

Indian Institute of Science ranks highest among Indian institutes in THE Emerging Economies ranking

India has cemented its status as the second most represented nation in the Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies ranking. As many as 42 Indian institutions have made it to the 2018 table, which is a significant increase from 27 in the previous year. THE's ranking comprises more than 350 universities - expanded from 300 last year - from 42 countries, across four continents.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, is its highest ranker at number 13 - up from 14th place. But the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Rourkela is the nation's highest riser - moving 57 positions to secure joint

138th rank owing to its improvements in research influence and citations.

Tezpur University gained 41 places to break into the Top 100, sharing joint 99th place with Russia's National University of Science and Technology (NISIT). IIT Kharagpur moved up 26 positions to break into the Top 50 at number 45, while IIT Bombay maintained its position at number 26.

While several institutions have made big gains and the country's overall representation in the table has increased, the majority of its previously ranked institutions have dropped places with both IIT Madras and IIT Delhi plummeting from the Top 50.

The nation remained the third most represented in the Top 200 - behind China and Taiwan.

Phil Baty, editorial director of Global Rankings for THE, said: "India undoubtedly has the potential to emerge as an eminent player in global higher education in the coming years. This is a pivotal moment. Sustained investment, a relentless drive to attract leading global talent, and a reinforced emphasis on international benchmarking will be crucial steps in helping India realise its global higher education ambitions."

Acting THE Rankings Editor, Ellie Bothwell, said, "We see from this year's ranking that universities in emerging economies will have to demonstrate immense drive to grow their global ambitions."

While China's domination of the ranking remained uncontested with the nation claiming one in six of the overall positions this year, Taiwan remained second most represented in the ranking's Top 200, claiming 18 positions in that group and 31 overall. Several Russian universities witnessed significant progress with 27 institutions ranked up from 24 in the previous year.