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BENGALURU: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has once again topped the list of educational institutions in India, reported the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) on Monday. Securing a score of 83.28, the institution made it to the top of the chart for the second consecutive time in the overall category. IISc is followed by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and IIT Bombay, which secured the second and third positions, respectively.

This year, 44 institutions from Karnataka participated in NIRF, almost double compared to last year's 25 institutions. Over 700 institutions took part from across the country. The NIRF was released on Monday by Prakash Javadekar, Union minister for human resource development. The framework, launched in September 2015, outlines a methodology to rank higher educational institutions (HEIs) across the country. The parameters of assessment broadly cover teaching, learning and resources; research and professional practices, graduation outcomes, outreach and inclusivity, and perception.

In the category of management institutions, IIMB has been deemed second best across the country with a score of 78.82. While last year, the institution had notched the top rank, it slipped to the second spot this year, with IIM Ahmedabad taking the lead with a score of 78.96. IIM Calcutta came third with a score of 76.60. IIMB also secured an overall ranking of 25 among 100 institutions ranked in the overall category.

HEIs are ranked under six categories - overall, universities, management, engineering, pharmacy

and colleges. The ministry introduced the final category (colleges) as a new feature this year to enable autonomous or affiliate colleges to participate in the ranking framework. While IISc also topped the list of universities in the country, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) came fourth in the list; Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal bagged the 18th spot.

In the category of engineering institutions, the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Surathkal bagged the 22nd position with a score of 52.87. Manipal Institute of Technology came next in the state, securing the 43rd rank, followed by RV College of Engineering (49th position). BMS College of Engineering (Bengaluru), Siddaganga Institute of Technology (Tumakuru), PES University and BMS Institute of Technology and management were ranked 52nd, 72nd, 86th and 95th, respectively.

While Karnataka colleges are yet to make it to the top positions in the list, St Joseph's Commerce College, Bengaluru holds the 29th position in the framework with a score of 47.21. The city's Presidency College came 96th with a score of 35.23.

Of the four institutions from Karnataka featuring in the pharmacy category, Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences is in the 7th position; the college secured a score of 59.64 in the ranking. JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru bagged the 10th rank, N G S M Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences came 27th, while KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research, Belagavi, was ranked 37th.