

UHF becomes top ranked university in Himachal, ranked 71st in NIRF

Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni has figured in the Top 100 Universities of the country in the Ministry of Human Resource Development's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2018, thereby establishing itself among the best institutions of higher learning in the country. Despite stiff competition, the university has been ranked at 71 position and is the only institution in Himachal Pradesh, which has managed to make it to the list of top 100 universities in India.

As per the rankings carried out by the NIRF and released by Hon'ble Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Prakash Javadekar at Vigyan Bhawan, only one university from Himachal Pradesh made it to Top 100 in the universities category. In the overall category too, the university narrowly missed the list of top 100 institutions in the country by a mere .22 points.



This year, the Ministry carried out rankings for Overall, Universities, Engineering, Colleges, Pharmacy and Management categories. Medical, Architecture and Law were the new categories added this year. The institutions were judged on parameters like Teaching, Learning and Resources, Research and Professional Practice, Graduation Outcome, Outreach and Inclusivity, and Perception with each having several other subheads.

What is encouraging for the university is that it has been ranked at 24th position in the university list for Teaching Learning Resources. This parameter includes the students' strength including Doctoral Students (SS), Faculty-Student Ratio, Combined and Financial Resources. The university has scored full marks in

Faculty-Student Ratio and Women Diversity (percentage of women). The university has also scored well in the Faculty, Qualification and Experience, and University Examination.

The university has also increased its score from 39.54 to 40.30 this year. The university is placed at the seventh position among the 11 horticulture, agriculture and veterinary universities, which have found place in this top 100 universities list.

Vice Chancellor Dr HC Sharma congratulated the faculty, students and staff for the impressive performance and urged them to work harder so that the university's name figures in the top 25 institutions in the country in future rankings.

"The university will examine the report closely and work on the parameters where the university has not done so well so that the university rankings can be improved in the future. To push for high rankings, we need to increase our faculty strength and need greater support for research," added Dr Sharma .