

MANUU, EFLU make debut in QS Asia rankings from T

UoH Slips, But Top Among T Institutes

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Hyderabad: Two central universities from Telangana, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) and the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), have made it to the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026 for the first time. In total, eight institutes from Telangana secured a spot in the rankings released on Tuesday.

Neither MANUU nor EFLU had featured in the 2024 or 2025 rankings. This year, MANUU is ranked in the 1101-1200 band, while EFLU has been placed in the 1401-1500 bracket.

Highlighting the university's steady progress, MANUU vice-chancellor Syed Ainul

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Hasan said, "In the last four years, we brought in various changes, especially to change the perception that MANUU is only about the Urdu language. We appointed top adjunct and honorary professors, and professors of practice to strengthen research and academics."

He added that MANUU was among the first few universities in the country to implement the National Edu-



- MANUU credited progress to NEP implementation, multidisciplinary focus, and faculty excellence.

- EFLU scored well in academic reputation, papers per faculty, and employer reputation

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cation Policy (NEP). "We have been focusing on multi-disciplinary studies and skill education. All these changes are now reflecting in our rankings," Hasan said, noting that all faculty members at MANUU hold PhDs.

EFLU, meanwhile, performed well across key parameters such as academic reputation, papers per faculty, and employer reputation.

Among Telangana institutions, the University of Hyderabad (UoH) secured the top spot with a rank of 246, followed by the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) at 270, Osmania University (OU) at 470, and the National Institute of Technology Warangal (NITW) in the 771-780 range. Two private universities from the state also made it to the list.

While IITH, OU, and NITW improved their performance compared to last year, UoH's ranking slipped slightly from 239 to 246.

OU vice-chancellor Kumar Molugaram attributed the varsity's progress to its renewed emphasis on research. "Through concerted efforts, our number of citations has surged from 15,000 to over 90,000. In the next three years, we aim to improve not just our Asia ranking but our overall global standing in the QS," he said, adding that the university is focusing on research, publications, and patents.