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## LD Engg, PDEU Among Top-5 In Nation-Wide ARIIA Rankings

### EDII, GTU, GU Also Make Mark In Union Education Ministry-AICTE Ranking Initiative

Educational institutes from Gujarat have performed well in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), a ranking initiative by Union ministry of education and AICTE. Among the top-5 in various categories, city-based Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) grabbed the first rank in the general category (non-technical), LD College of Engineering took the 3rd rank in the government and government-aided category (technical), Pandit Deendayal Energy University stood 5th in the university and deemed university (self-financed/private university) technical category.

Other among the top 10 in India are GTU at 7th rank and Gujarat University at 9th rank in the state university and deemed university category. GTU has slipped by two ranks this year and GU has improved significantly to be among the top 10.

Officials said ARIIA rankings started in 2019 when a total 496 institutes competed to get a position in the rankings. For the 2nd edition in 2020, 674 institutes participated, while 2021 edition saw an unprecedented participation compared to the earlier two editions. A total of 3,551 HEIs registered out of 1,438 institutions (including all IITs, NITs, IISc, etc.) participated.

There 7 categories in which innovation rankings were given. None from Gujarat made it to the top 10 or top spot in three categories- Central Universities/Institute of National Importance- Technical, Private College/Institute (self-finance/ Private) Technical and Institute of National Importance, Central University & CFIs (Non-Technical).

EDII director general Dr Sunil Shukla said, "EDII is working in the promising domain of entrepreneurship and start-ups. These recognitions not just motivate us but establish how entrepreneurship is gaining prominence.

EDII alumni are examples of how entrepreneurship can be studied and the discipline can be successfully adopted as a career.”

Rajul Gajjar, principal of LDCE, said the college participated in the process for the first time this year. “We re-strategized to make the system students centric and the change was hand-held by faculty members. It is a matter of pride to be in the category of colleges like College of Engineering, Pune and PSG College of Technology in Tamil Nadu,” she said.

GTU Vice Chancellor Navin Sheth said more educational institutes participated in the ranking this year and so the competition also got tougher for them.