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Leadership and Management Team of the Year

Institution Name	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
Submission title or project name	'Amme Achchu': KIIT Leadership for Humanity, Compassion and Sustainability
Nominee / key personnel	Professor (Dr) Saranjit Singh
URL	
Submission	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) (deemed to be university) leadership exemplifies outstanding governance through its commitment to academic excellence, sustainable development and community upliftment. The Regional Start-up Network programme, implemented in collaboration with US Consulate Kolkata, has significantly impacted around 500 start-ups across Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh, fostering cross-border entrepreneurship. KIIT awards over 7,800 scholarships annually, emphasizing support for marginalised groups, including victims of the Covid-19 pandemic and Balasore train accident. Adhering to its commitment to sustainability, KIIT saved 10,542,600 kWh of energy through renewable systems and bagged the "Best Performance in Energy Saving and Conservation" award from the Government of Odisha. The university's commitment to sports is reflected in its receipt of the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar Award 2022 and CII Sports Business Award 2023 for "Best Sports Facility". It also hosted the first-ever Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav 2023 sporting event for tribal athletes while nurturing 23 Olympians and 3 Para-Olympians, establishing itself as a hub for national and international sports competitions.



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Institution Name	University of Management and Technology
Submission title or project name	Enhancing faculty expertise through tailored courses with industry-specific insights
Nominee / key personnel	Asif Saeed Haider; Asma Sohaib; Saima Anwar
URL	https://www.umat.edu.pk/
Submission	The Institute of Knowledge and Leadership (IKL) at the University of Management and Technology (UMT) is renowned for its executive education programmes, enhancing faculty expertise through tailored courses with industry-specific insights. UMT's Faculty Secondment Programme (FSP) strengthens ties between academia and industry by placing faculty in esteemed organisations, fostering innovation and collaboration. The Cooperative Education Experience (COOP) integrates classroom learning with practical skills, preparing students for the workforce. We have a policy for both FSP and COOP. UMT's research culture is supported by dedicated departments for innovation and commercialisation, with recognition and rewards for scholarly achievements. Internationalisation efforts include partnerships with over 50 institutions, and programmes like summer schools that enrich students' global perspectives. UMT's alumni network of 37,000+ members contribute to its legacy through various programmes and opportunities, reinforcing the bond between graduates and their alma mater.



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Institution Name	Hiroshima University
Submission title or project name	We move towards becoming a university that creates peace
Nominee / key personnel	Shinji Kaneko, Executive Vice President (Global Initiatives); Sharifi Ayyoob, Professor
URL	https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/international/news/84877
Submission	Hiroshima University (HU) was established in the location where an atomic bomb was dropped for the first time in human history, giving it a unique historical and social background. Under the leadership of President Mitsuo Ochi, HU has been making an impact on the international and local communities. In the THE Impact Rankings 2024, HU is among the top 10 in Asia for four SDGs (SDG 11, 13, 15, 17). On 6 August 2024, President Ochi invited the presidents of 10 universities from 7 countries and regions to the “University Presidents for Peace Conference 2024” held in Hiroshima. During the conference, attendees discussed the role of universities in promoting sustainable world peace and adopted the “University Presidents for Peace Declaration”. We remain committed to our original philosophy of “The Pursuit of Peace” striving to become a university that creates peace as we work towards realising a sustainable world by 2030 and beyond.



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Institution Name	National Dong Hwa University
Submission title or project name	Sustainable Management Practices at NDHU
Nominee / key personnel	NDHU Administrative Team, Centre for Sustainable Development
URL	https://sdgs.ndhu.edu.tw/sustainabilityreport/report_en/
Submission	Established in 1994 alongside the eastern coast of Taiwan, National Dong Hwa University (NDHU) adheres to the founding spirit of liberty, democracy, invention and excellence. The university's rich academic reputation and successful school management are the result of the combined dedication of past presidents, faculty and students. In 2020, we proposed an NDHU sustainable development vision that focused on three core principles of Environmental, Social and Governance and linked them with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. This vision extends into eight aspects: capacity building, mobility, leadership, technology, innovation, resource efficiency, globalisation and climate action. It aims to address challenges resulting from climate change issues, environmental and social resource depletion, and more.



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Institution Name	O.P. Jindal Global University
Submission title or project name	Unleashing India's Potential to Make it an Attractive Global Study Destination
Nominee / key personnel	Professor (Dr) C. Raj Kumar, Founding Vice-Chancellor; Professor Padmanabha Ramanujam, Dean of Academic Governance
URL	https://jgu.edu.in/
Submission	O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) has launched several initiatives with the aim of unleashing India's potential in the 21st century and making it a preferred global higher education destination: • Jindal India Institute (JII): Established as a non-partisan strategic thinktank, JII conducted specialised training sessions for 50+ foreign diplomats and hosted 39 Indian diaspora youth on a learning visit. It also organised public lectures, book discussions, workshops and panel discussions, and thematic weeks. • Constitution Museum: To preserve the legacy of the Indian Constitution, JGU is building India's first Constitution Museum, which was dedicated to the nation on 26 November 2024. • "Viksit Bharat@2047": In a seven-part video series, JGU Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Dr) C. Raj Kumar, explained the significance of the vision of making India a developed country by 2047 and laid out a roadmap for reimagining Indian universities for making the country an attractive global higher education destination.



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Institution Name	JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research
Submission title or project name	Leadership in Action: The Global Health Empowerment and Resource Development (GHERD) Model
Nominee / key personnel	Dr B. Suresh, Pro Chancellor
URL	
Submission	JSSAHER of Higher Education and Research (JSSAHER) exemplifies outstanding leadership through its Global Health Empowerment and Resource Development (GHERD) Model, which aligns with India's "One Nation, One Health" vision and the global principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. JSSAHER's leadership has fostered strategic international collaborations with organisations like WHO, Uppsala Monitoring Centre and Harvard University to address global health challenges. These partnerships empower students, faculty and healthcare professionals through inclusive training programmes and initiatives such as international clinical trials and WHO Global Surveys. Innovative leadership has also enabled JSSAHER to overcome financial and legal barriers, ensuring successful implementation of health programmes. The institution's humanitarian efforts, such as educating displaced students from conflict zones, further reflect its commitment to inclusivity and global well-being. This visionary leadership has propelled JSSAHER to rank No. 1 in the world for SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) in the 2024 THE Impact Rankings.



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Institution Name	National University of Singapore
Submission title or project name	2023 Administrative Cluster Work Theme: 'Helping each other succeed'
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	
Submission	The National University of Singapore (NUS) is organised into four clusters: Education, Research, Innovation and Enterprise, and Administration. The Administration cluster supports the university's operational efficiency across vital areas such as HR, finance, IT, procurement, campus infrastructure, risk management, and health and well-being. The Agility Office (AO) supports the President and the Deputy President (Administration) (DPA), Mr Clarence Ti, in driving the university's transformation efforts through identifying emerging opportunities and coordinating cross-functional initiatives in pursuit of continual improvement and innovation. Under the leadership of the DPA, the administration cluster and AO form a dynamic framework that propels NUS towards operational excellence and strategic growth.



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Institution Name	Ahmedabad University
Submission title or project name	Transforming a regional educational institution into a world-class liberal education-based research university
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://ahduni.edu.in/
Submission	Ahmedabad University is a unique experiment in contemporary education where a brown-field university was transformed from a routine, above-average college hub into a leading player in the research and innovation ecosystem in Western India. Many things had to be fixed, reworked, introduced and experimented with before we arrived at a state of maturity. We began by consciously deciding to reduce our student intake and increase faculty appointments, incentivise and encourage faculty research, and introduced a tenure clock of six years, unprecedented in the country. We drastically cut down on the teaching load of faculty to give them more time for research and complemented it with generous research support. We introduced a means-blind policy to support students, and hired leading global architects to design our buildings in a way that is eco-friendly, sustainable and human centred. We have built one of the safest and most student-friendly campuses in Western India.