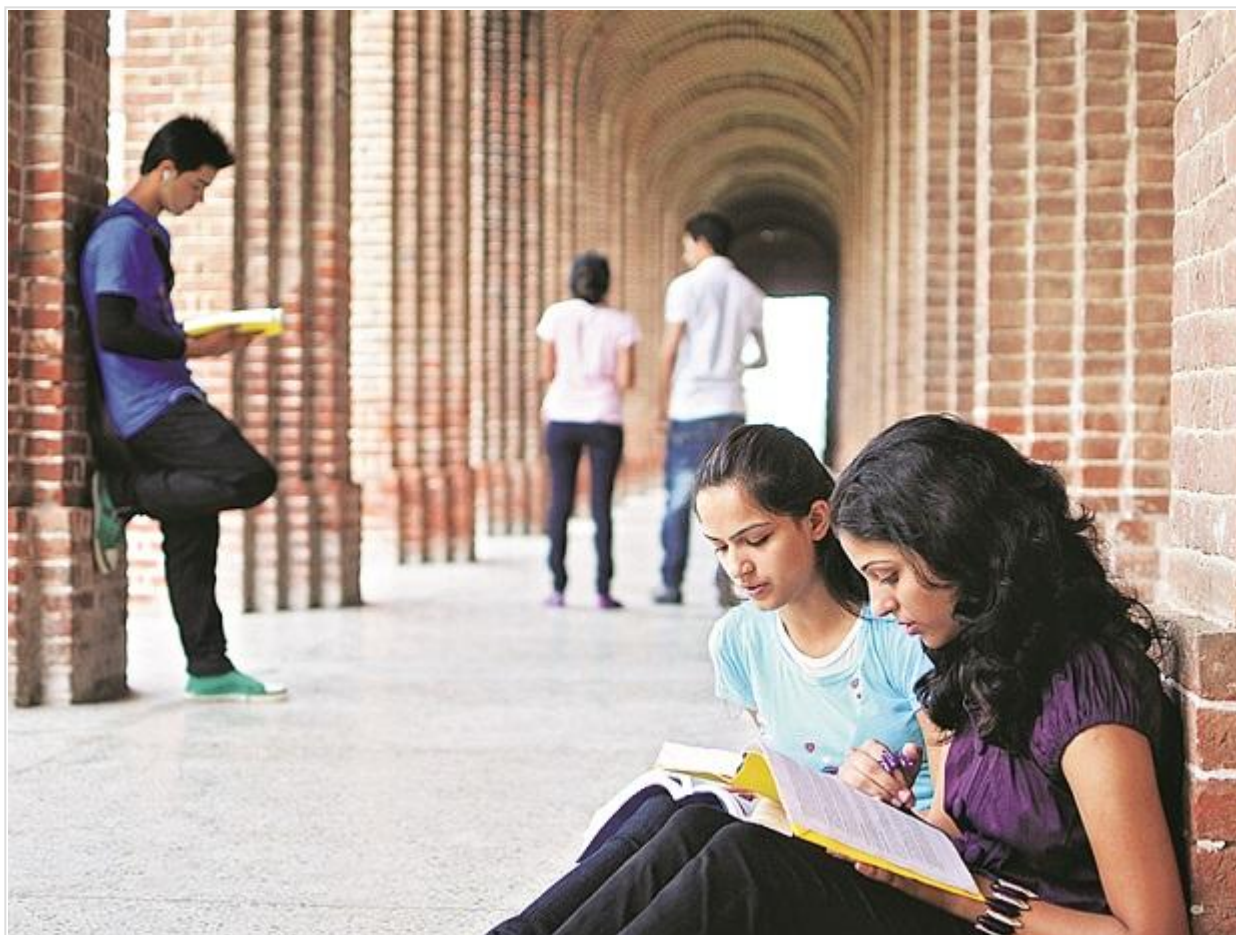


THE WUR 2019: IISc, IIT Indore top Indian institutes for physical sciences

No Indian institution finds spot in top 200 globally

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In the latest Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings (WUR) 2019 — based on subject — the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru has once again topped among Indian institutions for ‘physical sciences’ and ‘life sciences’. The institute has been ranked in the 251-300 band

for each.

On the other hand, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore has also debuted at the first place joining IISc for physical sciences in the 251-300 band.

In the ‘clinical, pre-clinical and health’ category, Mysore-based JSS Academy for Higher Education and Research is the top ranked Indian institution, followed by Panjab University.

This year, too, not a single Indian institution was ranked in the top 200 globally in any of the three subjects released by Times Higher Education.

Physical sciences takes into consideration areas like mathematics and statistics, physics and astronomy, chemistry, geology, environmental, and earth and marine sciences, taught in the programmes of institutes that

were considered for ranking.

Similarly, life sciences comprises subjects like agriculture and forestry, biological sciences, veterinary science, and sport science, while clinical, pre-clinical and health looks at medicine, dentistry and other health subjects.

Life sciences		
Institution	2019	2018
Indian Institute of Science	251-300	201-250
Aligarh Muslim University	301-400	301-400
IIT-Bombay	301-400	251-300
Banaras Hindu University	401-500	NR
BITS Pilani	401-500	NR
Physical sciences		
Indian Institute of Science	251-300	251-300
IIT-Indore	251-300	NR
Savitribai Phule Pune University	301-400	501+
Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Pune	401-500	NR
IIT-Bombay	401-500	401-500
Clinical and Health		
JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research	251-300	NR
Panjab University	301-400	301-400
Amrita University	401-500	401-500
Banaras Hindu University	401-500	501+
Annamalai University	501-600	501+
NR= Not Ranked Source: Times Higher Education		

sciences, whereas Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Stanford University took up the top three positions in the THE WUR 2019 for physical sciences.

IISc, however, saw a dip in its ranking in the life sciences category, down from the 201-250 band in last year's ranking to the 251-300 band this year, while it retained the same position as last year in the 251-300 band in physical sciences. Apart from IIT Indore, Pune-based Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) also debuted in physical sciences in the 401-500 band.

Another noteworthy change in the category was the rise of Savitribai Phule Pune University, which rose from its 501+ ranking last year to the 301-400 band this year.

In life sciences, both Banaras Hindu University and Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani, debuted at 401-500. Among the IITs, other than IIT Indore's debut, only IIT Bombay made its presence felt in the top five Indian institutions in both life sciences and physical sciences categories at third and fifth, being ranked in the 301-400 and 401-500 bands, respectively.

Globally, Harvard University, University of Cambridge, and University of Oxford maintained the top three rankings as last year in life