

# SIRF dismal performance by varsities/colleges

None of the 20 varsities in State Institutional Ratings Framework get 5-star rating; among 46 colleges, only St Xavier's gets 5-star rating

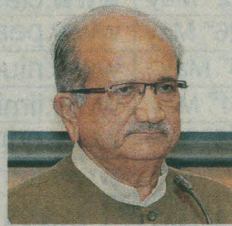
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The first Gujarat State Institutional Ratings Framework (GSIRF), on the lines of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), have brought to fore dismal performance by participating universities and colleges. Of the 20 universities that participated in the rating exercise, no university managed to get 5-star rating.

Of the 46 non-technical colleges, only one college—St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad—secured 5-star rating. No colleges in engineering, pharmacy and law college category bagged the highest 5-star rating.

The rating was done in five categories: University, College, Engineering, Law and Pharmacy. In the university category, Gujarat Technological Uni-



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versity (GTU) got the highest rating of 4 stars with Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.59 out of 5. In the college category, St Xavier's College topped while in engineering Chimanbhai Patel Institute of Technology topped with 2.48 CGPA and 3 Stars. In the law category, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU)—the only university in the category—got 4 stars with 3.78 CGPA.

According to academicians, rating was done on four parameters: Tea-

ching, Learning and Resources; Research and Professional Practice; Outreach and Inclusivity and Graduate outcomes. Those involved in the survey of the educational institutes said all the universities in Gujarat lag in research. For example, GTU that topped the list got only 61.58 points out of total 100 in research and professional practices. Nirma University got only 44.64 score while Saurashtra University 46.99 points, to mention a few.

Expressing disappointment at the

## Top 5 Universities

Name	CGPA	Rating
GTU	3.59	4
Sardar Patel Uni	3.58	4
Saurashtra Uni	3.56	4
Gujarat Uni	3.55	4
Nirma Uni	3.55	4

## Top 5 Colleges

Name	CGPA	Rating
St Xavier's	4.06	5
EDII	3.66	4
ISTAR	3.65	4
Govt Dental College and Hospital	3.55	4
Dinsha Patel College of Nursing	3.34	4

event organised to announce the ratings in Gandhinagar on Wednesday, Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama asked, “State government allocates significantly huge funds to education in successive budgets. Then why are our universities not been able to get good rank and fail to figure in top universities of India?”

Principal Secretary Anju Sharma, however, said the rating exercise at the state level was carried out to identify areas where educational institutes need to improve. “This is a rating framework. Performance and presentation matters a lot. Many of the institutes, government and grant-in-aid, did not provide data in outreach and inclusivity section affecting their overall score. There was 20% weightage to the section. Also, these institutes depend on the government for infusion of funds and maintenance of teacher-student ratio.”