

NIST ranked 69<sup>th</sup> at all India level and 1st Private Engineering College of Odisha by MHRD, Govt of India



The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, has published the India Rankings 2016 at a glittering ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. This is the first effort of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) held by the Government of India. Predictably the IITs are in the top ranks followed by NITs. The Berhampur based **National Institute of Science & Technology (NIST)** has been ranked 69<sup>th</sup> in the entire country in Engineering. NIST by virtue of its 69<sup>th</sup> position is ranked as the first Private Engineering College of Odisha. The criteria for ranking included teaching/learning resources, research, graduation outcomes, outreach/inclusivity and perception. The data for the first four parameters, which account for 90% of the weightage, was submitted by the institutions and verified by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), a body constituted by the HRD ministry last year to conduct annual surveys.

For the perception criterion, various stakeholders including parents, teachers, and alumni were engaged to give their feedback. More than 3,500 top higher educational institutions are under consideration for the ranking.

The Director of NIST, Prof Sangram Mudali thanked the faculty, students and all stakeholders for this huge recognition on the national front. He ascribed this success to the last 20 years of single minded effort of the management to build a world class university in the most economically and educationally deprived district of Ganjam, Odisha.