

BHU, Jamia break into top Asian varsity league

India's presence increases but many premier institutions slip on *Times* list

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Banaras Hindu University, Jamia Millia Islamia and 10 other Indian institutions have for the first time made it to the list of the top 350 universities in the Asia University Rankings 2018.

These entrants increased the overall representation of Indian institutes to 42.

"Two of the country's newcomers made it to the top 200 — the Indian School of Mines at 141st place and the Banaras Hindu University at 194th place," *Times Higher Education* (THE) said in a statement. Jamia Millia Islamia was ranked in the range of 201-250. THE ranks some universities only in a range.

Phil Baty, editorial director of global rankings at THE, said: "It is a fantastic achievement that India now has 42 universities in the Asia rankings and that the country has improved on 12 of the 13 metrics underlying the rankings."

The top Indian universities in the list are the Indian

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THE ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2018

Rank 2018	Top Indian institutions	Rank 2017
29	Indian Institute of Science	27
44	IIT-Bombay	42
60	IIT-Kharagpur	87
65	IIT-Roorkee	70
81	IIT-Kanpur	63
86	IIT-Delhi	54
100	Tezpur University	131-140
103	IIT-Madras	62
112	IIT-Guwahati	101-11
114	Panjab University	121-130

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141	Indian School of Mines
194	Banaras Hindu University
201-250	Jamia Millia Islamia
251-300	University of Kerala
251-300	Pondicherry University
251-300	Thapar University
301-350	GITAM University
301-350	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
301-350	University of Mysore
301-350	PSG College of Technology
301-350	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
351+	GB Pant University of Agri. & Technology

Source: Times Higher Education

Institute of Science (IISc), IIT-Bombay, IIT-Kharagpur, IIT-Roorkee and IIT-Kanpur. The global list was topped by the National University of

Singapore, Tsinghua University and Peking University (both from China), The University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and

Technology.

"The main trend of this year's THE Asia University Rankings is the continued rise of China. The People's Republic now claims almost one in five places in the rankings and several of its institutions have made strong gains, not least Tsinghua University, which is now the country's top ranked institution for the first time in the table's six-year history," it said.

Though there were many new entrants this year, the performance of many top Indian institutions were disappointing. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras the saw the biggest decline on the top-200 list, dropping 41 places to 103. "This was mainly because of lack of citations," the release said.

IIT-Madras did not reply to an email seeking the reasons behind the slide.

The IISc and IIT-Bombay slipped two places each, and were ranked 29 and 44, respectively. They also lost rankings due to a decline in citations.

IISc and all other IITs had also failed to score in the top 200 World University Rankings 2018 released last year. IISc dropped from the 201-250 band in the previous rankings to the 251-300 band. IIT-Delhi and IIT-Kanpur slipped from the 401-500 band to the 501-600 band. IIT-Bombay remained in the 351-400 range.

