



AIIMS, DELHI, HAS
RETAINED ITS TOP SLOT
THIS YEAR AS WELL

Medicine

TOP 10 COLLEGES

	2010		2009	2008
>>	1	AIIMS, Delhi	1	1
>>	2	Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore	2	2
>>	3	Armed Forces Medical College, Pune	3	3
>>	4	JIPMER, Puducherry	4	4
>>	5	Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi	5	5
^	6	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal	9	7
^	7	Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi	10	10
☀	8	St. John's Medical College, Bangalore	12	11
∨	9	Grant Medical College, Mumbai	7	6
∨	10	Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai	8	9

National rankings are derived from a combination of perceptual and factual scores. Colleges that did not provide factual information were not ranked. Faculties were not considered. ☀ New entrant in Top 10

The top five medical colleges this year have survived a shake-up in the rankings that has stirred up the middle order. AIIMS remains the standard-bearer in medicine.

By Damayanti Datta

If you wish to study at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) spend a day there. Step inside any open at 12 noon. Try walking up and down a corridor without getting trampled by the crowd. If you can imagine yourself one day in the future at the centre of this daily surge of humanity, handling patients swarming around your desk with patience—dare to think of AIIMS. Everything is king-size here—from the awe-inspiring campus with nearly 18 lakh patient footfalls a year, an array of 50 disciplines, 25 clinical departments and six superspeciality centres managing every type of disease, to more than 54,000 wannabes who compete fiercely for one of its 77 MBBS seats. "It's a place that has always swarmed with brilliant doctors—chairing international committees, giving lectures around the world, getting diseases named after them. With them as mentors, students are encouraged to vie with each other and become role models themselves," says Dr R.C. Deka, AIIMS director.

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TOP 25 MEDICINE

OVERALL RANK		RANKING ON THEMES								
2010	2009	Reputation	Quality of academic input	Student care	Infrastructure	Job Prospects	Perceptual Rank	Factual Rank	Overall Score	
> 1	1	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi	1	1	1	1	1	4	100	
> 2	2	Christian Medical College, Vellore (CMC), Vellore	2	2	2	2	2	1	87.03	
> 3	3	Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune	3	3	3	3	3	2	77.77	
> 4	4	JIPMER, Puducherry	4	4	4	4	4	14	64.90	
> 5	5	Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), Delhi	5	5	5	5	5	9	46.69	
^ 6	9	Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal	9	7	6	6	6	7	42.99	
^ 7	10	Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), Delhi	11	11	10	11	11	6	39.80	
^ 8	12	St. John's Medical College, Bangalore	7	6	8	9	6	20	38.73	
> 9	7	Grant Medical College, Mumbai	6	9	9	7	9	18	38.71	
> 10	8	Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai	10	10	11	10	9	10	38.23	
> 11	11	University College of Medical Sciences & GTB Hospital, Delhi	14	15	15	16	17	15	37.94	
> 12	6	Madras Medical College, Chennai	8	8	7	7	8	22	36.04	
^ 13	15	Institute of Medical Sciences, Varanasi	12	12	12	12	13	8	34.61	
^ 14	24	Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad	13	13	13	13	12	13	30.31	
> 15	14	King George Medical College, CMM Medical University, Lucknow	16	16	14	15	18	12	28.34	
^ 16	19	Christian Medical College (CMC), Ludhiana	15	14	15	14	14	18	27.27	
> 17	17	Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai	19	17	17	18	14	18	25.53	
> 18	16	Bangalore Medical College (BMC), Bangalore	25	25	24	25	25	5	24.72	
> 19	18	Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Kochi	19	20	20	20	19	20	23.93	
^ 20	22	Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research, Kolkata	18	19	17	19	21	21	23.64	
☀ 21	-	Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram	22	22	23	22	22	10	23.33	
> 22	20	Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata	22	23	22	24	22	23	22.87	
> 23	23	M.S. Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore	21	21	20	21	19	24	18.26	
> 24	21	Stanley Medical College (SMC), Chennai	17	18	17	17	16	25	18.24	
☀ 25	-	Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Mumbai	24	24	25	23	24	22	17.44	

Overall ranks are based on perceptual and factual scores, not on perceptual and factual ranks. Therefore, the overall rank of a college may differ from its perceptual and factual ranks. Faculties were not considered. ☀ New entrants

INSIGHT

Dr. R.C. Deka, Director, AIIMS, Delhi

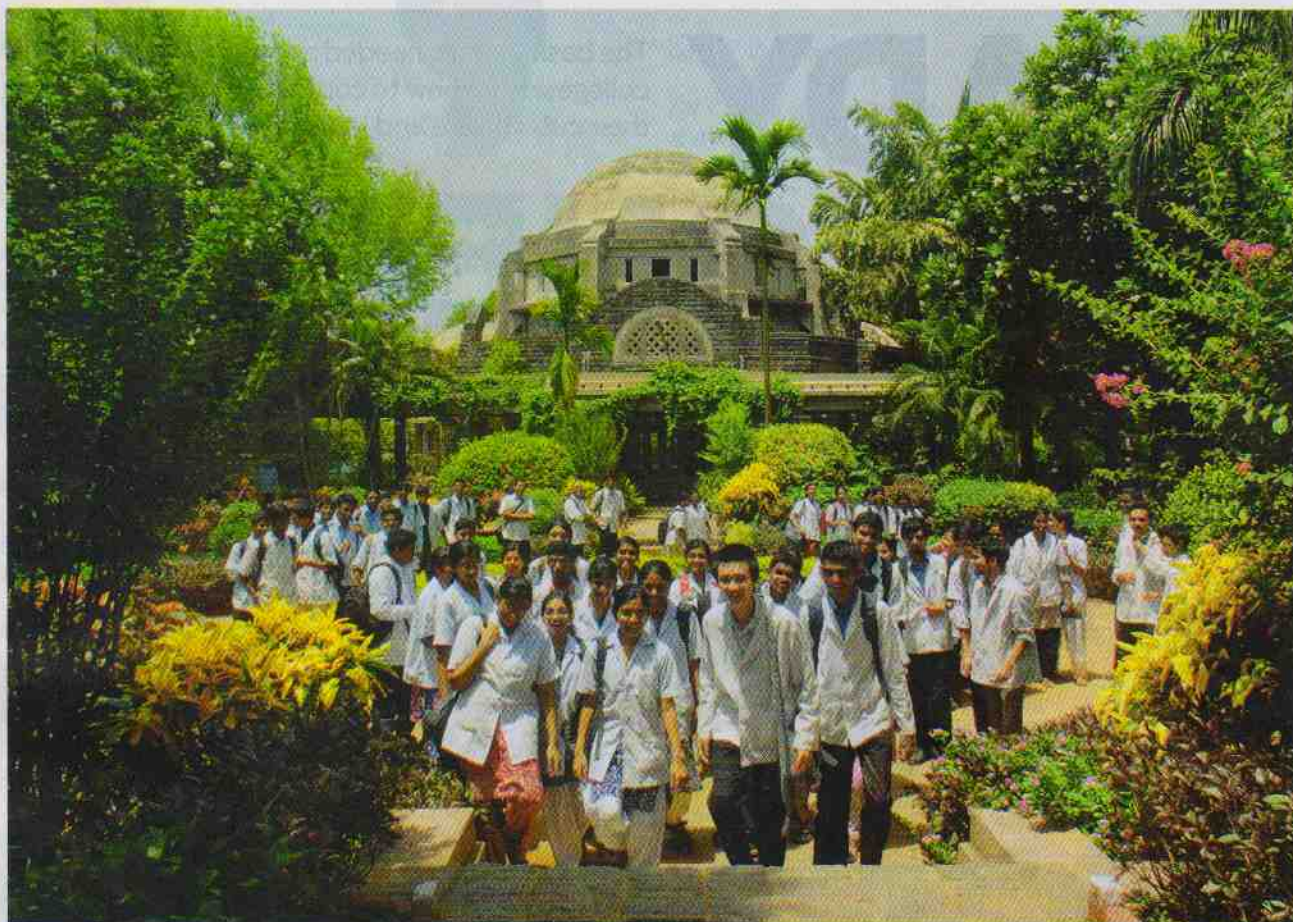
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democratic excellence in medicine this year is once again AIIMS. As it turns out, it's not the only institute to have retained its position. The top five medical colleges this year have survived the shake-up in the rankings, visible more in the middle order. Chasing AIIMS closely are the Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, the Armed Forces Medical

College (AFMC) in Pune, the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER) in Puducherry and the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) in Delhi. The Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, gave a credible performance by moving up to the sixth slot from last year's ninth, pipping at the post the Madras Medical College, Chennai, in the process. Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, muscled its way to the seventh spot. A welcome entrant in the Top 10 league this year is St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, which jumped four slots to grab the eighth position.

Research is what sets the toppers apart. AIIMS, which brings out more than 50 per cent of all the medical research from India, published over 1,500 original work in high-impact journals this year. "Our faculty had 381 ongoing projects and initiated 110 new projects worth nearly Rs 58.7 crore," says Deka. At CMC, research is the mantra, too, with number of publications zooming up—from less than 100 in 2002 to over 220 now. "At least 3 to 4 per cent of our budget is set aside for research," says Dr. George Mathew, principal. From epidemiology to stem



CMC, VELLORE, SENDS ITS GRADUATES TO OUTLYING VILLAGES TO GET HANDS-ON EXPOSURE TO RURAL HOSPITALS

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cells, motorised hands to the indigenous rotovirus vaccine—the pipeline is varied and growing. AFMC is one of the few colleges to have research at the undergraduate level. The Indian Council of Medical Research has assigned as many as 18 projects to MBBS students here. “This is the highest a medical college has got at that level,” says Lt Gen D.P. Vats, director and commandant of AFMC.

There’s much to learn at the 105-year-old CMC. The serene ambience, away from the madding metros, is ideal for those who believe in giving back to society. There’s a wealth of clinical experience to be gained from the Community Health and Development Unit, which sends graduates to outlying villages every year for a few weeks, to get hands-on exposure to rural hospitals. “We want to create a workforce of physicians who can meet the challenges of modern medicine and at the same time be socially conscious,” says Mathew. Along with Tufts University, US, CMC is planning to bring all lectures and demos online for students working in hospitals within its network.

For a different experience, enter the Connaught Barracks in Pune. Check out the hum and buzz, the bright young faces, the breathtaking campus and doctors in crisp

white or green busy on the rounds. The place radiates the combined aura of military discipline, the pride and power of India’s armed forces along with the exuberance of a medical college. From a humble postgraduate training centre in 1948, it has grown today into a formidable institute with 29 departments, 35 courses and six affiliated hospitals—for those who want to serve the armed forces. “We prepare ‘doctor officers’ and not just doctors. They have to be mentally strong in war-prone areas, alert and also compassionate,” adds Vats.

Cash-rich corporates may have changed India’s healthcare delivery landscape, but they do not seem to have made much headway in medical education. That’s probably because the fundamental metric of most of India’s top medical schools is premised on research, in which the private sector lags seriously behind. Intellect doesn’t seem to have kowtowed to the jingle of coins in the world of medical education yet.

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