

# IISc Still India's Best Varsity, Says QS Asia

**IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur break into the list of top 50 Asian universities**

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**Mumbai:** The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has retained its position as the country's best university, according to the latest Asian university rankings by global higher education analysts Quacquarelli Symonds.

The QS Asia rankings for 2016 also see IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur break into the list of top 50 Asian universities. While IIT Madras has moved 13 places up to No. 43, IIT Kanpur has moved to the 10th spot from No. 48 a year ago. In all, 23 Indian institutes appear in QS' list of top 350 universities. Five are in the region's list of top 50. Last year, 21 Indian universities featured in the rankings. This year, 18 of them have moved up on the list.

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, has risen one place to 33rd

spot, driven largely by its research work—it has achieved the perfect weighted score for 'papers per faculty'. IIT Bombay has risen 11 places to 35th position, moving past IIT Delhi, which has moved six notches up to 36th rank.

Among the big gainers this year are University of Delhi and University of Calcutta. While DU has risen 25 places to the 66th spot, Calcutta University has jumped 41 places to 108th. Two Indian universities have made their debut in the rankings this year—Amrita University at No. 169, and Andhra University in the 301-350 band.

India's performance as a nation is the 5th best of the 17 countries that feature in the rankings. Among the nations that have fared better than India are Taiwan (34 universities), South Korea (54), Japan (72) and China (82).

The top 5 universities in the overall QS University Rankings 2016 (Asia) are National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore; University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong; Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore; The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Hong Kong; and Tsinghua University, China