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0 varsity, 1 college in state get 5 stars

St Xaviers scores 5 stars in State Institutional Rating Framework, whereas out of 20 varsities, 9 others got 4 stars

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No university in Gujarat has got a perfect score, revealed the newly introduced Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF). To improve quality of higher education in the state, the government recently had launched its own state rating framework, on the lines of the National Institute of Rankings Framework, by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

While the state government admitted that the response from the colleges and universities was lukewarm, as it was not mandatory for institutions to participate, of 20 universities, no one got a perfect score. Gujarat Technological University (GTU) emerged as the one scoring 4 stars out of 5.

Interestingly, of 46 colleges that participated, only St Xavier's college got a perfect score, whereas, HL College of Commerce and LD Arts college got 3 stars and HA College of Commerce 2 stars. The colleges were assessed by the Indian Centre for Academic Rankings and Excellence (ICARE) on four parameters that included teaching and learning outcomes, research, graduation outcomes and outreach and inclusivity.

Syed Mujahid, Director, ICARE Ratings said, "Only 3 universities got 5 stars in teaching and learning outcomes, no university received 5 stars in research. Gujarat needs to focus a lot on research. Not even one university got a perfect score in research."

Expressing his concern with the education sector,



Representative of an institution being felicitated at the programme

SCORE CARD

NAME OF COLLEGE	CGPA (OUT OF 5)	STAR RATINGS (OUT OF 5)
ST XAVIERS	4.06	5
EDII	3.66	4
MG SCIENCE INSTITUTE	3.18	4
HL COLLEGE OF COMMERCE	2.55	3
LD ARTS	2.35	3
HA COLLEGE OF COMMERCE	1.26	2

state education minister Bhupendarsingh Chudasama said, "Gujarat is a model state in many sectors but not education. This was the main reason that we initiated the state rankings so that universities and colleges realise their weaknesses and increase focus on those areas. Our aim is to improve our rankings at the national rankings. While we are good in our routine work, we fail to do targeted work."

Requesting institutions to take the GSIRF in a positive manner, Anju Sharma, principal secretary, higher education said, "The ratings are not to let anyone down and hence we did not introduce

NAME OF UNIVERSITY	CGPA (OUT OF 5)
GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY	3.59
SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY	3.58
SAURASHTRA UNIVERSITY	3.56
GUJARAT UNIVERSITY	3.55
NIRMA UNIVERSITY	3.54
JUNAGADH AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY	3.17

(ALL THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE RECEIVED 4 STARS)

rankings but ratings. We want institutions to identify their weak areas and work on strengthening themselves."

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