

QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has released the 16th edition World University Ranking: Asia 2025.

Key Points

- ❖ This ranking assesses **984 institutions covering 25 countries in Eastern, Southern, South-Eastern and Central Asia.**
- ❖ The rankings are based on the scores obtained by the universities on the **following parameters:** International Faculty, Staff with PhD, Faculty Student Ratio, Inbound Exchange, Academic Reputation, Citations per Paper, Papers per Faculty, International Research Network, International Students, Outbound Exchange and Employer Reputation.

Top Institutions

- ❖ The top four leading institutions in the table remain unchanged, with **Peking University** achieving first place for another year, the **University of Hong Kong**, **National University of Singapore (NUS)** and **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU)** maintain second, third and fourth respectively.



- ❖ Fudan University broke into the top five, while City University of Hong Kong climbed seven places to 10th.

Indian University

- ❖ India is the most represented country, with **193 ranked universities, followed by Mainland China (135) and Japan (115).**
- ❖ **6 universities from the country** have secured positions in the top 100 universities in Asia.
- ❖ The following are the 6 Indian universities in the top 100 of QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025
 - Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) - Rank 44
 - Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) - Rank 48
 - Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) - Rank 56
 - Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) - Rank 60
 - Indian Institute of Science - Rank 62
 - Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) - Rank 67

World Solar Report Series

The 3rd edition of the World Solar Report series was released at the 7th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance.

Key Points

- ❖ The World Solar report series was released by **President of the ISA Assembly and India's Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi.**
- ❖ This report series focuses on global solar growth, investment trends, technological advancements, and Africa's green hydrogen potential.

- ❖ The newly launched 4 reports namely:
 - World Solar Market Report,
 - World Investment Report,
 - World Technology Report, and
 - Green Hydrogen Readiness Assessment for African Countries

World Report Series

- ❖ The **World Solar Market Report** reveals exceptional solar growth, with global capacity soaring from 1.22 GW in 2000 to 1,418.97 GW in 2023.
- ❖ The latest **World Investment Report** highlights a global shift toward sustainable energy, with energy investments rising from \$2.4 trillion in 2018 to \$3.1 trillion by 2024.
- ❖ The **World Technology Report** showcases advancements in solar technology, emphasising breakthroughs in efficiency, sustainability, and affordability.
- ❖ **Readiness Assessment of Green Hydrogen African Countries** highlights green hydrogen's potential to decarbonise industries heavily reliant on fossil fuels, such as steel and fertilizer production.

- ❖ This **series was launched in 2022.**
- ❖ This report series provides a concise and comprehensive overview of global progress in solar technology, key challenges, and investment trends in the sector.

Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0

Union Minister Jitendra Singh announced the launch of the Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 3.0 in India.

Key Points

- ❖ It is for **Digital Empowerment of Pensioners.**
- ❖ The DLC Campaign 3.0 is to be held in 800 cities/ towns of India from November 1-30, 2024.
- ❖ Digital Life Certificate also known as **Jeevan Praman was launched in 2014.** In 2021 Face Authentication feature was launched.

Previous Campaigns

- ❖ The DLC Campaign 1.0 was **launched in the year 2022** and was implemented in 37 cities.
- ❖ The DLC Campaign 2.0 in 2023 was held at 597 locations in 100 cities in November, 2023 under which a total of 1.47 crore DLCs were generated, of which, 45.46 lakh were of Central Government Pensioners.

Akanksha Haat 2024

On 9th November 2024, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister inaugurated Akanksha Haat 2024 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow.

Key Points

- ❖ **Aim:** This initiative aims to empower women entrepreneurs and self-help groups (SHGs) by providing them with a platform to showcase their products and talents.

- ❖ It is being **organised to promote local industries and empower women entrepreneurs.**
- ❖ Akanksha Samiti (an organisation driven by the IAS Officers' Wives Association (IASOWA) of Uttar Pradesh) is dedicated to the welfare and economic empowerment of women across the state's 75 districts.
- ❖ Through Akanksha Haat 2024, the committee seeks to create economic opportunities for women-led SHGs, allowing them to present their skills, crafts, and products, ultimately strengthening their families and communities economically.
- ❖ As part of the 'Twin State Initiative', women entrepreneurs and self-help groups from Jammu and Kashmir have also been invited to participate in Aakanksha Haat 2024.

Indian Military Heritage Festival

The second edition of the annual Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) began in New Delhi on 8th Nov 2024.

Key Points

- ❖ It is a two-day festival.
- ❖ It **aims to engage global and Indian think tanks**, corporations, public and private sector undertakings, non-profits, academicians, and research scholars focusing on India's national security, foreign policy, military history and military heritage.

Project Shaurya Gatha

- ❖ Project 'Shaurya Gatha' was also in the festival.
- ❖ The **project is an initiative of the Department of Military Affairs and the USI of India**
- ❖ It aims to conserve and promote India's military heritage through education and tourism.

SHORT NEWS- UTTAR PRADESH

- ❖ The UP government will set up **11 private textile parks across the state, with the first park being developed in Shamli district with an investment of ₹726 crore.** These private textile parks in the state will boost local production and reduce reliance on China for raw materials.

Persons In News- Worldwide

Susie Wiles



She has been **appointed as the first-ever female Chief of Staff in US history.**

She is the first woman to hold this influential cabinet position.

The **Chief of Staff serves as the gatekeeper for the President**, the liaison to Congress and government departments, and plays a key role in steering policy decisions.

Person In News- Sports

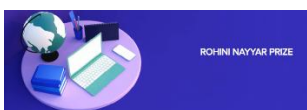
Arjun Erigaisi



He has made history by climbing to No. 2 on the FIDE World Chess Rankings.

Awards/Prizes

Rohini Nayyar Prize



The 3rd Rohini Nayar Prize was awarded to **Anil Pradhan, a 28-year-old from Odisha**, for his contribution to STEM education in rural India.

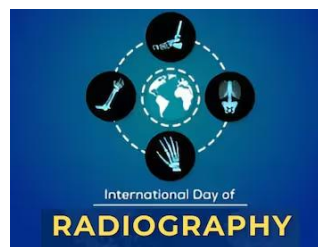
About the Rohini Nayar Prize

- ❖ It was established in 2022 in memory of **Dr. Rohini Nayar, an esteemed economist, bureaucrat, and recipient of the Padma Shri.**
- ❖ It is awarded annually to individuals under **40 years who demonstrate outstanding contributions to rural development in India.** Award Includes a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, a citation, and a trophy.
- ❖ Previous Recipients of the Rohini Nayar Prize
 - **2022:** Sethrichem Sangtam from Nagaland for his work in rural development.
 - **2023:** Dinanath Rajput from Chhattisgarh, recognized for his contributions through Bhumgadi Mahila Krushak Producer Company Limited.

Important Days/Dates

November 8

World Radiography Day



- ❖ World Radiography Day is celebrated every year on **November 8 to mark the discovery of X-rays.**
- ❖ The theme for World Radiography Day this year is **"Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen."** This theme highlights how radiographers help find hidden health problems.
- ❖ World Radiography Day marks the anniversary of the **discovery of X-rays by Professor Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen in 1895 at Wuerzburg University in Germany.**
- ❖ World Radiography Day was **first celebrated on November 8, 2007**, by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists which coincided with the anniversary of Roentgen's discovery of X-rays.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ **Anish Sarkar at age 3 is the youngest player to have a FIDE rating.** He has earned a FIDE rating of 1555.
- ❖ First Integrated Check Post '**Darranga Immigration Check Post**' along the India-Bhutan border has been inaugurated.

- ❖ On November 24 and 25, the **Indian Premier League's 2025** mega auction will take place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The event, scheduled at the **Abady Al Johar Arena (Benchmark Arena)**, marks the second consecutive year the auction has moved overseas, following Dubai's hosting in 2024.



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