

IIT-Bombay tops first QS ranking for Indian universities, IISc second

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THE INDIAN Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Mumbai and Madras and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru have emerged as top three in the first standalone QS ranking of India's higher education institutes.

Interestingly, while the IISc was India's best institution in the QS World University Rankings released earlier this year, the domestic league has pegged IIT-Bombay at number one. The IISc ranks second and IIT-Madras

third. The table reflects country's top 75 institutions.

Explaining the variance in performance of Indian institutions in the domestic and international tables, Simona Bizzozero, Communications Director at QS (Quacquarelli Symonds), a British company specialising in education, told *The Indian Express* from London that the ranking criteria for both were different.

"Performance criteria used for the Indian University Rankings are the same as we use for the QS BRICS Ranking. In the global tables, academic reputa-

tion carries 40 per cent weightage, in the Indian edition it carries 30 per cent. The World University Rankings focus on research impact (citations per faculty) and the domestic league looks at research productivity (number of papers per faculty)," she said.

The India University Rankings is the second country-specific rankings done by QS, after it released one for China on October 10. According to Bizzozero, the Indian tables will be followed by ones for Japan and South Korea.

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