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**NIRF Rankings**

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Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) recently released the India Rankings for 2023 in Higher Education Institutions in five categories - overall, universities, colleges, research institutions and innovation and in eight subject domains – engineering, management, pharmacy, medical, dental, law, architecture and planning, agriculture and allied sectors and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether notwithstanding some of the criticisms on the methodology adopted and the parameters chosen by the Government, a scrutiny of the 2023 edition and available data on Higher Education raises some important issues warranting policy attention; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps being taken?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to(c): Ministry of Education (MoE) has launched National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in September 2015 to galvanize Indian institutions towards a competitive environment to promote transparency, competition and augment capacity. NIRF has released the eighth consecutive rankings of institutions of higher education in India in five categories, namely Overall, Colleges, Universities, Research Institutions and Innovation and eight subject domains, namely Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Law, Medical, Architecture & Planning, Dental and Agriculture & Allied Sectors on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The details are available on NIRF website under the link <https://www.nirfindia.org/2023/Ranking.html>.

NIRF was developed by the Core Committee setup by Ministry of Education (MoE). NIRF ranks institutions on five broad parameters namely, Teaching, Learning & Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcomes (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI) and Perception (PR). After the introduction of NEP 2020 a new sub-parameter namely, Online Education has been added. There is an increase in participation from 3319 in 2016 to 8686 in 2023.

For strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) of HEIs, the Government of India has constituted a High-Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur & Chairperson, Standing Committee of IIT Council. This committee has considered the introduction of strategic reforms consistent with the vision of the National Education Policy, 2020 and the need for adopting a simple, trust-based, objective and rationalised system for approval, accreditation and ranking of Higher Educational Institutions with a verifiable and secured centralised database through technology-driven modern systems.

Further to make it more inclusive, committee has started public consultation and shared its report in public domain. This process aims to make ranking system more reliable, transparent, robust and encourage institutions to strive for excellence and improve their overall performance in order to enhance the quality of education in the country.

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