

3 CG institutes in NIRF rankings, but no varsity or college in top 100

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Raipur: Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Raipur, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGU) Bilaspur and National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur figure prominently in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2021 released by the Centre on Thursday.

The three institutes have secured rankings in the top 100 in management, pharmacy and engineering.

IIM, NIT CLIMB RANKS

IIM-Raipur has secured 15th rank on the NIRF chart this year, climbing up four ranks over last year. "Within 10 years of operation, IIM-Raipur has achieved new heights and ranked seventh among the IIMs, with the first position in research among all the new generation IIMs, and 15th position in the best business schools in India as per the NIRF rankings 2021. This was possible because of the continuous focus on high-quality management research by the faculty," said IIM-Raipur director Professor Bharat Bhasker.

The 'per-faculty research output' of IIM-Raipur is one of the highest among the new

IIMs, Bhasker added. "For the last decade, IIM-Raipur has maintained a 100% placement record, with the average salary increasing year on year despite the Covid pandemic. We are also focusing strongly on e-learning programmes and executive education. More than 700 students are enrolled in short and long duration programmes in various disciplines," said prof Bhasker.

NIT-Raipur, ranked 64, has been improving its NIRF performance consistently over the past four years. It stood 81st in 2018, jumped seven places each to 74th in 2019 and 67th in 2020, and is now three rungs higher. The Bilaspur-based Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGU) has ranked 42nd among pharmacy institutions.

The state has a long way to go, though. Not a single institution from Chhattisgarh figures among the top 100 in the overall rankings, nor in the university or college sections. The state is yet to break into the top ranks in medical, law, architecture, dental and research.

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is released by the ministry of education. The ranking is decided on multiple parameters including teaching learning and resources, research and professional practice, graduation outcome, outreach and inclusivity and perception of the institute.

The Times of India, 10th Sep. 2021, p. 3