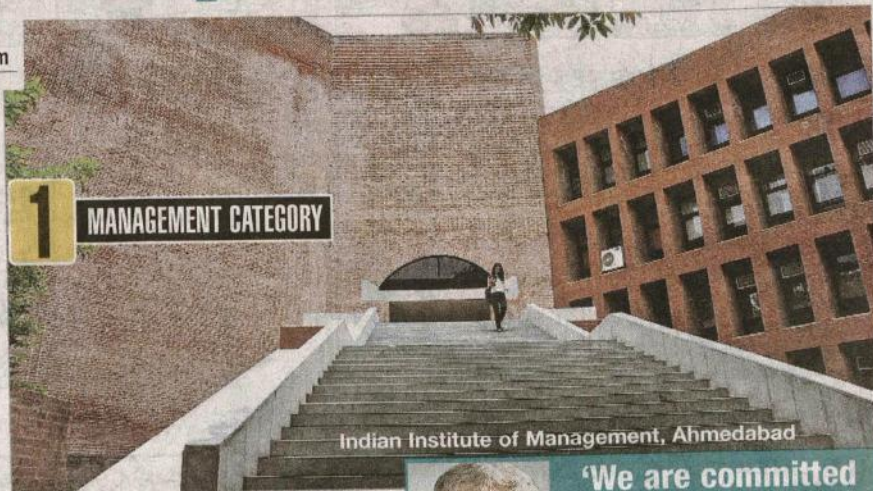


Post NIRF ranking, state institutes up the ante

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In a ranking list released recently by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), only 10 institutes, colleges and universities from Gujarat managed to feature in the top 100 list across categories. Even after the parameters were revised last year by the Ministry of Human Resource Development's (MHRD), most state colleges failed to meet the required standards to make the cut. Ahmedabad Times spoke to the institutes/colleges/universities about the way ahead will be for them...



1 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad



Errol D'Souza, director, IIMA

'We are committed to continue to serve them with vigor'

● "We are grateful to NIRF for ranking us number one for the consecutive year. At IIM-A, we constantly strive to strengthen our management education which nurtures future leaders and have always believed in giving a high value of education to our students. We are committed to continue to serve them with vigor by improving our quality on various fronts, such as course development, research, placements and infrastructure."

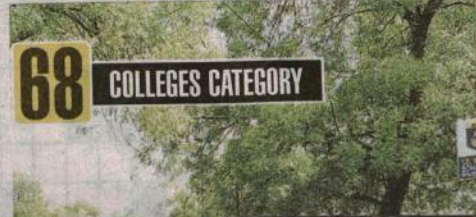


Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar

39 OVERALL CATEGORY

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● This year Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar is the only one to maintain a rank in the overall category. In fact the rank has gone up from 78 in 2017 to 39 this year. Its counterparts like IIM-A that was at 17th rank in 2017 and Anand Agricultural University which was 62 has slipped out of the list completely.



68 COLLEGES CATEGORY

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)



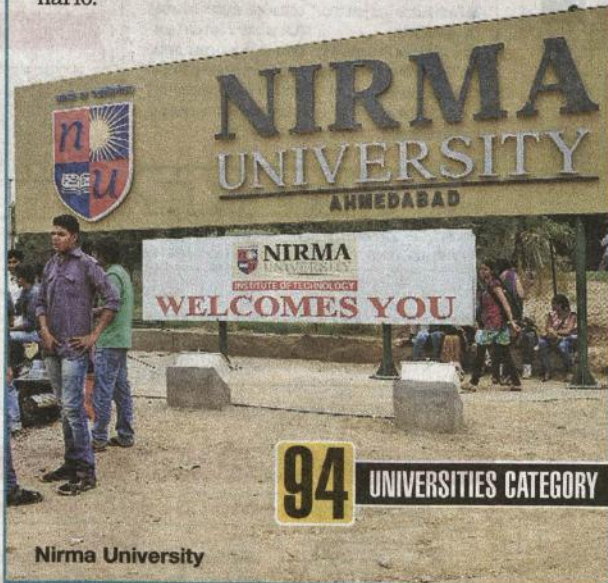
'Increase the number of full-time PhD students and offer better placements'

● "Although our ranks have gone down,

St Xavier's College

Anup Singh,
director
general,
Nirma
University

“Although our ranks have gone down, our scores have gone up as compared to last year’s scores. Under this category, our scores in 2017 were 36.21 which has gone up to 38.15 this year. Also, the number of colleges and universities that were in the contention has gone up by 50%, as opposed to last year. The competition went up a great deal and hence the shift in ranking. We plan on increasing the number of full-time PhD students in our university as well as focus on improving the placement scenario.”



Nirma University

Categories		2017	2018
Management	IIMA	1	1
	Nirma	31	-
	IRMA	29	43
Engineering	IITGn	30	27
	SVNIT	50	61
	Nirma	79	-
	MSU	76	-
	DAIICT	70	-
Universities	Anand Agri	40	83
	Nirma	75	94
Pharmacy	Nirma	16	18
	LM Pharm	23	24
	MSU	-	12
	NIPER	-	14
	College	PD Patel Insti	-
	St Xavier's	-	65
	NV Virani	37	-
	Vitthalbhai Patel	61	-
	Bahauddin Govt science	77	-
Overall	IIMA	17	-
	Anand Agri Insti	62	-
	IIT GN	78	39

'FOCUS ON QUALITY EDUCATION HAS HELPED'

“We usually focus less on ranking. Our main focus is on quality education and research. We are very particular about recruiting teachers and taking in students. I feel because of all these reasons our rank has improved to 27.”



Sudhir Jain,
director,
IIT Gn



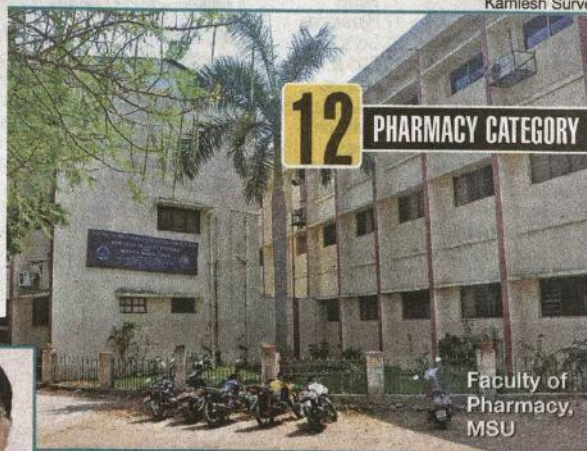
Father Robert Arockiasamy,
Principal,
St Xavier's College

St Xavier's College

'Although we have managed to appear in top 100, we have a long way to go'

“We missed out on securing a rank last year because we were late in sending the required documents to the ministry. Although we have managed to secure a rank (65) this year, we have a long way to go. Having said that, it will be difficult for our college to move up the list because the parameters set by the HRD ministry will be difficult to fulfill. One of the parameters requires us to file a list of doctorate students, and we don't have a research wing. Another parameter emphasis on faculty-student ratio, and our college has a different focus altogether. These are things which cannot be achieved which will make it difficult for us to move up in the list.”

Kamlesh Surve



Faculty of Pharmacy, MSU

12 PHARMACY CATEGORY

'STRONG TEAMWORK HAS HELPED US'

“We are happy with our ranking and this has been made possible due to strong teamwork. We would have done even better had there been more participation from different stakeholders. This recognition will inspire us to try and do even better in the coming days. The kind of well-researched papers that we have been publishing in prestigious journals has also contributed towards this achievement.”



Dr S J Rajput,
dean,
Faculty of Pharmacy, MSU

LM College of Pharmacy



'EMPHASIS ON RESEARCH AND QUALITY STAFF REALLY HELPED'

“We at LM College of Pharmacy emphasise on quality staff and research (we got 24 rank this year), and we also maintain high student-teacher ratio, which has resulted in our featuring in the list.”



Mahesh Chhabria,
principal,
LM College of Pharmacy

'NIRMA'S DONE BETTER IN TERMS OF PERFORMANCE'

“Despite a slip in the ranking, our score has gone up to 51.4 from last year's 47.57. The university has done better in terms of performance.”

— Anup Singh, director general, Nirma University