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Bhubaneswar, April 8: Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University here retained the 24th 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.



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In the rankings conducted through the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and released by the President, Mr. Ramnath Kovind, SOA was placed 24th in the university category--- the place it held in 2018--- and 41st among overall institutions of higher education in the country. With this, SOA, which was conferred with the status of a Deemed to be University by the UGC in 2007 (repeat 2007), has remained the top institution in the university category in Odisha for the fourth consecutive year. Against the 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 21st 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 32nd in the country behind **National Institute of Technology, Rourkela (16th)** and **IIT, Bhubaneswar (17th)**.

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has re-accredited SOA with the highest grade while three programmes of its faculty of engineering and

technology have been accredited by the prestigious Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA.

Nine different institutions function under the SOA umbrella offering 89 academic programmes in engineering and technology, medical sciences, dental sciences, management sciences, hospital administration, pharmaceutical sciences and biotechnology, nursing, hospitality and tourism management, legal studies and agricultural sciences.

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan – SAAT 2019

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Admission Test (SAAT), a national level entrance test is conducted by Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University every year to select bright students from different parts of our country. The test is being conducted for different programs offered in constituent institutes / schools of the university. **SAAT-2019**, the eleventh edition of this entrance test, will be held in both online & offline format between **April 13, 2019 to April 30, 2019** centers across various cities of India. The test is primarily a multiple choice type written test and the standard of the test is comparable with another national level entrance test. Short listed candidates will be called to attend counseling for admission into various programmes of the university. Another feature of this entrance test is that the candidates with diploma in engineering/ technology/ pharmacy and hotel management are eligible for admission into regular courses under lateral entry scheme through SAAT-2019.