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MCOPS is the best among pharmacy colleges in India

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Number one: Students working in a lab at the Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, which has been rated India's top pharmacy college. — photo: by special arrangement

The Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MCOPS) has been ranked the top pharmacy college in the country by the National

Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), which was released by Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani in New Delhi on Monday.

According to a press release issued by Manipal University, this first-of-its-kind indigenous ranking framework for higher education institutions has ranked institutes in engineering, management and pharmacy.

Mallikarjuna Rao, principal of MCOPS, said “It is a dream come true for us and a befitting reward for 53 years of hard work.” He credited his predecessors, particularly his immediate one, N. Udupa.

Talking about research work at the institute, Dr. Rao said MCOPS has a Scopus h-index of 46. “Our average citation per paper is 10.7. The total citations as of date are 11,707, and the total publications 1,089. Interestingly, these figures are far better than those in the rest of the country,” he said.

The national average is seven, while the national average for China is 7.44. For the United States, it is 23.36. All 122 Centrally-funded institutions in the country — including all Central universities, IITs and IIMs — participated in the first round of the NIRF ranking. The framework was primarily divided into two categories: category ‘A’ covered institutions with academic autonomy and a greater focus on research, while category ‘B’ comprised colleges and centres affiliated to universities and more focused on teaching.

An institution can request to be ranked in both categories. The framework has been drafted to provide an Indian context to educational aspirations and needs.

“There are over 1,000 pharmacy colleges in the country. To be chosen as the finest is a great honour indeed,” said H. Vinod Bhat, Vice-Chancellor of Manipal University.

“This is only the beginning of the journey. I expect MCOPS to be rated among the best in the world in the next five years,” he said.

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