

ISB makes it to the global league

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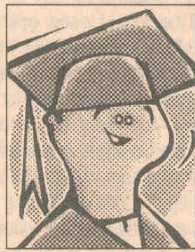
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THE Indian School of Business (ISB) has found a mention among the top 20 global B-schools on a list released by a global media house. With barely six years in operation, the Hyderabad-based institute has been ranked No. 20 on the annual MBA 2008 list, ahead of its academic alliance partner Kellogg School, which has been ranked No 24. ISB is the first B-school from India to have figured in the B-school league table.

"This is a landmark event for the ISB," Mr M Rammohan Rao, dean, ISB, told ET. "This ranking is an important milestone in our journey to be an internationally top-ranked, research-driven and independent management institution that grooms leaders for the world."

While none of the other elite management institutes in India,

including the IIMs, have made it to the top 100 list, two B-schools from China have found a place ahead of ISB in the list at Nos. 11 and 17. The ranking is calculated on the basis of 20 criteria, covering specifics like career progress of graduates, diversity of the MBA experience, international mobility of alumni, ideas generation and research, among others.



"The ranking would help us to attract more international students and visiting faculty. Besides, it will also have a positive impact on our student placement and research partnerships," Mr Ajit Rangnekar, deputy dean of ISB, told reporters on Monday.

Currently, 5% of ISB's 425 students are from abroad and this include NRIs as well. ISB has about 25 permanent faculties and about 106 visiting faculty. The school is also ramping up its student intake from the present 425 to 560 in 2009.