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## SOA retains its position in university rankings

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Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University in Bhubaneswar retained the 24<sup>th</sup> position it had obtained in 2018 to occupy the top spot in the university category in Odisha as the rankings for institutions of higher education for 2019 were announced by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in New Delhi on Monday. In the rankings conducted through the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and released by the President, Mr. Ramnath Kovind, SOA was placed 24<sup>th</sup> in the university category—the place it held in 2018—and 41<sup>st</sup> among overall institutions of higher education in the country. SOA remained the top institution in the university category in Odisha for the fourth consecutive year. Against the

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score of 49.59 it had registered in 2018, SOA continued to shine by securing 50.31 this year.

The Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, faculty of medical sciences of SOA, was ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the country to be the top ranked medical college in the state.

SOA's faculty of engineering and technology, Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), which entered the ranking process for the first time this year was ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> in the country behind National Institute of Technology, Rourkela (16<sup>th</sup>) and IIT,

## IIT 17<sup>th</sup> and NIT 16<sup>th</sup> in NIRF rankings

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IIT, Bhubaneswar has been ranked 17 among all the engineering institutes of the country as per the NIRF rankings released at Delhi on Monday.

NIT Rourkela however is ranked 16.

Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, director, IIT Bhubaneswar (BBS) said it is satisfying to

have marginally improved from last year both in engineering and university rankings. We are working on multiple fronts to improve quality faculty base, world class infrastructure, he added.

The Institute is also ranked "46" among all institutions of the country under the overall category. In the last year, the Institute was ranked at "18" in the Engineering and "51" in the overall category.

Bhubaneswar (17<sup>th</sup>).

Nine different institutions function under the SOA umbrella offering 89 academic programmes in engineering and technology, medical sciences, dental sciences, man-

agement sciences, hospital administration, pharmaceutical sciences and biotechnology, nursing, hospitality and tourism management, legal studies and agricultural sciences.