sonepat	169
32	Mangalayatan University	Jabalpur	151
33	World University of Design	Sonepat	146
34	Haridwar University	Roorkee	141
35	Poornima University	Jaipur	135
36	DAV University	Jalandhar	129

PRIVATE & DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Amity University	Noida	589
1	Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University)	Banasthali	589
3	Chandigarh University	Mohali	424
4	Chitkara University	Patiala	361
5	Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)	Ambala	338
6	Manipal University	Jaipur	313
6	Amity University	Jaipur	313
8	Amity University	Gurugram	308
9	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	285
9	Integral University	Lucknow	285
11	Chitkara University	Solan	273
11	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	273
13	Sanskriti University	Mathura	257
14	IIHMR University	Jaipur	255
15	Rayat-Bahra University	Mohali	247
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vice chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

Ashok Shettar

In India, university education is experiencing several noteworthy trends. Apart from the shift towards digital and online learning platforms, interdisciplinary studies and flexible curriculum structures, universities are also focusing on fostering research and innovation ecosystems, promoting entrepreneurship, and enhancing exclusivity and diversity on campuses. These trends reflect a dynamic landscape in Indian higher education, characterised by advancements in technology, pedagogy, research and exclusivity efforts.

vice chancellor, KLE Technological University, Hubli

Sardar Taranjit Singh

It is recommended that private universities increase their endeavour in widening their industry connections and recruiters network. Pre-placement training sessions should be made rigorous and tailored to an individual's potential. The employability index of individual students should be determined; a customised grooming programme will improve the industry-readiness of the candidates.

chancellor, JIS University

Prof Devinder Narain

To bolster students' job readiness, universities can forge partnerships with MSMEs to offer real-world experiences through internships. MSMEs provide fertile ground for experiential learning, allowing students to understand the intricacies of businesses, adapt to dynamic work environments and cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets. Such partnerships bridge the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that graduates possess relevant skills and knowledge sought by employers, thereby enhancing their employability.

senior director (human resource), Shobhit Univesrity

Satnam Singh Sandhu

Higher education institutions should offer multiple career opportunities such as entrepreneurship, research and professional sports to the students so that they do not have to just rely on campus placements. If placements are to be provided then the students should be prepared as per industry expectations. We must prepare today's youth with the skills of tomorrow.

PRIVATE & DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

NORTH ZONE - DELHI NCR

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2	Amity University	Gurugram	308
3	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	285
4	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	273
5	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	195
6	K.R. Mangalam University	Gurugram	185
7	SRM University	Sonepat	169
8	World University of Design	Sonepat	146

MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University)	Manipal	663
2	University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad	645
3	Andhra University	Visakhapatnam	604
3	Bharathiar University	Coimbatore	604
5	University of Madras	Chennai	589
6	Acharya Nagarjuna University	Guntur	555
7	Alagappa University	Karaikudi	526
8	Sri Venkateswara University	Tirupati	524
9	Bharathidasan University	Tiruchirappalli	508
10	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kottayam	470
11	Cochin University of Science and Technology	Kochi	424
12	Christ (Deemed to be University)	Bengaluru	420
13	Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	409
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15	The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education	Hyderabad	362
15	Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	362
17	The English and Foreign Language University	Hyderabad	348
18	Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	332
19	NITTE (Deemed to be University)	Mangaluru	314
20	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	289

21	St Joseph's University	Bengaluru	288
22	Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (A Deemed to be University)	Tumakuru	285
23	REVA University	Bengaluru	253
24	Presidency University	Bengaluru	191

more complete. Teaching them to learn soft skills, like communication, critical thinking and effective collaboration, too, will help. Education is now beyond just exam scores.

dean (academics) and registrar, Charotar University of Science and Technology, Anand, Gujarat

Dr D. Premachandra Sagar

Artificial intelligence, machine learning and other emerging technologies are playing increasingly significant roles in higher education in India. They can be used to tailor experiences that help individual learning needs. Universities can leverage AI and ML to analyse student performance, attendance and engagement data. Predictive analytics models can identify at-risk students early on and facilitate targeted interventions.

pro-chancellor, Dayananda Sagar University

Siddharth Chaturvedi

Higher education institutions need to align with aspirations of students and the demands of the market. Introducing flexible pathways, micro-credentialing and personalised learning options accommodates various learning styles and career objectives. Interactive teaching approaches like flipped classrooms, gamification and virtual labs offer immersive learning experiences. Furthermore, promoting research, innovation and global exposure through partnerships and exchange programmes enriches the academic journey and equips students to tackle global challenges.

chancellor, Scope Global Skills University

PRIVATE & DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
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MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

EAST ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Jadavpur University	Kolkata	695
2	University of Calcutta	Kolkata	625
3	Utkal University	Bhubaneswar	469
4	North-Eastern Hill University	Shillong	452
5	Gauhati University	Guwahati	401
6	Sikkim Manipal University	Gangtok	308
7	The University of Burdwan	Bardhaman	303
8	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Bilaspur	290
9	JIS University	Kolkata	158
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MULTIDISCIPLINARY

MULTIRANKING
UNIVERSITIES

WEST ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Savitribai Phule Pune University	Pune	610

2	Symbiosis International (Deemed University)	Pune	543
3	Dr. Harisingh Gour University	Sagar	414
3	SNDT Women's University	Mumbai	414
5	The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	Vadodara	406
6	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)	Pune	348
7	Goa University	Goa	339
8	Nirma University	Ahmedabad	310
9	Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University	Jalgaon	307
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PRIVATE & DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

WEST ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Symbiosis International (Deemed University)	Pune	543
2	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)	Pune	348
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CENTRAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Delhi	731
2	University of Delhi	Delhi	725
3	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	716
4	University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad	645

5	North-Eastern Hill University	Shillong	452
6	Dr. Harisingh Gour University	Sagar	414
7	The English and Foreign Language University	Hyderabad	348

STATE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Jadavpur University	Kolkata	695
2	University of Calcutta	Kolkata	625
3	Savitribai Phule Pune University	Pune	610
4	Andhra University	Visakhapatnam	604
4	Bharathiar University	Coimbatore	604
6	Panjab University	Chandigarh	598
7	University of Madras	Chennai	589
8	Guru Nanak Dev University	Amritsar	560
9	Acharya Nagarjuna University	Guntur	555
10	Alagappa University	Karaikudi	526
11	Sri Venkateswara University	Tirupati	524
12	Bharathidasan University	Tiruchirappalli	508
13	University of Jammu	Jammu	505
14	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kottayam	470
15	Utkal University	Bhubaneswar	469
16	Kurukshetra University	Kurukshetra	424
16	Cochin University of Science and Technology	Kochi	424
18	SNDT Women's University	Mumbai	414
19	The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	Vadodara	406
20	Gauhati University	Guwahati	401
21	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	Delhi	393
22	Goa University	Goa	339
23	Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University	Jalgaon	307
24	The University of Burdwan	Bardhaman	303
25	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University	Aurangabad	302
26	Kumaun University	Nainital	291
27	Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication	Bhopal	179

PRIVATE & DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University)	Manipal	663

2	Amity University	Noida	589
2	Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University)	Banasthali	589
4	Symbiosis International (Deemed University)	Pune	543
5	Chandigarh University	Mohali	424
6	Christ (Deemed to be University)	Bengaluru	420
7	Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	409
8	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	378
9	The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education	Hyderabad	362
9	Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	362
11	Chitkara University	Patiala	361
12	Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University)	Pune	348
13	Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University)	Ambala	338
14	Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	332
15	NITTE (Deemed to be University)	Mangaluru	314
16	Manipal University	Jaipur	313
16	Amity University	Jaipur	313
18	Nirma University	Ahmedabad	310
19	Amity University	Gurugram	308
19	Sikkim Manipal University	Gangtok	308
21	Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University	Pune	294
22	Rabindranath Tagore University	Bhopal	290
22	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Bilaspur	290
24	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	289
25	St Joseph's University	Bengaluru	288
26	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	285
26	Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (A Deemed to be University)	Tumakuru	285
26	Integral University	Lucknow	285
29	Chitkara University	Solan	273
29	The NorthCap University	Gurugram	273
31	Sanskriti University	Mathura	257
32	IIHMR University	Jaipur	255
33	REVA University	Bengaluru	253
34	Rayat-Bahra University	Mohali	247
35	JECRC University	Jaipur	238
36	University of Engineering & Management	Jaipur	233
37	Amity University	Mumbai	221
38	Sri Padmapat Singhanian University	Udaipur	218
39	The ICFAI University	Dehradun	212
40	Amity University	Gwalior	198
41	Manav Rachna University	Faridabad	195

42	Presidency University	Bengaluru	191
43	K.R. Mangalam University	Gurugram	185
44	Sage University	Indore	177
45	Jagran Lakecity University	Bhopal	170
46	SRM University	Sonepat	169

47	JIS University	Kolkata	158
48	Amity University	Raipur	156
49	University of Engineering & Management	Kolkata	155
50	LNCT University	Bhopal	152
51	Mangalayatan University	Jabalpur	151
52	World University of Design	Sonepat	146
53	Haridwar University	Roorkee	141
54	Poornima University	Jaipur	135
55	DAV University	Jalandhar	129
56	Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Indore	117
56	AISECT University	Hazaribag	117
58	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Khandwa	114
58	Dr. C.V. Raman University	Hajipur	114

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13	Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	289
14	Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Meerut	285
14	Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (A Deemed to be University)	Tumakuru	285

DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
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DEEMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITIES

SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University)	Manipal	663
2	Christ (Deemed to be University)	Bengaluru	420
3	Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Chennai	409
4	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	378
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TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Delhi	822
2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Chennai	817
3	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Mumbai	806
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Kanpur	795
5	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Roorkee	767
6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Guwahati	734
7	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	716
8	Anna University	Chennai	691
9	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT BHU)	Varanasi	647
10	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Tiruchirappalli	620
11	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Surathkal	617
12	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)	Dhanbad	615
13	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Warangal	611
14	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	584
15	National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut	Kozhikode	537
16	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	525
17	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	494
18	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST)	Shibpur	493
19	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar	Ropar	490
20	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad	Prayagraj	482



21	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur	476
22	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur	465
23	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Patna	444
24	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	438
25	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Durgapur	406
26	Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar	362
27	Indrapratha Institute of Information Technology	Delhi	323
28	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT)	Bhopal	322
29	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Jamshedpur	320
30	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT)	Surat	319
31	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Hamirpur	306
32	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	272
33	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	268
34	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	235

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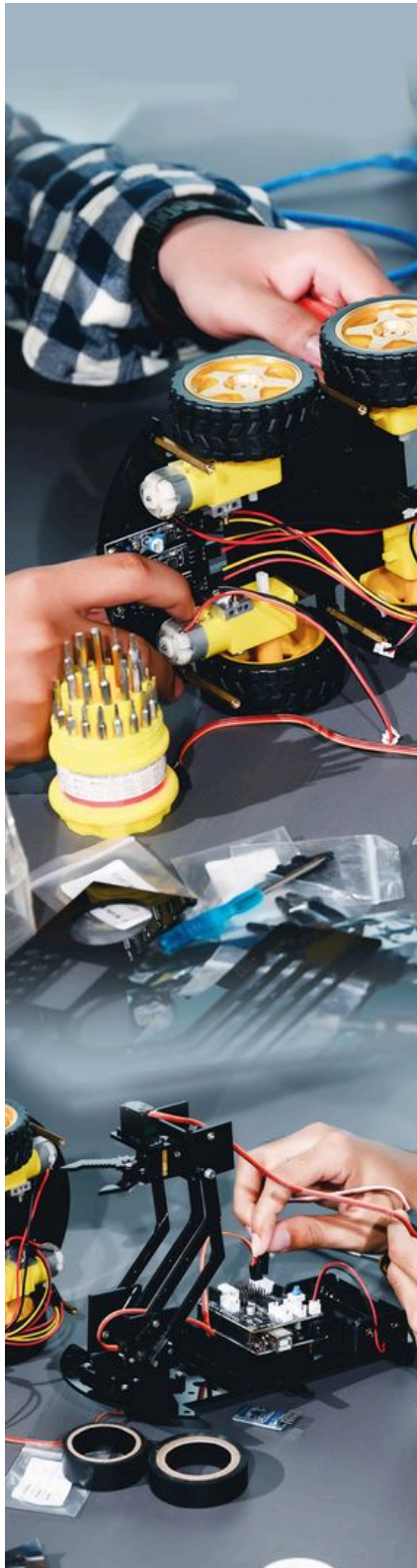
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2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Kanpur	795
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7	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad	Prayagraj	482
8	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur	465
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NORTH ZONE

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1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	716
2	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	272
3	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	268

**TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES****SOUTH ZONE**

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Chennai	817
2	Anna University	Chennai	691
3	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Tiruchirappalli	620
4	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Surathkal	617
5	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Warangal	611
6	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	584
7	National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut	Kozhikode	537
8	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	494
9	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	235

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TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES****SOUTH ZONE**

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	584
2	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	494
3	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	235

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES**EAST ZONE**

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Guwahati	734
2	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)	Dhanbad	615
3	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST)	Shibpur	493
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Patna	444
5	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	438
6	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Durgapur	406
7	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Jamshedpur	320

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES**WEST ZONE**

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Mumbai	806
2	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	525
3	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur	476
4	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT)	Bhopal	322
5	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT)	Surat	319



GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Delhi	822
2	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Chennai	817
3	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Mumbai	806
4	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Kanpur	795
5	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Roorkee	767
6	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Guwahati	734
7	Anna University	Chennai	691
8	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT BHU)	Varanasi	647
9	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Tiruchirappalli	620
10	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Surathkal	617
11	Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)	Dhanbad	615
12	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Warangal	611
13	National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut	Kozhikode	537
14	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	525
15	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST)	Shibpur	493
16	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar	Ropar	490
17	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Allahabad	Prayagraj	482
18	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT)	Nagpur	476
19	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT)	Jaipur	465
20	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	Patna	444
21	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Durgapur	406
22	Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology	Jalandhar	362
23	Indrapratha Institute of Information Technology	Delhi	323
24	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT)	Bhopal	322
25	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Jamshedpur	320
26	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT)	Surat	319
27	National Institute of Technology (NIT)	Hamirpur	306

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ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	716
2	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	584
3	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	494
4	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	438
5	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	272
6	Jaypee University of Information Technology	Solan	268
7	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	235



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1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	716
2	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	584
3	Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University)	Mumbai	525
4	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	494
5	Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) (Deemed to be University)	Mesra, Ranchi	438
6	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	272
7	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	235

DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

NORTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) (Deemed to be University)	Pilani	716
2	The LNM Institute of Information Technology (Deemed to be University)	Jaipur	272

DEEMED TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

SOUTH ZONE

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University)	Vellore	584
2	International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) (Deemed to be University)	Hyderabad	494
3	Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University)	Guntur	235

MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES

ALL INDIA

RANK	UNIVERSITY	CITY	SCORE
1	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Delhi	713
2	Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER)	Puducherry	669
3	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	626
4	King George's Medical University	Lucknow	608
5	Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER)	Chandigarh	556

6	Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences	Lucknow	479
7	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)	Bengaluru	474
8	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Bhubaneswar	443
9	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Jodhpur	441
10	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	Raipur	416
11	Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (A Deemed to be University)	Chennai	379
12	JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research	Mysuru	343
13	KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research	Belagavi	298
14	Malwanchal University	Indore	270
15	BLDE (Deemed to be University)	Vijayapura	258
16	Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University	Dharwad	180