

Top UPCATET Colleges

Fees & Placement Guide

NDUAT · CSAUA&T · SVBPUAT · BUAT Banda · MBUATK Kushinagar Rank-wise expected cutoff · Annual fees · Placement data · How to choose

Which UPCATET University Is Actually Best for You?

There are 5 major state agriculture universities under UPCATET — each with different strengths, fees, locations, and placement outcomes. This guide gives you verified data so you can make a smart choice, not just pick whichever name sounds most familiar.

1. University overview at a glance

Data sourced from NIRF 2025, Shiksha.com, and official university websites (upcatetexam.org).

University	Location	Est.	Key courses	UPCATET rank needed (Gen)
CSAUA&T Kanpur	Kanpur, UP	1975	BSc Agri · BTech Agri Engg · BFSc · BVSc · MBA	Rank 1,500–2,500 (est.)
NDUAT Ayodhya	Kumarganj, Ayodhya, UP	1975	BSc Agri · BTech Agri Engg · BVSc · BFSc · Forestry	Rank 2,000–3,500 (est.)
SVBPUAT Meerut	Meerut, UP	2000	BSc Agri · BTech Agri Engg · BVSc · BFSc	Rank 3,000–5,000 (est.)
BUAT Banda	Banda, UP	2010	BSc Agri · BTech Agri Engg · Horticulture	Rank 4,000+ (est.)
MBUATK Kushinagar	Kushinagar, UP	2023	BTech Sugarcane Science & Technology (2024 intake); more UG programmes being added under UPCATET	Not yet established — newest of the 5; likely open at lower ranks in early intake years

Rank estimates are based on UPCATET 2024–25 trends. MBUATK Kushinagar is the newest UPCATET university (established 2023 under the UP Krishi Evam Prodyogik Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 2023) and began admissions in 2024, so it does not yet have multi-year cutoff trend data. Verify current year cutoffs at upcatetexam.org.

2. Fees comparison (Annual · 2025–26 data)

Government agriculture universities have much lower fees than private engineering colleges. All 5 universities below are government institutions — fees are subsidised and ICAR scholarships are available.

University	BSc Agriculture (per year)	BTech Agri Engg (per year)	BVSc & AH (per year)	Hostel (approx.)
CSAUA&T Kanpur	~Rs 25,900	~Rs 30,000	~Rs 35,000	~Rs 10,000/sem
NDUAT Ayodhya	~Rs 25,000	~Rs 30,000	~Rs 40,000	~Rs 8,000/sem
SVBPUAT Meerut	~Rs 20,000	~Rs 28,000	~Rs 35,000	~Rs 7,000/sem
BUAT Banda	~Rs 18,000	~Rs 25,000	N/A	~Rs 6,000/sem

University	BSc Agriculture (per year)	BTech Agri Engg (per year)	BVSc & AH (per year)	Hostel (approx.)
MBUATK Kushinagar	N/A — BSc Agri intake not yet started	N/A	N/A	Not published yet; as a government university, fees are expected to be in a similar subsidised range once full UG intake begins

Fees are approximate based on 2025 data. Actual fees may vary. 98% of NDUAT students receive scholarship. ICAR provides merit-based scholarships to students admitted through UPCATET — check icar.org.in for eligibility. MBUATK Kushinagar's official fee structure for its expanding UG programmes was not available on public sources at the time of writing — confirm directly with the university or upcatet.org before assuming a figure.

3. Placement data (verified from NIRF 2025 & university reports)

Agriculture placements are different from engineering. Many BSc Agriculture graduates pursue government jobs (Agriculture Officer, AFO in banks), higher studies (MSc, MBA-Agri), or start agri-business. Campus placements are supplementary, not the only outcome.

University	Median salary (UG)	Students placed (latest report)	Top recruiters	Higher studies opportunity
CSAUA&T Kanpur	Rs 4–6 LPA (estimated)	Available on university portal	TCS, Wipro, UPL, Adama, HDFC Bank, Dena Bank	Good — MSc at ICAR universities
NDUAT Ayodhya	Rs 3.5 LPA (avg. starting)	350 students (2024 report)	Agri-input companies, Banks (AFO roles), Govt. departments	Good — MSc via ICAR AIEEA
SVBPUAT Meerut	Rs 3–4 LPA (estimated)	Available on university portal	Agri-input firms, FMCG, Banks, State Govt. roles	Moderate
BUAT Banda	Rs 2.5–3.5 LPA (estimated)	Limited campus placement data	State Govt. roles, Agri-input companies	Good for Govt. jobs
MBUATK Kushinagar	Not applicable yet — no graduating batch	No placement record yet (first intake was 2024)	Not established — too new for recruiter data	Expected to follow ICAR AIEEA route like other UP agri universities once graduates come through

Data from available placement reports and student reviews on Shiksha.com. MBUATK Kushinagar admitted its first batch (BTech Sugarcane Science and Technology) in 2024, so it has no placement track record yet — any number quoted for it elsewhere should be treated with caution. For complete verified data: shiksha.com/science/upcatet-exam

4. How to choose — decision guide by situation

Your situation	Best choice	Why
I want BSc Agriculture + highest placement odds	CSAUA&T Kanpur	ICAR-affiliated, Kanpur location (easy industry access), Rs 8 LPA highest package in recent years. Good corporate recruiter base.
I want low fees + NAAC A++ + scholarship	NDUAT Ayodhya	NAAC A++ — highest grading. 98% students get scholarship. Rs 25,000/year fees. 350 students placed in 2024. Great value.
My rank is 3,000+ and I need a government seat	SVBPUAT Meerut or BUAT Banda	Both are government agriculture universities accessible at higher ranks. Strong for government job preparation and state-level placements.
I want a newer campus and I'm open to emerging programmes like Sugarcane Science & Technology	MBUATK Kushinagar	Youngest UPCATET university (2023); currently smaller intake and less competition for seats, but also less placement/infrastructure history than the other four — weigh that trade-off carefully.
I want to do MSc or PhD after BSc	Any of the 5 universities	All 5 are ICAR-affiliated — BSc from any of them makes you eligible for ICAR AIEEA PG entrance for admission to IARI, NDRI, IVRI and other premier institutes.

The most important thing: All 5 UPCATET universities — CSAUA&T Kanpur, NDUAT Ayodhya, SVBPUAT Meerut, BUAT Banda, and MBUATK Kushinagar — are government-funded and ICAR-affiliated (or on the same UPCATET counselling track). A BSc Agriculture degree from any of them gives you access to government jobs, ICAR PG entrance, bank Agricultural Officer roles, and agri-business careers. MBUATK Kushinagar is still building out its full course list and track record, so if it's on your list, confirm current programmes and seats directly at upcatet.org before counselling. Don't lose a confirmed government seat chasing a name — the agriculture career path rewards hard work more than college brand.

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