

NIRF 2025 · OFFICIAL RANKINGS

Top 10 Medical Colleges in India 2025

A complete, student-friendly guide for NEET-UG aspirants — fees, MBBS seats, cutoffs and what makes each institution special.

Colleges that offer MBBS are marked clearly, and postgraduate-only institutes are listed separately so you know exactly where you can apply.

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Colleges offering MBBS (incl. PGIMER from 2026)

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Postgraduate-only institutes (no MBBS)

₹5,856

Cheapest total MBBS fee (AIIMS Delhi)

AIR 47

Toughest cutoff (AIIMS Delhi, Gen)

Primary source: National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, Ministry of Education — released 4 September 2025 · nirfindia.org

How to read this guide

Every college below is colour-coded so you can scan quickly. The two things that matter most to an MBBS aspirant — **is it government or private**, and **can you do MBBS there** — are shown as coloured tags on each entry.

GOVERNMENT

Government / INI

Central or state-funded. Very low fees, huge patient volumes. Includes Institutes of National Importance (INIs).

PRIVATE

Private / Deemed

Deemed universities. Higher fees, modern infrastructure, often global exposure and scholarships for toppers.

MBBS OPEN

Offers MBBS

You can apply here after NEET-UG. These are your actual target colleges as an undergraduate aspirant.

PG ONLY

Postgraduate only

No MBBS programme. Entry is through INI-CET / NEET-PG after you become a doctor — relevant for your future, not now.



A quick word on the rankings

1

What NIRF measures

Teaching & resources, research, graduation outcomes, outreach, and peer perception — combined into one score out of 100.

2

Why PG institutes rank high

PGIMER, SGPGIMS and NIMHANS rank in the top 10 for research & clinical excellence — even though three of them have no MBBS seats.

3

The big 2026 change

PGIMER Chandigarh — long a PG-only giant — is launching its first 100-seat MBBS batch in 2026. A landmark for UG aspirants.

About the data: Ranks and NIRF scores are official (nirfindia.org). Fees, seats and NEET cutoffs are compiled from college sources and counselling data and are **approximate** — they change every year. Always confirm on the official college website / MCC before applying. See the full disclaimer on the last page.



The Top 10 at a glance

Ranked by NIRF 2025 score · status tag shows whether MBBS is offered

#	College	Type	MBBS Seats	Annual Fee (approx)	NEET Gen (approx AIR)	NIRF Score	Status
1	AIIMS New Delhi Delhi	GOVT	132	₹5,856 total	~47	91.80	MBBS
2	PGIMER Chandigarh Chandigarh (UT)	GOVT	100 '26	~₹15k*	top ~100*	82.58	NEW '26
3	CMC Vellore Tamil Nadu	PVT	100	₹84k+ GQ	~288	76.48	MBBS
4	JIPMER Puducherry Puducherry	GOVT	249	~₹7,326	~260-400	73.30	MBBS
5	SGPGIMS Lucknow Uttar Pradesh	GOVT	None	PG only	INI-CET	70.09	PG ONLY
6	IMS-BHU Varanasi Uttar Pradesh	GOVT	100	~₹30k	~800-1000	70.05	MBBS
7	NIMHANS Bengaluru Karnataka	GOVT	None	PG only	INI-CET	69.77	PG ONLY
8	KGMU Lucknow Uttar Pradesh	GOVT	250	~₹54k	~1.3k-2k	68.77	MBBS
9	Amrita School of Medicine Kochi, Kerala	PVT	150	~₹20-25L	~2L-3L	68.52	MBBS
10	KMC Manipal Karnataka	PVT	250	~₹18L	~40k-55k	68.05	MBBS

Reading the table: **MBBS** = you can apply after NEET-UG · **NEW '26** = MBBS launching in 2026 · **PG ONLY** = no MBBS, postgraduate entry only. **GQ** = government quota. Figures marked * are estimates pending the official 2026 circular. Fees: **k** = thousand, **L** = lakh.

BREAKING · 2026

PGIMER Chandigarh is opening MBBS for the first time

For over 60 years PGIMER was strictly postgraduate — no school-leaver could enter. From the **2026 academic session** it launches a **100-seat MBBS programme** at its new Sarangpur satellite campus. Cutoffs are expected to **rival AIIMS Delhi** (top ~100 AIR). The institute even had to build a brand-new Department of Physiology from scratch to meet NMC norms. If you are applying in 2026, this is a genuinely new top-tier option worth tracking.



Colleges that offer MBBS

These are your target colleges as a NEET-UG aspirant · shown in NIRF rank order

You can apply to all eight of these after NEET-UG. Seven offer MBBS today; PGIMER Chandigarh joins them with its first-ever batch in 2026. Government colleges cost very little but need top ranks; private deemed colleges cost more but offer scholarships and global pathways.

1
RANK

AIIMS, New Delhi

Ansari Nagar, New Delhi · Institute of National Importance

GOVT

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED
1956

MBBS SEATS
132 (125+7)

TOTAL MBBS FEE
₹5,856

NEET GEN (AIR)
~47

HOSPITAL BEDS
~3,657

NIRF 2025
91.80

Why it's #1: Ranked first every single year since NIRF Medical began — eight years running. It holds India's highest score and the only perfect 100/100 peer-perception rating, and is the lone Indian medical college near the global top 130 in QS Medicine.

- + The entire 5.5-year MBBS costs ₹5,856 in total, with hostel rent around ₹20 a month — arguably the best ROI in global medical education.
- + Roughly 125 general seats are filled from 20+ lakh NEET applicants, making it one of the most selective admissions anywhere.
- + Its hospital network serves ~4.8 million outpatients a year and routinely handles cases — like conjoined-twin separations — deemed inoperable elsewhere.

2
RANK

PGIMER, Chandigarh

Chandigarh (UT) · Institute of National Importance

GOVT

NEW MBBS '26

ESTABLISHED
1962

MBBS SEATS
100 from 2026

ANNUAL FEE*
~₹15k

NEET GEN (AIR)
top ~100*

HOSPITAL BEDS
2,233

NIRF 2025
82.58

New for aspirants: After 60+ years as a postgraduate-only institute, PGIMER launches its first MBBS batch in 2026. This is a genuinely new top-tier UG option — confirm details in the official 2026 circular.

Why it's #2: India's second-ranked medical institute and its second-biggest research engine (research score 82.92, behind only AIIMS). Its Nehru Hospital is a referral hub for five northern states.

- + The first 100-seat MBBS batch (2026) will be based at the new Sarangpur satellite campus; cutoffs are expected to rival AIIMS Delhi.
- + Nehru Hospital performs around 80,000 surgeries a year and sees over 3 million outpatient visits.
- + To admit undergraduates, PGIMER had to build an entirely new Department of Physiology from scratch to meet NMC norms.



Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore

Vellore, Tamil Nadu · Private (Christian Minority, Deemed)

PRIVATE

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED 1900	MBBS SEATS 100	FEE (GOVT QUOTA) ~₹84k/yr
NEET GEN (AIR) ~288	HOSPITAL BEDS 3,751	NIRF 2025 76.48

Why it's #3: The highest-ranked private medical college in India, with a teaching score (94.51) second only to AIIMS. It is one of very few private colleges publishing in journals like The Lancet and NEJM.

- + Performed Asia's first open-heart surgery (1961) and India's first kidney transplant — a long list of national firsts.
- + Founded in 1900 by Dr. Ida Scudder as a one-bed clinic; today a 3,700+ bed network treating millions.
- + Fees vary sharply by quota — government/sponsored seats are heavily subsidised — and a mandatory rural-service bond applies.



JIPMER, Puducherry

Puducherry (+ Karaikal campus) · Institute of National Importance

GOVT

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED 1823	MBBS SEATS 249	ANNUAL FEE ~₹7,326
NEET GEN (AIR) ~260-400	HOSPITAL BEDS 2,134	NIRF 2025 73.30

Why it's #4: A 200-year-old Institute of National Importance offering near-free, elite training on a green campus near the beach — arguably the best value-for-money college in the top five.

- + Roots trace to the French École de Médecine de Pondichéry, founded in 1823 — one of Asia's oldest medical institutions.
- + Its 249 MBBS seats are split across Puducherry (187) and the Karaikal branch (62).
- + Provides free high-end care — including transplants — to below-poverty-line patients under government schemes.

6

RANK

IMS-BHU, Varanasi

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP · Govt (Central University)

GOVT

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED 1960	MBBS SEATS 100	ANNUAL FEE ~₹30k
NEET GEN (AIR) ~800-1000	HOSPITAL BEDS 1,500+	NIRF 2025 70.05

Why it's #6: A central-university gem with the highest research score (58.16) among all MBBS-offering colleges in the top 10 — set within BHU's vast 1,300-acre campus.

- + With only ~100 MBBS seats, the student-to-faculty ratio and personal mentorship are exceptional.
- + Teaches modern medicine alongside a full faculty of Ayurveda on one campus — unique among India's elite colleges.
- + Sir Sunderlal Hospital is the main referral centre for eastern UP and Bihar, giving dense, varied clinical exposure.

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RANK

King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh · Government (State University)

GOVT

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED 1905	MBBS SEATS 250	ANNUAL FEE ~₹54k
NEET GEN (AIR) ~1.3k-2k	HOSPITAL BEDS 4,000+	NIRF 2025 68.77

Why it's #8: The biggest climber in the top 10 — leaping from #19 in 2024 to #8 in 2025. A 120-year-old state university with one of Asia's largest teaching hospitals.

- + Its 4,000+ bed hospital serves an enormous catchment across UP and beyond — legendary clinical variety.
- + Total MBBS tuition works out to roughly ₹1.5 lakh — outstanding value for a top-10 college.
- + Alumni include cardiac surgeon Dr. Naresh Trehan, founder of Medanta.



Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi

Kochi, Kerala · Private (Deemed University)

PRIVATE

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED ~2002	MBBS SEATS 150	ANNUAL FEE ~₹20-25L
NEET GEN (AIR) ~2L-3L	HOSPITAL BEDS 1,300+	NIRF 2025 68.52

Why it's #9: A high-tech private school with a top graduation-outcome score (88.06) and a 1,300-bed philanthropic super-specialty hospital, with strong USMLE and residency pathways.

- + Performed South Asia's first bilateral hand transplant in 2015.
- + Runs a 3D-printing lab that prints exact replicas of patients' hearts so surgeons can rehearse complex operations.
- + Robotic surgery and cyberknife units give students hands-on exposure to advanced technology.



Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal

Manipal, Karnataka · Private (Deemed, under MAHE)

PRIVATE

MBBS OPEN

ESTABLISHED 1953	MBBS SEATS 250	ANNUAL FEE ~₹18L
NEET GEN (AIR) ~40k-55k	HOSPITAL BEDS 2,032	NIRF 2025 68.05

Why it's #10: India's first self-financing medical college and a global brand under MAHE, with students from 59+ countries and a strong pipeline to international residencies.

- + The Kalam-Pai Scholarship waives 100% of tuition and hostel fees for students ranked in the NEET top 100.
- + No compulsory state rural-service bond, easing the path to postgraduate study and USMLE abroad.
- + The 2,032-bed Kasturba Hospital and advanced simulation labs anchor its clinical training.



Postgraduate-only institutes

In the top 10 for excellence — but you cannot do MBBS here

Important for NEET-UG aspirants: SGPGIMS and NIMHANS do not offer MBBS. They rank in the top 10 because of world-class research and super-specialty training. You enter them only after MBBS, through INI-CET or NEET-PG. Keep them in mind as **future goals** — not current application targets.

5
RANK

SGPGIMS, Lucknow

Sanjay Gandhi PGIMS, Lucknow, UP · Govt (State, Autonomous)

GOVT

PG ONLY

ESTABLISHED

1983

MBBS SEATS

None

ENTRY

INI-CET / NEET-PG

HOSPITAL BEDS

2,272

MEDIAN PG PAY

~₹28 LPA

NIRF 2025

70.09

No MBBS here. SGPGIMS trains only super-specialists (MD / MS / DM / MCh / fellowships). It belongs on your radar for postgraduate study after you finish MBBS.

Why it's #5: Northern India's apex super-specialty and organ-transplant centre, on a 550-acre medical township — a finishing school for the country's medical elite.

- + One of India's leading centres for kidney, liver and bone-marrow transplants.
- + Among the first government hospitals in India to go fully paperless and digital.

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RANK

NIMHANS, Bengaluru

Nat. Inst. of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences · Govt (INI)

GOVT

PG ONLY

ESTABLISHED

1974

MBBS SEATS

None

ENTRY

INI-CET

HOSPITAL BEDS

1,000+

PG STIPEND

~₹80-85k/mo

NIRF 2025

69.77

No MBBS here. NIMHANS is India's top destination for psychiatry, neurology and neurosurgery — a future-PG dream, not a NEET-UG option.

Why it's #7: Asia's premier brain-and-mind institute and a WHO-recognised global leader in neuroscience, training the country's finest psychiatrists and neurosurgeons.

- + Won the WHO Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion in 2024.
- + Offers a direct 6-year DM/MCh in neuro specialties straight after MBBS, and houses a national human brain bank.



Quick comparisons

The numbers that matter most when choosing an MBBS college

Best value (MBBS colleges, cheapest first)

College	Type	Approx fee	Verdict
1 AIIMS New Delhi	GOVT	₹5,856 total	Best ROI in the country
2 JIPMER Puducherry	GOVT	~₹7,326 / yr	Near-free, INI status
3 IMS-BHU Varanasi	GOVT	~₹30,000 / yr	Central university, very low
4 KGMU Lucknow	GOVT	~₹54,000 / yr	~₹1.5L total — great value
5 CMC Vellore	PVT	~₹84k / yr (GQ)	Subsidised; varies by quota
6 KMC Manipal	PVT	~₹18 lakh / yr	Premium; toppers get full waiver
7 Amrita Kochi	PVT	~₹20-25 lakh / yr	Premium private

Toughest to get into (General, AIQ — lower rank = harder)

College	NEET cutoff (approx AIR)	Note
1 AIIMS New Delhi	~47	Among the hardest seats on earth
2 JIPMER Puducherry	~260-400	Near-flawless score needed
3 CMC Vellore	~288	Open-merit; quotas differ
4 IMS-BHU Varanasi	~800-1,000	Within national top 1,000
5 KGMU Lucknow	~1,352-2,059	Highly competitive AIQ
— PGIMER Chandigarh	top ~100*	Expected from 2026 launch
6 KMC Manipal	~40,000-55,000	Private; management seats
7 Amrita Kochi	~2L-3L	Private; management seats

Best clinical exposure

College	Beds
1 KGMU Lucknow	4,000+
2 CMC Vellore	3,751
3 AIIMS Delhi	3,657
4 JIPMER	2,134
5 KMC Manipal	2,032

Best for research (RPC score)

Institute	Score
1 AIIMS Delhi	91.87
2 PGIMER	82.92
3 IMS-BHU	58.16
4 NIMHANS PG	55.86
5 SGPGIMS PG	53.41



Smart tips before you apply

Five things every MBBS aspirant should keep in mind

1 • Government colleges win on fees

INIs (AIIMS, JIPMER) and central/state colleges cost a tiny fraction of private deemed colleges — but they demand the highest ranks. If you can crack a top rank, government is almost always the smarter financial choice.

2 • Track PGIMER's 2026 MBBS launch

This is a brand-new top-tier MBBS option. Watch the official PGIMER undergraduate circular and MCC counselling notifications closely if you're applying in 2026.

3 • Know your quota

Government, state, management and minority quotas carry very different cutoffs and fees — this matters a lot at CMC Vellore and private deemed colleges. Check which quota you qualify for before comparing numbers.

4 • Cutoffs move every year

The ranks here are indicative, not guarantees. They shift with exam difficulty, applicant numbers and seat matrices. Always use the latest MCC / state counselling data for the year you apply.

5 • "PG-only" still matters

SGPGIMS and NIMHANS aren't options now, but they're dream destinations for specialisation later. Knowing them early helps you plan your long-term medical journey.

Data & accuracy note

NIRF 2025 ranks and scores are official, sourced from the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (nirfindia.org), released 4 September 2025. Fees, MBBS seat counts and NEET cutoffs are compiled from college websites, counselling portals and publicly available data, and are **approximate**. Items marked with an asterisk (*), and PGIMER's 2026 MBBS details, are estimates pending official confirmation. Fees and cutoffs change every year and vary by category and quota. **Always verify current figures on the official college website and MCC / state counselling portals before making any admission decision.** This guide is for general information and is not official admission advice.