



## **IIT Hyderabad ascends to Global Rank 664 in QS World University Rankings 2026, Demonstrating Notable Research Excellence and Impact**

### **Highlights:**

- IITH achieves Unique Global Rank of 664, Significant Jump from Last Year's Band of 681-690
- IIT Hyderabad reaffirmed its commitment to excellence in education, research, and global impact
- IITH secures a place in the Top 10 % of global institutions in Citations per faculty

**Hyderabad, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025:** Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) continues its ascent in the global academic landscape with an improved position in the QS World University Rankings 2026, securing a unique global rank of 664. This marks a significant rise from last year's position in the 681–690 band, reaffirming IITH's commitment to excellence in education, research, and global impact. Most notably, IITH secures a place in the Top 10 % of global institutions in Citations per faculty. This metric, which evaluates research influence, has seen the highest growth among all evaluated indicators, showcasing the increasing global recognition of IITH faculty contributions.

**Prof B S Murty, Director of IITH, expressed pride in the achievement, stating, "This improvement particularly reflects our strong focus on impactful and interdisciplinary research, which is gaining worldwide recognition. Our QS rank is a testament to the collective efforts of our faculty, researchers, and students. We are proud to represent India on the global academic map and are committed to pushing the boundaries further."**

**Prof Anamika Bhargava, Nodal Ranking Coordinator, IITH, mentioned that "As one of the younger IITs, IITH continues to demonstrate that age is no barrier to achieving global recognition. This ranking milestone motivates us to further strengthen our research output, faculty quality, and student experience to achieve our academic mission of the highest international standards."**

Year	Indian Ranking	Global Ranking	Overall score	Citations per Faculty	Academic Reputation
2026	17	664	26.4	84	10.3
2025	17	681-690	-	71.1	6.2
2024	15	691-700	-	64.3	5.1

Over the past three years, IIT Hyderabad has consistently improved its global standing in the QS World University Rankings. In the 2026 edition, IITH secured the 17th position nationally and achieved a unique global rank of 664 with an overall score of 26.4. This marks a substantial rise from the 681–690 band in 2025 and the 691–700 band in 2024.

A key highlight of this year's performance is the significant improvement in the 'Citations per Faculty' metric, which surged to an impressive 84 in 2026 from 71.1 in 2025 and 64.3 in 2024. This reflects the increasing global impact of the Institute's research output. Additionally, IITH's Academic Reputation score has also seen a steady rise, moving from 5.1 in 2024 to 6.2 in 2025 and further to 10.3 in 2026, underscoring the Institute's growing recognition in the global academic community.



The consistent upward trajectory in global rankings underscores IITH's vision to become a globally recognised innovation-driven institute, firmly rooted in academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and international collaboration.

We are pleased to see a steady improvement in IIT Hyderabad's standing in the QS World University Rankings 2026, particularly noting strong performance in Citations per Faculty. While recognizing tremendous growth opportunities in Academic Reputation, International Research Network, and Employment Outcomes, IITH is actively expanding global partnerships and international research collaborations.

Strategic initiatives include enhanced industry connections, strengthened career services, and comprehensive outreach campaigns to showcase our research excellence and multidisciplinary approach to the global academic community. These focused efforts aim to further elevate our international standing and academic mission.

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### **About QS World Ranking:**

QS Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) is a leading global provider of services, analytics, and insights to the higher education sector. Their mission is to empower motivated students worldwide to fulfill their potential through educational achievement, international mobility, and career development. QS is renowned for its annual **QS World University Rankings**, which evaluates universities globally based on various performance indicators. These rankings have become a trusted resource for students, educators, and policymakers to assess institutional quality and make informed decisions.

### **About IIT Hyderabad:**

IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in Academics, Research, Technology development and Startups in a short span of 16 years. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), IITH has bagged at 3<sup>rd</sup> in Innovation and 8<sup>th</sup> among Engineering institutes in the last two consecutive years, while it has maintained its rank within the top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

With 325+ full-time Faculty and 5,200+ Students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%), IITH has a strong research focus with ~ 4630+ Projects worth of Rs. 1510+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 335+ Cr funding in 2024-25), 11,800+ Publications, 2,17,000+ Citations, 530+ Patents (210+ Patents in 2024 and a commitment to "Patent a Day: Mission 365" for 2025 to earn 365 Patents by the end of 2025), and about 260+ Startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs with a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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