

Ranking Math

The first edition of the rankings released in 2016 saw the participation of around

3,563
institutes

The numbers, however, dipped in 2017 when only

2,995
institutes

India has
39,000
colleges,
11,000


stand-alone institu-
tions and over
760
universities



Some of the reasons cited by the ministry for non-participation were lack of awareness, non-eligibility as per the criterion or a simple lack of documentation

Swachhta Ranking for Colleges Too

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New Delhi: Taking the Union government's 'Swachh Bharat' drive forward, the HRD ministry has decided to give a 'Swachhta' ranking to higher educational institutes in the country which volunteer for this programme.

The factors that will decide the ranking include availability of toilets in hostels and academic buildings, their maintenance, availability of water facility and efforts made for garbage disposal on the campus. Apart from assessing the over-all green cover on the campus, the rankings will also take into consideration the use of innovative technology for solid and liquid waste management.

Officials said a team from the min-

istry would visit the institutes in August to assess the claims made by them. Rankings would be finalised in September and awards will be given out at an event to be held by September 8.

A notification by the ministry on July 18 states that institutes have been invited to register for the survey between July 20 and July 31.

Earlier this month, the UGC had asked all institutes and universities affiliated to it to install sanitary incinerators on their campus and in women's hostels to ensure proper disposal of menstrual waste. In a notification issued by UGC, institutions have been asked to install sanitary napkin-vending machines and incinerators worth about ₹50,000 under the solid waste management programme of the Swachh Bharat Mission. N