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• Tuesday 04/04/17 • Year: Hevilambi • Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Chaitra • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ashtami 01:0 pm • Nakshatra (Star): Punarvasu 07:27 am • Moon in Mithuna Rasi • Rahukaala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 19°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST
Mostly sunny.

Sunrise 6.14 am
Sunset 6.31pm
Moonrise 12.42 am
Moonset 8.49 am

TWICE TOPPER, IISc MAKES CITY PROUD

This is for the second year in a row that the university has topped the HRD ministry's ranking; seven private and deemed varsities in Karnataka in top 100

State varsities fail the test

Except Mysore University, none of the 19 universities established by the state government could find a place in any category. The National Institutional Ranking released on Monday comes as an eye-opener for the state education department and heads of the universities concerned. They are now analysing the reasons for the state universities not being able to make it to the top 100. SA Kori, Executive Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, told *Express*: "It is high time we start exploring the lapses and weaknesses of our state universities. Even the government will now be aware of the situation at state universities. Individual institutions can boast of excellence but such reports act as a reality check." Experts attribute the poor show of state universities to staff crunch and poor infrastructure. Most of the state-run universities are dependent on guest faculties and there is less focus on research activities.

STATE ENGINEERING COLLEGES IN TOP 100	STATE UNIVERSITIES IN HALL OF FAME
National Institute of Surathkal, Mangaluru (22)	**IISC,** Bengaluru (1)
Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal (43)	**JNCASR** Bengaluru (4)
RV College of Engineering, Bengaluru (49)	**Manipal Academy of Higher** Education (18)
MS Ramaiah Institute of Technlogy, Bengaluru (45)	**University of Mysore,** Mysuru (36)
BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru (52)	**JSS University,** Mysuru (45)
Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru (72)	KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (62)
PES University, Bengaluru (86)	**NITTE University,** Mangaluru (83)
BMS Institute of Technology, Bengaluru (95)	**PES University,** Bengaluru (94)

TOP COLLEGES FROM STATE

St Joseph College of Commerce, Bengaluru (29)
St Aloysius college, Mangaluru (44)
SDM College, Dakshina Kannada (71)
PC Jabin Science College, Dharwad (89)
JG College of Commerce, Hubballi (94)
Presidency College, Bengaluru (96)

TWO FROM STATE IN TOP 50 MANAGEMENT INSTITUTIONS LIST

Only two institutions from the state have found a place among the top 50 management institutions in the country. Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore has grabbed the second position while Xavier Institute of Management and entrepreneurship Bengaluru has managed to get the 50th rank. In 2016 rankings, IIMB was ranked as top in the management institutions category and Xavier Institute 30th.

IISc was ranked among 3,000 institutions across the country | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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FOR the second year in a row, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has been ranked as the best university in the country.

The university rankings were announced by the Union Human Resource Development Ministry (MHRD) in New Delhi on Monday.

Apart from IISc, seven other private and deemed to be universities and the institutions of higher education in Karnataka have secured places in the top 100 universities.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru has grabbed the 11th rank while Indian Institute of Management Bengaluru (IIMB) has been ranked 25th. At rank 30 is Manipal Academy of Higher Education. Century-old University of Mysore (57), National Institute of Technology, Surathkal (65), JSS University Mysore (74) and KLE Academy for Higher Education and Research, Belagavi (100) are the other institutions from state that feature in the top 100 list.

Over 3000 institutions across the nation were ranked.

HRD ministry had launched the exercise of ranking the higher education institutions across the country during September 2016 and the target was to complete the process within three months.

This year also, National Board of Accreditation (NBA) had been assigned the responsibility of ranking the institutes. The important parameters for ranking the institutions were teaching, learning and research, research and professional practice, graduation outcome, outreach and inclusiveness and perception.

Apart from Overall ranking, the institutions were ranked under different specific disciplines like Engineering, University, Management and Pharmaceutical.

Our students have no time to get distracted: Dean

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THE Indian Institute of Science has always steered clear of controversy. It is an apolitical institution, which is not painted by any right-leaning or left-leaning ideology. Jadavpur University in Kolkata for example has been in the news for its anti-national protests, so is JNU. But IISc's students have always stayed away from media limelight with no controversies.

The kind of dialogues and debates that institutes like JNU or Jadavpur students ponder on are far from the ones done at IISc.

IISc director Anurag Kumar told Express, "We respect our students' religious and political sentiments, and our institute is secular. Students should not bring their personal beliefs to campuses. The fact that we do not have a big undergraduate crowd helps. We have a mature crowd here pursuing PhD and post-graduate courses."

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Prof T N Guru Row, dean, science faculty, IISc, said, "We give our students enough science assignments. They don't have time for unnecessary things. They have everything they need here- food, housing and libraries. It keeps them busy. It is the way it should be. Why should an institute focussed on science and research be political anyway?"

IISc's students also elect its representatives to the student council but not after presidential debates or campaigning or electioneering. It is done in a peaceful, democratic manner.

Prof M K Surappa, dean, engineering faculty, said, "I don't think it is because we have no arts subjects being taught here. It is in our nature. The institute has been like that for decades."

It was just another day for them

Even with the institute topping the Ministry of Human Resources Department's rankings in the National Institutional Framework, there were no celebrations on campus for the students of Indian Institute of Science on Monday.

I saw the news on the student council page that we had got the top rank. It feels good to be in this college but it's just another day here

Bhavin Rathod, third-year PhD Mechanical Engineering student

Our international rankings are not good. It is not enough if we are good in just national rankings. It doesn't come as a surprise that we are no.1 here

Arkadeep Chaudhury, second year MSc Mechanical Engineering student

I am from Delhi University. I know the difference between the UG programme here and there. The work done here can be counted as research projects

Bidushi Sarkar, Chemical Science Integrated PhD student

Other campuses look for greenery and nature. Our campus is cradled in it. Also, we don't focus on unnecessary things. Just research and academics. So, no distractions

Nalwiti Karmodak, PhD student, Inorganic and Physical Chemistry

The temperature in IISc is lower than what is there in the city. May be because of this, the students here are calm and composed. This is also one of the reasons for our success

Rinku Moni Chalaha, first year PhD, Inorganic and Physical Chemistry