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News: QS World University Rankings

Recently, the global higher education think-tank Quacquarelli Symonds has released the QS Asia University Rankings: Asia 2024, including 148 universities from India in the comprehensive list of 856 universities across Asia.

QS Asia University Rankings 2024

- 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.

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%) and International Student Ratio (5%)

Key Points

Peking University (China) topped the list, followed by the University of Hong Kong (Hongkong) and National University of Singapore (NUS) (Singapore).

Indian Universities' Performance

- > IIT Bombay retains its top ranking in India and is ranked 40^{th} in Asia.
- Seven Indian institutions are among the top 100 in Asia, with five of them being Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), along with the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and Delhi University.
- The increasing visibility of Indian universities in international rankings reflects the expansion of India's higher education landscape and its contributions to global research.

India Surpasses China

India has surpassed China in the number of universities featured in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2024, indicating a significant increase compared to the previous year, with 37 new entries from India, while China had only seven new entries.

India's Strengths and Challenges

- While India performs well in terms of research output and highly qualified faculty members with PhDs, it falls below the regional average in academic and employer reputation.
- India's research output has increased significantly, showing a 60% increase from 2018 to 2022, more than double the global average.
- However, the growth gap with China is narrowing, with India catching up in terms of research output.