

Rayalaseema, North Andhra institutions top NIRF rankings

Only private universities in Guntur fare well

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Several government and private higher educational institutions in the State found a place in the National Institutional Ranking Framework top ranking lists which were released by the MHRD on Monday. Going by the overall and specific rankings of engineering, pharmacy, management and other colleges, institutions from Rayalaseema and North Andhra vied for top ranks.

Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, which was ranked 68th in the overall category, got 41.48 full score. It is immediately followed by Andhra University in the 69th place with a full score of 41.38. While these two universities are the only institutions from AP among the top 100 higher education institutions, four institutions, including the Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, Visakhapatnam, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Anantapur, and Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, are in the 101-150 rank band. Likewise, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, the AU College of Arts and Commerce, JNTUK, and the JNTUA, RVR & JC Engineering College and the Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering were in the 151-

200 rank band.

Engineering category

In the engineering colleges category, Sri Venkateswara University bagged the 48th rank. It was followed by KL University's KL College of Engineering (68), SRKR Engineering College, Bhimavaram (81), Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Guntur (88), and Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (98).

The AU College of Engineering (Autonomous), JNTUK, JNTUA fell behind in the 101-150 rank band. The Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women, Bhimavaram, and the Velagapudi Ramakrishna Siddhartha Engineering College, Vijayawada, are also in the same rank while the GMR Institute of Technology, Rajam, JNTUA College of Engineering, Anantapur, R.V.R. & J.C. College of Engineering, Guntur, and the Sree Vidyanikethan Engineering College, A. Rangampet, found place in the 151-200 rank band.

In the universities category too, Sri Venkateswara University was given rank 42 and Andhra University 43. Other top rankers include the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (69), Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University (78), Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (89), Sri Krishnadevaraya University (96)

and the JNTU, Kakinada (99). While Acharya Nagarjuna University and the JNTUA were in the 101-150 band, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Etcherla, Dravidian University, Kupam, Krishna University, Machilipatnam, RGUKT-RK Valley, Idupulapaya, and the Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, were in the 151-200 rank band.

In the general colleges category, the AU College of Science and Technology (21), AU College of Arts and Commerce (23), Andhra Loyola College (24), S.D.M.S.M. Kalasala (79), Dr. V.S. Krishna Govt. Degree College (80), Gayatri Vidya Parishad College for Degree and P.G. Courses (85), St. Josephs College for Women (87), KBN College (92) and the VSM College (93) were among the top 100. The Govt. College, Anantapur, was the only government college that found place in the rankings and stood at the 90th place in the top 100.

Thirty-two colleges found place in the 101-200 rank band.

In the Pharmacy category, Andhra University (18), Acharya Nagarjuna University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (26) and the Chalathi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (48) were in the top 50 pharmacy colleges.