



Press Release

IIT Madras ranked #1 in India Rankings 2016 in Engineering

4th April 2016 / New Delhi: In the first set of **India Rankings 2016** released today by the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development today (April 4th, 2016) in New Delhi, **IIT Madras ranked no. 1 amongst Research and Teaching Institutions in Engineering** amongst several other similar institutions in India that participated in the ranking exercise.

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (www.nirfindia.org), created by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India in 2015, outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The parameters used for ranking broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".

"The top rank is a reflection of the commitment of the faculty, staff and students of IIT Madras towards fulfilling the objectives of the Strategic Plan 2020 that we have set for ourselves", said Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, IIT Madras. The IIT Madras Strategic Plan (www.iitm.ac.in/content/strategic-plan) spells out quantified targets for all key pillars of the Institute. These include a flexible curriculum suited to the aspirations of today's youth, high quality faculty, a thriving research programme with a critical mass of research scholars and laboratories with the latest equipment, India's strongest industry-academia collaboration epitomized by the country's first university-based Research Park, an effervescent start-up ecosystem with nearly a hundred companies being currently incubated, a rapidly expanding programme of collaborations and student exchanges with leading global universities, and an enviable Placement record.

In addition, the Institute prides itself in its outreach to the community at large. The Institute takes up a large number of projects and activities in the country where it brings to bear its core strengths in order to address various technical challenges. It has developed key technologies to address grand challenges faced by the country in water, energy, healthcare, housing, and the like. The Institute's alumni play an active role in helping the Institute grow, as well as in its outreach to the community. Alumni and well-wishers are making record contributions to the Institute to help it retain its position as a top educational and research institution and enhance its global standing.

For more information on the India Ranking 2016, please look up the Ranking Report: <https://www.nirfindia.org/index.html>