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**News:** NIRF rankings: IITM retains top spot

## **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)**

- National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is **launched by Ministry of Education (MoE) in 2015.**
- The 2023 edition saw **IIT Madras topping the rankings in the overall category followed by IISc Bengaluru and IIT Delhi. It is the fifth consecutive term that IIT Madras is topping.**
- Among the universities, **IISc Bengaluru retained its position as the best in country for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive term. The IISc was followed by Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia as second and third best universities.**
- **Miranda House** is first among the top colleges in the country. **Hindu College, Delhi and Presidency College, Chennai** were named the second and third best colleges, respectively.
- **All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi** is the top medical institute in the country. **Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh and Christian Medical College, Vellore** were ranked the second and third best medical colleges respectively.

- Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmadabad is the top management institute in the country. The IIMs in Bangalore and Kozhikode secured the second and third positions, respectively.
- National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Hyderabad topped the ranking in pharmacy for the first time, pushing Jamia Hamdard to the second slot.
- Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai got the honour of top dental college.
- The National Law School of India University, Bengaluru was rated the best law college in the country for the sixth consecutive year.
- The IIT Roorkee got the first place in architecture.
- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi took the top slot in agriculture and allied sectors.
- The Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur topped the innovation category.
- The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras also received the honour of best engineering college for the eighth consecutive year.
- The Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru also stood first in the research institutions category for the third consecutive year.
- The Rankings have been released under various categories, including, Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Overall, Research.

- The rankings for all colleges and universities across the country given by the Ministry were based on teaching, learning, and resources; research and professional practice, graduation outcome; outreach and inclusivity; and peer perception.
- For the 2023 rankings, 5,543 unique institutions applied for ranking.

**News:** Draft of cybersecurity agreement outlined for G20 countries

## **Delhi Declaration on Cybersecurity**

- Lieutenant General Rajesh Pant (retd.), the National Cybersecurity Coordinator, recently, outlined a draft of what he called the “Delhi Declaration”, a series of commitments to “responsible state behaviour in cyberspace” for G20 member countries, drawn from existing nonbinding norms that they have already signed onto under the auspices of the United Nations.
- If adopted, G20 countries would commit to not damage critical infrastructure or other essential systems; commit to cooperate, mitigate and investigate cyber incidents, and other malicious activities in cyberspace, in particular when it comes to ransomware; commit to protect and not disrupt software supply chains; commit to respect international law and rule of law in cyberspace; and finally commit to protecting the humanitarian sector.