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# SPMRF Ranked Top Think-Tank in India with a Political Party Affiliation

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Wharton Business School's Lauder Institute released the "2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index (GGTTI)" report featuring Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) as the top ranked politically affiliated think tank in India. The "Global Go To Think Tank Index" placed SPMRF at 31st position in its list on "Global Best Think Tanks with Political Party Affiliation" category. SPMRF has steadily improved positions from 34th in 2016 and this year (2020) has been ranked the top think tank in India with a political party affiliation.

In 2008, The Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Wharton Business School came up with the first comprehensive ranking of the world's top think tanks under its Think Tank and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), often referred to as the "think tanks' think tank". It has since been described as an 'insider's guide to marketplace for ideas.'

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) is a New Delhi based think tank, affiliated to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The SPMRF focuses on creating an intellectual ambience where nationalist thought and the articulation and perpetuation of India's national interest can find expression and advocacy. Through research, publications, advocacy, debates, discussions and round-tables,



SPMRF aims to highlight issues that are crucial in the national interest. Over the years it has organised various policy outreach programmes across India, and also globally. Some of India's leading minds and public figures have spoken from the platform of SPMRF. It was the SPMRF which formulated, evolved and disseminated the narrative and discourse of the “Modi Doctrine” – Prime Minister's Modi's vision of India's global position and the reinvented global outreach that he envisaged and initiated.

Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) publishes working papers, reports, books and monographs on subjects ranging from law and governance to culture and foreign policy, economics, and also organises series of events like its popular Round Table Series, National Writers' Meet, etc. where ideas explored hitherto range from exploring the contours of the Indian Constitution to the ASEAN outlook on the Indo-Pacific. Most recently it has produced a number of papers, documents, monographs on the crucial and historic Citizenship Amendment Act 2019, and organised series of programmes and workshops across the state of West Bengal. The Foundation continues to engage in dialogue and exchange with foreign think tanks, governments, political parties, hosts foreign ministers, and members of parliament etc.

The consistency with which SPMRF has maintained its top rank in India, while striving to improve global ranking year after year from 34th in 2016 to 31st in 2019 points towards its persistence, research output and the ability of its team to articulate and disseminate narratives, keeping with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with aim of furthering India's national interest and quest towards self-reliance and great power status.

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1. Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) (Germany)
2. Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) (Germany)
3. Fabian Society (United Kingdom)
4. Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) (Belgium)
5. National Democratic Institute (NDI) (United States)
6. International Republican Institute (United States)
7. Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBS) (Germany)
8. Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) (Germany)
9. European Ideas Network (EIN) (Belgium)
10. Demos (United Kingdom)
11. Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES), FKA Centre for European Studies (Belgium)
12. Progressive Policy Institute (PPI) (United States)
13. Party School of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (China)
14. Fundación Jaime Guzmán (FJG) (Chile)
15. New Democrat Network (NDN) (United States)
16. Foundation for EU Democracy (Belgium)
17. Foundation Max van der Stoep, FKA Evert Vermeer Foundation (Netherlands)
18. Fundación para el Análisis y los Estudios Sociales (FAES) (Spain)
19. Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique (Fondapoi) (France)
20. Green European Foundation (GEF) (Belgium)
21. Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (RLS) (Germany)
22. Wiardi Beckman Foundation (WBS) (Netherlands)
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23. Terra Nova (France)
24. Fondazione Italianeuropel (Italy)
25. European People's Party (Belgium)
26. Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research (INSAP) (Malaysia)
27. Fundacao Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP) (Brazil)
28. SEDAR Institute (Malaysia)
29. Institute of European Democrats (IED) (Belgium)
30. Bertil Ohlininstitutet (Sweden)
31. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (India)
32. Fondation Jean-Jaurès (France)
33. Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA) (Turkey)
34. Fundação Perseu Abramo (FPA) (Brazil)
35. Jinnah Institute (Pakistan)