

State scores 10/250 in top campus list

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Kolkata: Bengal's educational institutes have fallen far short of expectation with only 10 making it to the HRD ministry's 250-strong national institutional rankings. IIT-Kharagpur and IIM-Calcutta are the only two exceptions. Both bagged third spots in their respective categories: top-100 engineering institutes and top-50 management schools.

Jadavpur University and Calcutta University find no mention in the list of top-100 universities. Authorities of the two varsities claimed they did not participate in the ranking but could not provide a credible reason why they chose not to.

"We did not participate largely because our database could not be prepared to adequately fill the proforma. We have now created a new infrastructure, I have addressed the problem and next year will participate in the process," said JU vice-chancellor Suranjan Das. Calcutta University had a different reason to share. "When we received the notification, the data requirement of NAAC and NIRF were found to be different. Since we were gearing up for a NAAC visit, we could not have participated simultaneously in both the ranks," said pro-VC (academics) Swagata Sen.

HOW STATE FARED

Universities (Top 100)

- > Visva-Bharati (11)
- > Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (31)
- > Presidency University (41)

Engineering (Top 100)

- > IIT-Kharagpur (3)
- > NIT Durgapur (30)
- > IEM (79)
- > IEST (83)
- > BIT (91)

Management (Top 50)

- > IIM-C (3), > IMI (12)

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Visva-Bharati surprise topper from state

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Visva-Bharati University — a central varsity (76.11) — is a surprise topper from the state, clinching the 11th spot nationwide, followed by Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (66.33) at 31st place and Presidency University (63.56) at 41. Indian Institute of Science Bangalore has secured the first place among all universities with an overall score of 91.81.

Among engineering colleges based on overall scores, IIT-Kharagpur (83.91) has ranked 3rd. It's followed by National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (65.40) that has ranked 30th. What has come as a surprise is the ranking of Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (52.35) at 83, four rungs below a private engineering college — Institute of Engineering and Management (53.26). While Bengal Institute of Technology (50.33) is at the 91st place, IIT-Madras has turned out to be the best engineering in-

STATUS CHECK

MAJOR ABSENTEES FROM THE RANKINGS LIST

- > Calcutta University
- > Jadavpur University
- > Rabindra Bharati University
- > IISWBM (Country's oldest management school run by Calcutta University)

No pharmacy institute from Bengal in the list

stitute with 89.41 score. Among B-schools, IIM-Calcutta (87.45) has ranked 3rd after IIM Bangalore and IIM-Ahmedabad. Interestingly, International Management Institute (77.16), another city-based private management school, has ranked 12th



Parameters for ranking universities, engineering colleges, management schools and pharmacy colleges

- > Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR)
- > Research, Professional Practice and Collaborative Performance (RPC)
- > Graduation Outcomes (GO)
- > Outreach (OI)
- > Perception (PR)

just above XLRI Jamshedpur. With an overall score of 86.04, IIM-Bangaluru has stood first among the business schools.

States like Tamil Nadu and even Delhi has beaten Bengal by a long margin. Fifteen universities from the south-

ern state and 12 from Delhi have featured in the top 100 university rankings, while there are only 3 from Bengal. In the top 100 engineering institutes, only five institutes have featured from Bengal while the number from Tamil Nadu and Delhi are 20 and 14 respectively. In the B-school rankings, there are two institutes from the state, while Tamil Nadu has 9 among the first 50.

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"Around 3800 institutes had participated in the NIRF. We have scored outstandingly in the graduation outcome parameter which measures the actual academic output, higher education opportunities internationally of an institute," said vice-chancellor of Presidency University, Anuradha Lohia.