

25 courses by Indian varsities in top 100 in world rankings

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NEW DELHI: At least 25 courses by Indian universities, mostly from the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), have figured in the top 100 globally, according to QS World University Rankings by Subject.

While the Petroleum Engineering course of IIT Madras was ranked 30 in the world, the Mineral and Mining Engineering at IIT Bombay (41) and IIT Kharagpur (44, up two places) were among the 50 best courses.

Delhi University was ranked at 50 for its Development Studies in 2021, though it dropped nine places from last year, global higher education consultancy QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) said. Last year, 26 India courses found a place among the top 100.

Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore retained its ranks for Materials Science (78th) and Chemistry (93rd).

IIT Delhi was ranked in 13

subject tables and it was ranked in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (54), Computer Science (70), and Mechanical Engineering (79th), QS said.

Among the private universities, OP Jindal Global University ranked 76th for Law and Birla Institute of Technology and Science entered the rankings for Pharmacy and Pharmacology in the 151-200 band.

Six Indian universities were featured in QS's Environmental Sciences ranking, with IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur (151-200) attaining top-200 positions. QS evaluated some 14,000 subjects from universities across the world. "One of the biggest challenges faced by India is... providing high-quality tertiary education in the face of exploding demand: this much was recognized by last year's NEP, which set the ambitious target of a 50% gross enrolment ratio by 2035. It should therefore be small cause for concern that the number of Indian programs featuring across our 51 subject rankings has actually

decreased over the last year – from 235 to 233....," said Ben Sowter, Senior Vice President of Professional Services at QS.

Globally, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology were the strongest-performing institutions, ranking on top in 12 subjects. "Observing performance trends across nearly 14,000 university departments enables us to draw some conclusions about the commonalities between nations that are improving and nations that are not. Three factors stand out. First, an international outlook – both in terms of faculty body and research relationships – correlates strongly with improved performance. Second, rising universities have received strong targeted investment from governments over a decade or more – particularly in China, Russia, and Singapore. Third, improving relationships with industry is correlated with better employment, research, and innovation outcomes," said Jack Moran, a QS Spokesperson.