

Three IITs feature in the Swachhata Ranking Awards 2019

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The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) Guwahati, Gandhinagar and Tirupati have secured 3rd, 4th and 6th places in the AICTE recognised residential university category, respectively



As many as 48 universities and Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) were awarded at the third edition of the Swachhata Ranking Awards, which aims at promoting environmental hygiene in the higher education system and beyond. Of these institutions, three IITs – Gandhinagar, Tirupati and Guwahati, have been recognised in the 'residential university – AICTE' category.

Based on the University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) reports, the awards were given in nine categories such as residential universities, non-residential universities, technical universities, residential colleges, government universities, among others.

Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, and IIHMR University, Rajasthan, have attained the first positions in the residential and non-residential universities (UGC) categories, respectively. In the AICTE recognised residential and non-residential universities categories, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University have secured the first ranks, respectively.

Institutions were shortlisted on the basis of various hygiene parameters including student-toilet ratio, the hostel hygiene, hostel kitchen hygiene, availability of water, water conservation measures, campus greenery, administrative responsibility for hygiene, etc.

This year, a total of 6,900 institutions participated in the ranking exercise as compared to 3,200 and 6,100 institutions in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

The HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said that participating HEIs also achieved open-defecation free (ODF) in 2,091 villages and installed solid and liquid waste management facilities in 2,216 rural places. "This contribution of the HEIs to environmental hygiene will keep on rising in the years ahead. Students are emerging as change agents in the field of Swachhata," he added.

He said that with the influential base of more than 3 crore students and teachers in India, the higher education system is the best mechanism towards achieving success in Swachh Bharat Mission.

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