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Press Release**NIRF 2019 Rankings and NIPER -SAS Nagar**

National Institutional Ranking Framework or NIRF India Rankings 2019 were announced by Honorable President Shri. Ramnath Kovind for Indian educational institutes at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 08th April, 2019. The MHRD released the NIRF rankings for higher educational institutes across nine categories - Overall, Universities, Engineering, Colleges, Management, Pharmacy, Medical, Architecture, and Law. The rankings were based on the following parameters: "Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR)," "Research and Professional Practices (RPC)," "Graduation Outcomes (GO)," "Outreach and Inclusivity (OI)," and "Perception".

In NIRF-2019, Pharmacy Category National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, SAS Nagar was ranked 3rd, whereas Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi was ranked no.1 followed by UIPS- Panjab University, Chandigarh among 301 pharmacy institutions. In NIRF 2018 pharmacy category ranking NIPER SAS Nagar was ranked 1 followed by Jamia Hamdard.

NIRF 2019 Scores for top Pharmacy Institutes are as follows:

Rank	Institute	TLR (100)	RPC (100)	GO (100)	OI (100)	PERCEPTION (100)	Score
1	Jamia Hamdard	72.99	90.7	76.64	53.42	86.49	78.43
2	Panjab University- UIPS	71.04	88.14	72.91	71.22	86.49	78.1
3	NIPER S.A.S. Nagar	73.5	69	82.27	59.19	94.74	74.59

The institute has performed the in-depth analysis, based on the of NIRF data available to assess the probable reason for present ranking. It was observed that NIPER SAS Nagar has scored less in two major parameters which account for approx. 60% of ranking score i.e. Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practices (RPC). Parameters considered for TLR scoring were Student Strength including Doctoral Students, Faculty-student ratio with emphasis on permanent faculty (FSR), Combined metric for Faculty with PhD (or equivalent) and

Experience (FQE), Total Budget and Its Utilisation: (CBTU) and NIPER SAS Nagar is ranked 7th in TLR score. Probable reasons for less TLR score for NIPER SAS Nagar may be Faculty-student ratio (Expected ratio is 1:10 to score maximum marks) which is high at the institute comparable with other pharmacy institutes, Combined metric for Faculty with PhD (or equivalent) and Experience (FQE) (Full marks for a ratio of 1:1:1)- the ratio is skewed in this parameter for NIPER SAS Nagar and Total Budget and Its Utilisation: (CBTU) as funds available/utilized were high for Jamia Hamdard.

Parameters considered for RPC scoring were Combined metric for Publications (PU), IPR and Patents: Filed, Published, Granted and Licensed (IPR), Footprint of Projects and Professional Practice And Executive Development Programs (FPPP). Publication related data is not uploaded on website by NIRF-DCS and critical analysis would be done, once complete data for publication is available.

Institute has improved in two parameters like graduation outcome and Outreach and Inclusivity (OI). Improvement is required in Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practices (RPC). The ranking methodology gives a significant importance to the perception of the institute and as per available infrastructure and facilities NIPER SAS Nagar is performing its best as reflected from the ranking scores. Institute will work on the areas of improvement once data is available at NIRF website and will try to regain its top position.

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