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Amrita university ranks No 1 in swachhta rankings

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Amrita University added another feather to its cap by being awarded the Number One Rank in the 'Technical Institutions' category in the Swachhta Rankings 2017 released by the Union Human Resource Development Ministry today. Nearly 3,500 of India's higher-education institutions participated in the contest.

The rankings were allotted on the basis of cleanliness and hygiene, with parameters including waste-disposal techniques, campus green cover, garbage disposal in hostels and academic buildings, student-toilet ratio, kitchen hygiene, availability of running water, modernity of toilet and kitchen equipment, and water-supply systems.

Also in consideration was whether the institution had adopted any neighbouring locality or village to spread awareness and activities in Swachhta, a release said."It is a great honour to be recognized as the top institution in the technical education space in the all-India Swachhta Ranking. This has been possible because we maintain a very high standard of upkeep in terms of cleanliness and environmental preservation," said Amritha University vice-chancellor Dr Venkat Rangan."

More than 1,60,000 trees had been planted at our campus, with full use of drip irrigation and rainwater-harvesting techniques, he said adding that all garbage bins were segregated. Waste collection, done twice a day, was sent to our in-house recycling center. Liquid waste was fully recycled and used for gardening, and there was 100 per cent treatment of sewage," he claimed.