

NIRF rankings: 14 Hry institutes among high performers in pharma, biz & agri

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Gurgaon: Fourteen colleges in Haryana, including three from the city, made it to the list of country's top institutes in specific categories though none from the state were part of the overall National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) list released by the Union education ministry this week.

It is the first time in eight editions of NIRF that no Haryana institute was included in the top 100 of overall rankings.

Four or more institutes located in the state made it to the list of top institutes for agriculture, management and pharmacy categories each.

The best performance was that of the National Dairy Research Institute of ICAR in Karnal, which was ranked second in the agriculture category. Hisar's Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University ranked 10th on the list. The National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management in Sonapat was ranked 24th, and the Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veteri-

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nary and Animal Sciences in Hisar bagged the 34th place in the category.

Among business schools, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Rohtak got the 12th spot, improving from last year's 16th ranking. It was followed by Gurgaon's Management Development Institute on the 13th spot. The city's BML Munjal University was placed 72nd, and Amity University got the 81st rank in the management category.

The Amity University in

Gurgaon was also acknowledged on the 23rd rank for law, and the 99th rank for engineering.

In pharmacy, Maharishi Markandeshwar University in Ambala ranked 31st, followed by Maharishi Dayanand University in Rohtak that bagged the 34th spot.

The Guru Jambheshwar University in Hisar found place on both pharmacy (rank 49) and management (rank 100) lists. Similarly, Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) in Rohtak made it into three lists – medical (rank 49) and dental (rank 13) and pharmacy (rank 72).

On the NIRF rankings, IIM Rohtak director Dheeraj Sharma told **TOI**: "People use rankings as a measure of quality of education offered in institutions. Rankings provide quantification of an institution's performance based on data and allow institutions to emphasise on specific domains."

"IIM Rohtak would become the first IIM to open a campus in NCR. The Gurgaon campus will provide executive educa-

tion and bachelor courses to students," he added. The campus is being built over a 6-acre area in Sector 43.

Professor Anupama Prashar, faculty coordinator for rankings at MDI Gurgaon, said, "It is a matter of pride that MDI Gurgaon maintained rank 13 among the top business schools in NIRF 2023. It is a testament to the institute's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and student success."

On Tuesday, former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and opposition Congress leader attacked the BJP-JJP government about no Haryana institute making it to the overall top performers' list. He alleged in a statement that the autonomy of universities was under attack and they weren't being given grants.

NIRF rankings are released annually based on parameters such as teaching, learning and resources, research and professional practices, graduation outcomes, outreach and inclusivity, and perception.