

- (i) Aligning the syllabus as per the requirements of the industry,
- (ii) Improving the quality of education by making accreditation by National Board of Accreditation (NBA) mandatory,
- (iii) Implementing the Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP) in collaboration with BSNL, and
- (iv) Implementing the National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM) to offer on ^ the job practical training to enhance employability of engineering graduates.

Implementing Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) Programme for faculty development, Uchchatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) to spur innovative mindset in the students and faculty in premier technological institutes and organizing events like Smart India Hackathon-2017 to encourage young minds find technological and innovative solutions to the daunting socio-economic problems.

Ranking of Indian Universities

212. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the ranking of Indian Universities in the field of engineering, medical science and technology in the Higher Education World Ranking 2015-16 released recently;
- (b) Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to upgrade the standard of education system and provide quality education in various fields in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) The details of rankings of Indian Universities in the field of engineering, medical science and technology in the Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings 2015-16 are given in Statement (See below).

(b) It has been the endeavour of the Government to further improve the quality of Higher Education in the country so that the premier Indian institutions compete at par with world's top institutes. With a view to improving the competitiveness of the higher educational institutions, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has been launched on September 29, 2015. The first India Rankings 2016 have been announced on 04.04.2016 and are available at <https://www.nirfindia.org/Home>

(c) Improving the quality of education across all levels is well recognized and is a continuous and ongoing process. Various schemes, namely, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Global Initiative for Academics Network (GIAN), Impacting Research, Innovation & Technology (IMPRINT), Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT), Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), National Digital Library, Uchhatar Avishkar Abhiyan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan are being implemented to improve the quality of higher education in the country. A number of initiatives are also undertaken by University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for quality improvement in higher and technical education.

Statement

*Details of ranking of Indian Universities as per Times Higher Education
World Universities Rankings 2016*

Rank	University/Institution
251-300	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
351-400	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
401-500	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
401-500	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
401-500	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
501-600	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
501-600	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
501-600	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
501-600	Jadavpur University, Kolkata
501-600	Panjab University, Chandigarh
601-800	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
601-800	Amrita University, Coimbatore
601-800	Andhra University, Hyderabad
601-800	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
601-800	University of Calcutta, Kolkata
601-800	University of Delhi, Delhi
601-800	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune