NEW DELHI: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, IIT Bombay, Panjab University are the top public institutions to feature in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 which was virtually announced by Subhas Sarkar, Union education minister, today, December 29.

The ARIIA ranks higher educational institutions and universities based on their efforts in innovation and entrepreneurship development.

IIT Madras, followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Roorkee held top ranks under the category of technical institutes of national importance.
Panjab University, Delhi Technological University, Netaji Subhas University of Technology were the top institutes that featured on the ARIIA ranking 2021 list under the state university and deemed university technical institutes category.

When it comes to technical government colleges, the College of Engineering Pune held the first rank followed by PSG College of Technology Tamil Nadu.

Among technical, self-financed, private colleges, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology Khordha; Chitkara University and Lovely Professional University held the top ranks.

Non-technical universities were also ranked under ARIIA ranking 2021. Under the central university category, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was ranked first, followed by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode.

Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Sree Narayana College, and Mahatma Gandhi University also found their names under the non-technical university rankings.

ARIIA ranking 2021 has used multiple indicators for ranking these institutes. The ranking is based on the budget; infrastructure and facilities; ideation and innovation; encouragement and entrepreneurship; innovative learning methods; the number of intellectual properties and technology transfers; innovative administration.
"India is improving on Global Innovation Index (GII) ranking with 46th position in 2021 from 81st in 2015. Our country also became the world’s third-largest startup hub. But there is still room for improvement," said Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of AICTE.