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NIT-R overall 38th in HRD ministry ranking

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Bhubaneswar: The National Institute of Technology-Rourkela (NIT-R) received overall 38th rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) done by the ministry of human resource development to rank institutions of higher education in India.

The NIRF ranking was released by President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi on Monday. The NIT-Rourkela got the highest rank from Odisha followed by Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) deemed university (41), IIT-Bhubaneswar (46) and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (deemed) university (50).

While Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology

(OUAT) came in the overall rank band of 101-150 and Utkal University managed to come in the rank-band of 151-200.

In engineering category, NIT-Rourkela and IIT-Bhubaneswar got 16 and 17 rank, respectively. Other institutions were Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (32 rank), Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) 48 rank, CV Raman College of Engineering (94) while VSSUT-Burla ranked 126.

In university category, SOA secured 24th rank followed by KIIT (31). OUAT and Utkal University came under rank band of 101-150, while Central University of Orissa, Koraput, FM University Bala-sore, Sambalpur University, Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla



The National Institute of Technology-Rourkela

and Xavier University Bhubaneswar (XUB) are in the rank band of (151-200).

The SOA has been securing top rank among the universities of the state for four consecutive years. The institute this year received 21st rank in medical category.

In management category,

KIIT got 30th rank, while XUB and International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar, received 44 and 66 rank, respectively. KIIT got 12th rank in law category and 30th in medical category. Not a single institution from Odisha came in the rank band of 1-200 in college category. No institute got any rank in pharmacy and architecture categories.

R V Rajakumar, director IIT-Bhubaneswar, said his institute was ranked 18th in the engineering and 51 in the overall category last year. "We have marginally improved from last year both in engineering and overall rankings. We are working on multiple fronts and priority areas are improving faculty and creating world-class infrastructure. The ranking will significantly

improve in the coming years," he added.

The ministry launched NIRF during September 2015. This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. IIT Madras topped the NIRF ranking. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, and IIT-Delhi were ranked second and third in the list, respectively.

In a related development, KIIT has been ranked second among self-financing institutions in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA). The President gave away the award to KIIT in a special function held in New Delhi on Monday. Mru-tyunjay Suar, director, KIIT School of Biotechnology, received the award.