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NIRF 2025 Ranking: NLUs in Top 5; NLSIU, Bengaluru Maintains Stronghold at #1, GNLU Enters Top 5

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On September 4, 2025, the Ministry of Education released the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) Rankings 2025, marking its 10th annual edition. While the top law schools continue to lead, there are some important shifts further down the order.

The NIRF rankings for law institutions are based on several parameters, including Teaching, Learning & Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcomes (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI), and Perception (PR). The rankings have seen some institutions consistently perform well, while others have experienced fluctuations.

This year a total of 267 law schools participated in the NIRF ranking, out of which 13 National Law Universities (NLUs) made it to top 40.

National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, retains its position as India’s leading law school. For 7 consecutive yeas, NLSIU has set the benchmark for legal education, combining academic rigor with exceptional placement outcomes.

Name	City	State	Score	Rank
National Law School of India University More Details | |	Bengaluru	Karnataka	82.97	1
National Law University More Details | |	New Delhi	Delhi	80.00	2
Nalsar University of Law More Details | |	Hyderabad	Telangana	79.50	3
The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences More Details | |	Kolkata	West Bengal	79.39	4
Gujarat National Law University More Details | |	Gandhinagar	Gujarat	76.23	5
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur More Details | |	Kharagpur	West Bengal	74.09	6
Symbiosis Law School, Pune More Details | |	Pune	Maharashtra	74.07	7
Jamia Millia Islamia More Details | |	New Delhi	Delhi	66.39	8
Aligarh Muslim University More Details | |	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh	65.82	9
Siksha `O` Anusandhan More Details | |	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	65.36	10

Its alumni network spans the judiciary, legal practice, business, governance, and academia, reflecting the school's wide-ranging influence. NLSIU's continued dominance underscores its ability to perform strongly across all NIRF parameters.

Holding firm in the rankings, National Law University, Delhi, stands at number two, while NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, secures the third spot once again.

Shanmugha Arts Science Technology & Research Academy More Details | |	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu	65.29	11
Babasheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University More Details | |	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	65.26	12
Cochin University of Science and Technology More Details | |	Cochin	Kerala	65.19	13
Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology More Details | |	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	65.04	14
National Law University More Details | |	Cuttack	Odisha	63.66	15
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College of Law More Details | |	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	63.12	16
Chanakya National Law University More Details | |	Patna	Bihar	62.40	17
UPES More Details | |	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	61.45	18
Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences More Details | |	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	60.90	19
Alliance University More Details | |	Bengaluru	Karnataka	60.83	20

The top three positions have seen minimal changes, with NLSIU, NALSAR, and NLU Delhi maintaining dominance. Institutes like WBNUJS, GNLU, and Symbiosis Law School had shown potential to climb higher last year, with improvements in certain parameters.

This year, while West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata, continues its steady performance at the 4th position, GNLU has climbed from the 7th to the 5th rank since 2024. The improvement suggests progress across multiple fronts, from faculty strength and infrastructure to research initiatives and graduate outcomes.

The upward movement of GNLU has had consequences for others. Symbiosis Law School, Pune, which stood at the 5th place last year, has slipped to 7th. While it continues to be one of the most prominent private law schools in the country, the fall shows how tightly contested the middle order is.

Meanwhile, IIT Kharagpur's Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law has maintained its position in the 6th place. Its unique positioning at the intersection of law, technology, and intellectual property continues to distinguish it from conventional law schools.

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow	More Details | |	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	60.12	21
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	More Details | |	New Delhi	Delhi	60.05	22
Central University of South Bihar	More Details | |	Gaya	Bihar	58.84	23
Christ University	More Details | |	Bengaluru	Karnataka	58.40	24
S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology	More Details | |	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	58.00	25
Lovely Professional University	More Details | |	Phagwara	Punjab	57.98	26
National Law Institute University, Bhopal	More Details | |	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	57.64	27
Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur	More Details | |	Nagpur	Maharashtra	56.54	28
University of Lucknow	More Details | |	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	55.85	29
National University of Study & Research in Law, Ranchi	More Details | |	Ranchi	Jharkhand	55.81	30

Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University have climbed up the list as well and are featured at Ranks 8 and 9, respectively, reflecting the strength of central universities in sustaining quality legal education. Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar, however, has gone down by a rank from Rank 9 in the 2024 list to Rank 10 in the current NIRF 2025 list.

NIRF Rankings matter in multiple ways. Rankings guide students in making informed choices, help universities evaluate and enhance their performance, and show the legal community where the next generation of professionals are being prepared.

The latest NIRF rankings show that India's legal education is no longer defined solely by a handful of institutions. While the top NLUs retain their hold, others are catching up. This competition can

only benefit students by driving improvements in teaching, research, and opportunities.

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