

## QS World University Rankings

### Why in News?

*The performance of Indian institutes in the QS University World Ranking System, released recently, shows that their initiatives to upgrade the research ecosystem are yielding results.*

- It is a widely recognized system that ***assesses and ranks universities globally.***
- **Compiled by** - QS Quacquarelli Symonds, a higher education analytics firm, annually.
- **Launched in** - 2004.
- It helps students make informed decisions about their education.
- **Indicators**
  - Academic reputation - 40% weightage
  - Employer reputation- 10% weightage
  - Faculty/student ratio - 20% weightage
  - Citations per faculty - 20% weightage and
  - International faculty/student ratios - 10% weightage
- On popular demand from students, 3 new metrics have recently been added in listing universities around the world - International Research Network, Sustainability and Employment Outcomes.

### Rankings of India's Universities

- 9 institutes in the country figure in the top 50.
- 79 Indian universities have made it to the list, up from 69 last year.
- Indian universities are particularly well represented in
  - Engineering (24 institutes),
  - Social sciences (20 institutes) and
  - Natural sciences (19 institutes).
- **Faculty Inadequacy** - The best Indian universities, in contrast, score between 10 and 20.
- Attracting an adequate number of qualified faculty and providing them with favorable working conditions has been a longstanding problem.
- In 2023, a CAG audit found that though the IITs have been recruiting faculty consistently, the pace of recruitment did not match student enrolment.
- **Global Collaborations in need** - The QS survey suggests that Indian universities could benefit from global collaborations to access a wider range of academic debates and discoveries.
- The National Education Policy too rightly emphasizes the role of cross-border collaborations.
- The government has also invited universities outside the country to set up campuses in India.
  - In 2023, IIT-Madras set up a wing in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

- Liberalize the student exchange rules between Indian and foreign universities as well as build linkages with industry.

## Reference

[Indian Express - QS rankings](#)

