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## QUALITY RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS - A KEY DIFFERENTIATOR IN INDIA RANKINGS 2017

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### Abstract

*The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has been developed by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt of India to provide an Indian context to educational aspiration and needs of the institutions. The first version of NIRF was launched in Sep 2015. The first version has been revised based on feedback from the stakeholders. The second version constituting the improvements has been published in Sep 2016. Institutions were asked to submit the data online as per the required format for consideration in India Rankings 2017. The NIRF Ranking System is based on five parameters i) TLR, ii) RPC, iii) GO, iv) OI and v) PR. Based on the scores obtained by the institution in five parameters, India Rankings 2017 has been published in April 2017. The list includes the top 100 engineering institutions in India. In this paper, we have studied the individual parameter scores and the overall scores of the top 100 engineering institutions. We have found out that the RPC parameter is the key differentiator between the top ranked and the bottom ranked institutions. Based on the result of our study, we have arrived at the fact that the Quality Research Publications is the key differentiator in India Ranking 2017.*

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