

IIT-Bombay tops in QS ranking of Indian institutions

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Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, has topped the first-ever standalone ranking of Indian higher education institutions by QS, a think tank that is famous for bringing out world rankings of institutions.

Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, which tops Indian institutions in almost all rankings, stands second.

The top 10 Indian institutions include seven IITs, with the IITs at Madras, Delhi, Kharagpur and Kanpur standing third, fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, in the rankings.

While the University of Hyderabad stands seventh, the University of Delhi stands eighth in the rankings.

Notable absentee

Most institutions ranked at the top by India's official rankings NIRF do very well in the QS rankings as well, with Jawaharlal Neh-



The Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. ■ V SREENIVASA MURTHY

ru University, ranked sixth in NIRF, being the most notable absentee.

Asked the reason for its exclusion, the think tank told *The Hindu* that JNU being single-faculty at undergraduate level is not considered for ranking by QS, as it ranks only those institutions that are multi-faculty at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

"JNU, outside of its language school, is postgraduate only. Es-

entially then, at an undergraduate level, it's single-faculty. In reality it's a primarily doctoral research institution. According to our inclusion criteria this is a specialist institution and in fact it features in our World University Rankings by Subject," Simona Bizzozero of QS said.

To improve global rankings of Indian institutions, the Centre is trying to facilitate more foreign faculty and foreign students' intake in Indian institutions.