

IIT-B 9th best in Brics univ ranking; top 3 from China

Four Indian Universities In Top 20 In 2017

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New Delhi: This year's Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ranking of Brics universities brought a mixed bag of good and bad news for India. IIT-Bombay, for the first time, broke into the top 10 list, bagging the 9th position (overall) and was also the best-ranked among Indian universities.

It improved its rank by four positions.

Sadly, India lost its top position (6th place), secured in 2017 by Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, in the rank-

TWO INDIAN VARSITIES IN TOP 10

2018 BRICS rank	University	2017 BRICS rank
9 ↑	IIT Bombay	13
10 ↓	IISc, Bangalore	6
15	IIT Delhi	15
18 ↑	IIT Madras	19
21 ↑	IIT Kanpur	22
24 ↑	IIT Kharagpur	25
41	University of Delhi	41
51 ↓	IIT Roorkee	39
52 ↑	IIT Guwahati	54
64 ↓	University of Calcutta	54

ing for 2018. With its 10th rank, IISc, however, continues to be among the top institutions in Brics nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). Like in 2016, this year too four Indian universities, including IIT-Delhi (15th rank) and IIT-Madras (18th rank), were featured in the Top 20.

In the overall rankings, the top three remained unchanged from the 2016 list — Tsinghua University, Peking University and Fudan

University — all from China, securing the first three ranks respectively.

In total, 65 Indian universities are ranked among the published top 300. This is more than Brazil's 61 and South Africa's 12, but fewer than Russia's 68 and China's 94. Seven Indian universities have made it to the top 50 list. The highest ranked private Indian university is BITS Pilani at 109, followed by Thapar University at 137 and Symbiosis Interna-

tional University at 144.

The top 10 public and private Indian universities in the Brics ranking were felicitated in Delhi by V S Chauhan, chairman, University Grants Commission on Wednesday. Speaking on the role of the rankings, Chauhan said the Centre launched the National Institutional Ranking Framework which was started in 2016, to make Indian institutions more competitive. On the relevance of the rankings, Chauhan said, "The role of the rankings, in helping students getting to know about the institutions they choose, can't be negated. But sometimes they are overplayed."

"Indian education system has expanded and we are trying to change a lot of regulations which were framed long ago. In this, there is space for providing rankings," he added. While stating that India is at a very early stage when it comes to its universities coming of age, Chauhan said, "We will celebrate that day when of 350 universities in the Brics rankings, 150 will be Indian institutions."

QS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS	
2018 BRICS rank	University
1	Tsinghua University, China
2	Peking University, China
3	Fudan University, China



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