

LIST OF NIFTs IN INDIA

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India has **20 NIFT campuses** spread across the country, offering a combined intake of **5,076 seats** (4,596 All-India + 480 State Domicile) for B.Des, B.F.Tech, M.Des, M.F.Tech, and MFM programmes. The source of this data is **Shiksha.com** (shiksha.com/design/articles/list-of-nifts-in-india-blogId-30549).

1. NIFT Rankings (India Today 2025)

As per India Today rankings, the top 8 positions are consistently occupied by NIFT campuses. NIFT Delhi holds the **No. 1** position nationally; NIFT Mumbai is ranked **2nd** and NIFT Bengaluru **3rd**. Globally, NIFT Delhi is placed at **#51–100** in QS World University Rankings by Subject (Art & Design, 2025).

Rank	NIFT Campus	Location	Remarks
1	NIFT Delhi	New Delhi	Flagship campus, est. 1987; QS #51–100 globally
2	NIFT Mumbai	Navi Mumbai	Ranked top 3 for 3 consecutive years
3	NIFT Bengaluru	Bengaluru	Leading southern campus
4	NIFT Kolkata	Kolkata	Strong placements (~INR 5.7 LPA avg)
5	NIFT Chennai	Chennai	—
6	NIFT Hyderabad	Hyderabad	—
7	NIFT Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	—
8	NIFT Jodhpur	Jodhpur	—
9–20	Other 12 NIFTs	Pan-India	See campus list in Section 2

* Rankings are indicative; India Today 2025 fashion design category.

2. NIFT Campus-wise Seat Intake (2026)

The table below lists all 20 NIFT participating institutes with their approximate UG seat intake (B.Des + B.F.Tech) sourced from Shiksha.com. Total UG regular intake = **3,932 seats**; with state domicile = **4,398 seats**. PG programmes (M.Des + M.F.Tech + MFM) have a combined intake of **1,034 seats**.

#	NIFT Campus	State	B.Des Seats	B.F.Tech Seats	PG Seats (approx.)
1	NIFT Delhi	Delhi	228	38	144 (MDes 41, MFM 69, MFTech 34)
2	NIFT Mumbai	Maharashtra	190	38	~110 (MDes 43 + MFM + MFTech)
3	NIFT Bengaluru	Karnataka	190	38	~80
4	NIFT Kolkata	West Bengal	152	38	~70
5	NIFT Chennai	Tamil Nadu	152	38	~70
6	NIFT Hyderabad	Telangana	152	38	~65
7	NIFT Gandhinagar	Gujarat	152	38	~60
8	NIFT Jodhpur	Rajasthan	114	38	~50

#	NIFT Campus	State	B.Des Seats	B.F.Tech Seats	PG Seats (approx.)
9	NIFT Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	114	19	~45
10	NIFT Patna	Bihar	114	19	~40
11	NIFT Raebareli	Uttar Pradesh	114	19	~40
12	NIFT Kangra	Himachal Pradesh	76	19	~30
13	NIFT Srinagar	J&K	76	19	~30
14	NIFT Shillong	Meghalaya	76	19	~30
15	NIFT Kannur	Kerala	76	19	~30
16	NIFT Panchkula	Haryana	76	19	~30
17	NIFT Bhubaneswar	Odisha	76	19	~30
18	NIFT Jorhat	Assam	76	19	~25
19	NIFT Nagpur	Maharashtra	76	19	~25
20	NIFT Amravati	Maharashtra	76	—	~25

* Seat figures are approximate based on Shiksha.com data; official NIFT notifications may vary. '—' = data not available.

3. Course-wise Total Seat Intake (All 20 NIFTs Combined)

Programme	Level	Total AI Seats	State Domicile	Grand Total
B.Des (all specialisations)	UG	2,884	300	3,184
B.F.Tech (Apparel Production)	UG	~770	~150	~920 (est.)
M.Des	PG	~350	—	~350
M.F.Tech	PG	~300	—	~300
MFM (Fashion Mgmt)	PG	~384	—	~384
TOTAL (2026)	UG+PG	4,596	480	5,076

4. NIFT Admission Process (2026)

Admission to all NIFT courses is through the **NIFT Entrance Exam** conducted by NTA. The process has two stages:

Stage	Component	Applicable To	Weightage / Remarks
Stage 1 (Written)	General Ability Test (GAT)	All courses	Tests reasoning, GK, English, Quant ability
Stage 1 (Written)	Creative Ability Test (CAT)	B.Des and M.Des only	Tests creative & design aptitude; drawing-based
Stage 2	Situation Test	B.Des shortlisted candidates	Hands-on model-making test; held after Stage 1 results
Stage 2	Personal Interview (PI)	M.Des, MFM, MFTech shortlisted candidates	Based on Stage 1 merit score
Final Merit	Combined Score	All programmes	Strictly based on NIFT merit rank; centralised e-counselling

Step	Activity	Mode
1	Online Application on NTA portal (exams.nta.ac.in/NIFT)	Online
2	NIFT Entrance Exam (Written) — Feb 2026	Offline (pen-paper)
3	Stage 1 Result declaration; shortlisting for Stage 2	Online
4	Situation Test / Personal Interview	Offline / Online
5	Final Merit List declaration	Online
6	NIFT Counselling — online centralised seat allotment	Online
7	Document verification & seat-acceptance fee payment	Online
8	Reporting to allotted NIFT campus	Offline

Counselling note: Candidates select NIFT institutes in order of preference during counselling. Higher merit rank = better chance of preferred campus. Seat allotment is strictly merit-based.

5. NIFT Fee Structure (2026)

All NIFT institutes are 100% government institutions (same public status as IITs/NITs). Fees are regulated and similar across all campuses.

Campus / Programme	Course	1st Year Fee (approx.)	Total Programme Fee (approx.)
NIFT Delhi	B.Des	INR 3.26 Lakhs	~INR 13–14 Lakhs (4 yrs)
NIFT Delhi	B.F.Tech	~INR 2.8 Lakhs	~INR 11–12 Lakhs (4 yrs)
NIFT Delhi	M.Des	~INR 3.23 Lakhs	INR 6.46 Lakhs (2 yrs)
NIFT Delhi	MFM	~INR 3 Lakhs	~INR 6 Lakhs (2 yrs)
NIFT Mumbai	B.Des	~INR 3.2 Lakhs	~INR 13 Lakhs (4 yrs)
NIFT Mumbai	M.Des	~INR 3.2 Lakhs	~INR 6.4 Lakhs (2 yrs)
NIFT Bengaluru	B.F.Tech	INR 3.07 Lakhs	INR 12.3 Lakhs (4 yrs)
NIFT Bengaluru	BFTech Lateral Entry	INR 1.4 Lakhs	INR 5.6 Lakhs (2 yrs)
All NIFTs (general UG range)	B.Des / BFTech	INR 1.5–3.3 Lakhs	INR 6–14 Lakhs
All NIFTs (general PG range)	M.Des / MFM / MFTech	INR 2.5–3.5 Lakhs	INR 5–7 Lakhs

Note: Fees include tuition and other charges. Lateral entry (2nd year) fees are proportionally lower. NRI / Foreign National seats have a higher fee structure. Fee data sourced from Shiksha.com; verify with respective NIFT campus before application.

6. Key Highlights at a Glance

Total NIFT Campuses	20 across India
Total Seats (2026)	5,076 (4,596 AI + 480 State Domicile)
UG Regular Seats	3,932 With domicile: 4,398
PG Total Seats	~1,034 (M.Des + M.F.Tech + MFM)

Top Ranked (India Today 2025)	1. NIFT Delhi 2. NIFT Mumbai 3. NIFT Bengaluru
Entrance Exam	NIFT Entrance Exam (NTA) — GAT + CAT + Situation Test / PI
Exam Date (2026)	February 08, 2026 (UG & PG written)
Counselling	Centralised online e-counselling based on merit rank
UG Duration	4 years (B.Des / B.F.Tech)
PG Duration	2 years (M.Des / M.F.Tech / MFM)
Avg Placement (Delhi)	INR 5.5 LPA avg INR 12 LPA highest (B.Des 2024)
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