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Atal Rankings 2021: IIT Madras wins first place again

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has been recognised as the Most Innovative Educational Institute in India for the third consecutive year in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) launched by the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Minister of State for Education Subhas Sarkar announced the ARIIA 2021 results today.

IIT Madras is in the 'CFTIs (Centrally Funded Technical Institutions)/Central University/Institute of National Importance (Technical)' category. As many as 1,438 higher education institutions (HEIs) (including all IITs, NITs, and IISc, among others) participated in the third edition of ARIIA rankings as compared to 674 HEIs during last year.

ARIIA 2021 has rankings for seven categories of institutions

- CFTIs (Centrally Funded Technical Institutions) /Central University/Institute of National Importance (Technical)
- State University and Deemed University (Govt & Govt aided)(technical)
- Government College/Institution (Govt and Govt Aided)(technical)
- University & Deemed University (Self-finance/private)(technical)
- Private college/Institute (self-finance/private)(technical)
- Institute of National Importance, Central University and CFIs (non-technical)
- General (non-technical)

Among government technical universities (state run and deemed), Panjab University (PU) has been ranked number one with Delhi Technological University and Netaji Subhas University of Technology bagging the second and third positions, respectively. College of Engineering Pune (COEP) topped ARIIA 2021 in the government and government-aided technical colleges category. Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) topped among private technical universities for innovation as per the rankings.

In the list of private technical institutions, GH Rasoni College of Engineering, Maharashtra, clinched the top spot. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) topped among non-technical Institutes of National Importance and CFIs and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India is best in the non-technical general category.

ARIIA is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to systematically rank higher educational institutions in India on indicators related to Innovation, start-up and Entrepreneurship Development amongst students and faculty. It evaluates institutions on parameters such as patent filing and granted, number of registered students and faculty startups, fund generation by incubated startups, specialised infrastructure created by institutions to promote innovation and entrepreneurship, etc. The first edition of the ARIIA was launched in 2018.