

## In innovation, IIT-Madras 1st, Mumbai 2nd

**New Delhi:** IIT-Madras bagged the top rank, followed by IIT-Mumbai and IIT-Delhi in second and third positions, in the latest Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements in the category of centrally-funded technical institutions.

Punjab University, Delhi Technological University and Netaji Subhas University of Technology emerged as top three in the state and deemed university (government and government-aided) categories. The 2021 rankings were released by ministry of education on Wednesday. ARIIA is a policy initiative of the MoE to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to promotion and support of "innovation and entrepreneurship development" amongst students and faculties.

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## Five varsities from state in ARIIA rankings

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**Ahmedabad:** Five universities from Gujarat have figured in the top 10 rankings across various categories in the Atal Rankings of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) rankings 2021.

They include Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), Gujarat University (GU), Gujarat Technological University (GTU) and L D College of Engineering.

The rankings, announced by the Centre, for technical and non-technical institutions have been divided into seven sub-categories. EDII has been adjudged as the best in the non-technical general category.

Among government technical universities – state run and deemed – GTU has been ranked number seven while Gujarat University has been ranked at number nine.

GTU vice-chancellor

Navin Sheth said it was a matter of pride that the state's biggest university is among the ten best universities of the country. He said that the university has embarked upon an ambitious plan to expand innovation activities in near future. The ARIIA rankings have been prepared after evaluating the participating institutions under nine parameters.

LD College of Engineering has ranked third in government college and institution (technical) category. PDEU has ranked fifth in the private university and deemed university (technical) category.

1,438 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) (including all IITs, NITs, and IISc, among others) participated in the third edition of ARIIA rankings as compared to 674 HEIs during last year. ARIIA ranking 2021 has a special framework for non-technical institutions, which will further strengthen our education institutions' innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem.