



A Decade in the Top 10: IIT Hyderabad Shines in NIRF 2025 Rankings

IIT Hyderabad Climbs to 7th in NIRF 2025 Engineering Rankings, for the first time crossing one of the first generation IITs; Secures Top Positions in Innovation, Research & Overall Categories

Highlights:

- IIT Hyderabad improved its Engineering rank from 8th to 7th in NIRF 2025 Rankings and remained top 10 in Engineering Institutes.
- Achieved 6th position in Innovation
- Retained 12th rank in Overall and 15th in Research

Hyderabad, 05 September 2025 – The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education, Government of India, released the tenth edition of its prestigious institutional rankings. IIT Hyderabad (IITH) has achieved a significant milestone by advancing to the **7th position in NIRF-Engineering, moving up from 8th last year**, and continuing its legacy as a **Top 10 technical institute for the tenth consecutive year**. By reaching 7th rank, IITH has crossed one of the first generation IITs, for the first time. Furthermore, IITH achieved the 6th rank in NIRF-Innovation, while retaining its 15th position in NIRF-Research and 12th in NIRF-Overall.

IITH's strong performance reflects its strategic focus on interdisciplinary education, cutting-edge research, and alignment with key national missions. This year's rankings highlight:

- 7th Rank in NIRF-Engineering
- 6th Rank in NIRF-Innovation
- 15th Rank in NIRF-Research
- 12th Rank in NIRF-Overall

Prof. B. S. Murty, Director of IIT Hyderabad, expressed his happiness at this achievement, said, “Securing the 7th rank in NIRF-Engineering is not just a recognition of our past efforts, but a powerful motivation to further diversify and intensify our academic, research, and innovation initiatives. This is the first time ever since NIRF ranks have been introduced, IITH, a second generation IIT, has entered into the elite club of top 7 engineering institutions in India, which used to be reserved for the 7 first generation IITs, so far. At IITH, our vision goes beyond rankings — we are building an institution that contributes meaningfully to India's aspirations under national missions such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and Viksit Bharat@2047. Our pioneering interdisciplinary BTech programs, world-class research in semiconductors, sustainable energy, artificial intelligence, and our strong emphasis on entrepreneurship are creating a future-ready ecosystem where innovation thrives. We are nurturing talent that can address global challenges while serving national priorities. With this momentum, I am confident that IITH will continue to achieve many more laurels in the coming years and scale even greater heights in research, innovation, and education”

NIRF-Engineering rank motivates us to initiate more diverse activities – Rank#07, Prof Prof. Ashok Kumar Pandey, Dean Academics, said, “These rankings are not just milestones but steppingstones towards our vision of academic and research excellence with global impact. IITH is not merely a Technology Institute, but it has been breaking many conventional barriers with its motto of Inventing and Innovating in Technologies for Humanity and taking leadership role in starting new programs and Industry oriented research to train manpower of India of 21st century”

Reflecting on IITH's NIRF journey so far, Dr Saurabh Sandilya, from the Department of Physics and Convenor of NIRF at IITH, said, "Consistently maintaining position in Top 10 for a decade in Engineering and Innovation showcases our dedication to quality, innovation, and meaningful nation-building"

About NIRF Rankings:

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was approved by the MHRD and launched by Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development on 29th September 2015. This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology draws from the overall recommendations broad understanding arrived at by a Core Committee set up by MHRD, to identify the broad parameters for ranking various universities and institutions. The parameters broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".

Website: <https://www.nirfindia.org/Home/Index>

About IIT Hyderabad:

IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in Academics, Research, Technology development and Startups in a short span of 17 years. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), IITH advances its position to 7th among Engineering institutes and is at 6th rank in Innovation, while it has maintained its rank within the top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH is ranked 664 in QS World University Ranking-2026 (among top 10% of global institutions in citations per faculty) and among the top 10 Engineering Institutes in India. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

With 330+ full-time Faculty and 5,750+ Students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%), IITH has a strong research focus with 5040+ Projects worth of Rs. 1600+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 335+ Cr funding in 2024-25, i.e. Rs. 1+ Cr per faculty), 12,220+ Publications, 2,29,300+ Citations, 580+ 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 320+ Startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs with a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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