

QS RANKING 2025
Indian varsities climb in rankings faster than G20 peers

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INDIAN UNIVERSITIES ARE climbing up the global pecking order faster than their G20 peers, according to the latest World University Rankings (WUR) 2025 by global higher education specialist firm Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).

Table with 4 columns: Rank 2025, Rank 2024, Institution, Country. Rows include MIT (US), Imperial College London (UK), The University of Oxford (UK), Harvard University (UK), and University of Cambridge (UK).

QS World University Rankings 2025 from India

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its rise within the Indian cohort. The rankings points out that with 46 ranked universities, India has the third-largest representation among all G20 nations, with a remarkable 31.8% increase from 11 universities in the 2015 edition of the QS World University Rankings to 46 in the 2025 edition," the report said.

Within the Indian universities, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay ranked the highest at 118th position, followed by IIT Delhi at 150th position. In fact, four IITs have featured amongst the top 10 Indian universities. As per the rankings, IIT Bombay has shown improvement in both research quality and reputation parameters which led to

employability will be vital in shaping India's higher education landscape," said Jessica Turner, CEO, QS.

Meanwhile, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has maintained the top slot for 13th year in a row. As per the rankings, the Imperial College of London has grabbed the second position globally by overtaking both Oxford and Cambridge to become the highest-ranked UK institution.

The 21st edition of the QS WUR has featured over 1,500 global academic institutions who were ranked on nine parameters, including academic reputation (30% weightage), citations per faculty (20%), employer reputation (15%), faculty-student ratio (10%) and others.

record-keeping began in 1940, the Copernicus Climate Change Service said.

In a separate report, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said there is now an 80% chance that at least one of the next five years will mark the first calendar year with an average temperature that temporarily exceeds 1.5C above pre-industrial levels - up from a 66% chance last year.

Sunita Williams makes history: First woman to pilot spacecraft on test mission

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INDIAN-ORIGIN ASTRO-NAUT Sunita Williams flew to space for the third time on Wednesday along with a colleague, scripting history as the first members aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft to the International Space Station.

Boeing's Crew Flight Test mission carrying Williams, and Butch Wilmore lifted off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida after multiple delays.

Williams, 58, is the pilot for the flight test while Wilmore, 61, is the commander of the mission.

Williams also made history as the first woman to embark on such a mission. And it won't be her first entry in history books.

In 2012, during a prior trip to the International Space Station, Williams became the first person to finish a triathlon in



NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore (left) and Sunita Williams were launched on the Boeing Starliner capsule for a trip to the international space station on Wednesday

space, during which she simulated swimming using a weight-lifting machine and ran on a treadmill while

strapped in by a harness so she wouldn't float away.

That came after she ran the Boston Marathon from the

space station in 2007.

Williams received her commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy from the

United States Naval Academy in May 1987. Williams was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 1998 and is a veteran of two space missions, Expeditions 14/15 in 2006 and 32/33 and 2012.

She served as a flight engineer on Expedition 32 and then commander of Expedition 33.

Boeing's Crew Flight Test mission has been delayed for several years because of setbacks in the spacecraft's development.

Last-minute computer trouble nixed Saturday's launch attempt for Boeing's first astronaut flight, the latest in a string of delays over the years.

It was the second launch attempt. The first try on May 6 was delayed for leak checks and rocket repairs. With the launch, Boeing became the second private firm able to provide crew transport to and from the ISS, alongside Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Retiring Sunil Chhetri wants team to focus on must-win farewell tie against Kuwait

SAYAK DUTTA
Kolkata, June 5

EVERYONE IS TALKING about Sunil Chhetri.

Lallianzuala Chhangte, the speedy winger, 'hopes and believes it would be me assisting Chhetri bhai'. Sahal Abdul Samad, the stylish midfielder, vowed to 'fight for Sunil bhai'. Defender Subhashish Bose wants the team to win, which would be 'a farewell gift for Sunil bhai'.

And coach Igor Stimac couldn't hide his emotions, saying how 'sad' he was that his - rather, Indian football's Man Friday - will retire from international football after the 2026 World Cup and 2027 Asian Cup qualifier against Kuwait here on Thursday.

Everyone's talking about Chhetri. But the 39-year-old wants everyone to talk - and focus - about the match, which is crucial for India's progression hopes and can make or break the campaign.

A smile while entering a

packed room for a media conference on the match-eve was a rare occasion Chhetri showed emotions on Wednesday.

"I am trying really hard to not think about this game like this. It's not about me and my last game. It's about us and Kuwait. Inside, I am fighting this small battle. Please don't make it worse by asking me again and again how I am feeling. I don't want to address it. We really need to win this game. This is not going to be easy, but we are ready. We will have tremendous support here in Kolkata," Chhetri said.

Indeed, Chhetri has a point. India must not risk getting overwhelmed by emotions in a match where they have to be clinical to eke out a favourable result.

India are in the second position in Group A with four points. Asian champions Qatar top the table with

12 points, Afghanistan are third with four points, but an inferior goal difference than India, and Kuwait are at the bottom with three points. The top two teams of each group will be making their way into the third round of

the qualifiers as well as securing direct qualification for the AFC Asian Cup 2027 in Saudi Arabia.

A win would put India in a comfortable position to advance to the third round of the World Cup qualifiers. It'll be a historic feat and although they aren't expected to make it to the World Cup, being among Asia's elite in the final round would mean better opponents, more matches and greater high-level exposure.

The only time Chhetri delved into the future, was when he was asked if he would reconsider his decision to retire.

"If we win tomorrow, we almost qualify. Five top games home and away, I am going to wear nice suits and watch the match wherever the team travels," he said. "I am going to watch the boys play. I have thought about it a lot. I had a great ride all

these 19 years."

Lucky venue

It's almost poetic that Chhetri plays his final match in a city that had shaped his career since his days as a Mohun Bagan player back in 2002-05 and then again in 2011-12. He has even played for Bagan's arch-rivals East Bengal for a year in between. The venue is a lucky one as well with the Indian team not having lost in the Salt Lake Stadium since August 2006.

The opponents on the night, Kuwait, are also the last team India has defeated in an international match with a 1-0 win in the group league opener back in November. Since then, India have had a terrible few months, losing to Qatar 0-3, getting eliminated from the Asian Cup after defeats to Australia, Uzbekistan and Syria, where India failed to find the net even once and then the draw and the humiliating 1-2 loss against Afghanistan in World Cup qualifiers, the latter coming in Guwahati.

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UN warns of 'climate hell'

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The average global temperature for the 12-month period to the end of May was 1.63 degrees Celsius

EACH OF THE past 12 months ranked as the warmest on record in year-on-year comparisons, the EU's climate change monitoring service said on Wednesday, as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for urgent action to avert "climate hell".

The average global temperature for the 12-month period

to the end of May was 1.63 degrees Celsius (2.9 degrees Fahrenheit) above the pre-industrial average - making it the warmest such period since

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