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heading towards a “massification” of higher education, India lagged behind in the quality and distribution of higher education.

Given this disparity, it is imperative for an aspiring student to find the right university, which will not only impart a meaningful education but also enhance an individual’s employability. This is where the annual India Today Best University survey hopes to make a difference. Armed with a robust methodology, the survey ranks the country’s universities across four streams—general, medical, technical and law. With private universities beginning to play a larger role in the spread of higher education, they’ve been ranked separately under the general stream.

What is most encouraging about this year’s rankings is that universities that have in the past year been in the news for political developments have not let it sully their

TOP 10 GENERAL UNIVERSITIES (OVERALL)

- 1 JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, *New Delhi*
- 2 UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, *Hyderabad*
- 3 ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, *Aligarh*
- 4 OSMANIA UNIVERSITY, *Hyderabad*
- 5 UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA, *Kolkata*
- 6 MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, *Kottayam*
- 7 COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, *Kochi*
- 8 JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA, *New Delhi*
- 9 AMITY UNIVERSITY UTTAR PRADESH, *Noida*
- 10 TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, *Mumbai*

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- 10 DR RAJENDRA PRASAD CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, PUSA, *Samastipur, Bihar*

TOP 10 GENERAL UNIVERSITIES (PRIVATE)

- 1 AMITY UNIVERSITY UTTAR PRADESH, *Noida*
- 2 VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, *Vellore*
- 3 CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), *Bengaluru*
- 4 SVKM’S NARSEE MONJEE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), *Mumbai*
- 5 SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, *Chengalpattu, TN*
- 6 BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH, *Tonk, Rajasthan*
- 7 KONERU LAKSHMAIAH EDUCATION FOUNDATION (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), *Guntur*
- 8 JAIN (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), *Bengaluru*
- 9 NIRMA UNIVERSITY, *Ahmedabad*
- 10 XAVIER UNIVERSITY, *Bhubaneswar*