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**Sub: Conduct and Declaration of Results for the National Institute of Fashion Technology  
Entrance Examination (NIFTEE) – 2026 for UG & PG Programmes - Reg.**

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been entrusted by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, with the task of conducting of NIFT Entrance Examination for Admissions into UG, PG, and Ph.D. Programmes for the Academic year 2026-27.

The National Testing Agency conducted the Stage 1 of this Entrance Examinations for **UG and PG Programmes (Regular and NLEA)** for NIFT Admissions – 2026 i.e. **UG Programmes - Bachelor of Design (B.Des.), Bachelor of Fashion Technology (B.F.Tech.), B.Des. (Artisans) and PG Programmes - Master of Design (M.Des.), Master of Fashion Management (M.F.M.), Master of Fashion Technology (M.F.Tech.) and Lateral Entry Programmes - B.Des. (NLEA), B.F.Tech. (NLEA)** for NIFT Admissions – 2026 in **129 centres** located in **97 Cities** in **Hindi and English** mediums across India in Computer Based Test (CBT) / Paper Based Test (PBT) mode on **8 February 2026 (Sunday)**.

A total of **21307 unique candidates** had registered for the NIFTEE 2026 Stage 1 examination. Since many candidates were required to appear in two separate tests i.e. the General Ability Test (GAT) and the Creative Ability Test (CAT) i.e. depending on their programme, this resulted in a **total of 40247 test entries** across both shifts. Of these, **35596 test entries were recorded**, marking an overall attendance of **88.44%**. The shift-wise attendance for Stage 1 is as follows:

Shift	Examination	Registered	Appeared
Shift 1	General Ability Test (GAT)	21307	18867
Shift 2	Creative Ability Test (CAT)	18940	16729
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>40247</b>	<b>35596</b>

*Note: The total number of test entries includes both GAT and CAT components for applicable programmes.*

The Stage 1 examination was conducted for various undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The program-wise statistics for Stage 1 are as follows:

Course	Shift 1 (GAT)		Shift 2 (CAT)	
	Registered	Appeared	Registered	Appeared
Bachelor of Design (GAT)	13916	12546	13916	12486
Bachelor of Fashion Technology	1179	982	NA	NA
Bachelor of Fashion Technology and Bachelor of Design (GAT)	3433	2947	3433	2892
Bachelor of Design (NLEA)	61	48	NA	NA
Bachelor of Fashion Technology (NLEA)	15	14	NA	NA
Master of Design (GAT)	1079	929	1079	921
Master of Fashion Management	1044	908	NA	NA
Master of Fashion Management and Master of Design (GAT)	512	442	512	430
Master of Fashion Technology	68	51	NA	NA
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21307</b>	<b>18867</b>	<b>18940</b>	<b>16729</b>



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**The gender-wise and Category-wise distribution in both shifts was:**

Category	Shift 1 (GAT)		Shift 2 (CAT)	
	Registered	Appeared	Registered	Appeared
OBC-NCL (As Per Central List)	5248	4850	4601	4246
Open	12046	10632	10813	9538
Open-Ews	884	834	799	752
Scheduled Caste	2134	1779	1858	1532
Scheduled Tribes	995	772	869	661
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21307</b>	<b>18867</b>	<b>18940</b>	<b>16729</b>

Gender	Shift 1 (GAT)		Shift 2 (CAT)	
	Registered	Appeared	Registered	Appeared
<b>FEMALE</b>	17612	15643	15752	13967
<b>MALE</b>	3695	3224	3188	2762
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21307</b>	<b>18867</b>	<b>18940</b>	<b>16729</b>

Note: It is also noted that there is no Second Phase Examination for the Bachelor of Fashion Technology (B.F.Tech.) programme. The selection for this programme is solely based on the candidate's performance in the General Ability Test (GAT) held in Stage 1.

The Examination was monitored in the following ways:-

- A Central Control Room was opened to monitor and facilitate the smooth conduct of the Examination on the ground.
- 96 City Coordinators and about 145 Observers were deployed to oversee the examination.
- Live CCTV Surveillance was planned in all examination centres to curb malpractices in the examination.
- The NTA also made arrangements for live viewing of remote locations of all examination centres from the Control Room located in the NTA premises of New Delhi.
- In order to stop cheating using mobile networks, Jammers were installed in all the Centres to prevent unfair practices by the candidates during the examination through mobile or any other electronic device.

The Provisional Answer Keys for the GAT paper were uploaded on the portal on **17 February 2026**, and candidates were allowed to submit challenges from **17 to 19 February 2026**. No answer keys were changed. These were reviewed by expert panels, leading to the preparation of Final Answer Keys.

For CAT, answer sheets of **16,729 candidates** were scanned, digitized and evaluated through a structured digital evaluation process conducted jointly by NTA and NIFT-appointed experts under strict confidentiality protocols.

The Stage 1 result was declared on **20 March 2026**. The result was computed based on combined GAT and CAT scores, and candidates were shortlisted in a **1:4** ratio, category-wise and programme-wise. The status of "Shortlisted/Not Shortlisted" was reflected on the portal for various programmes.

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**Stage 2 Examination:** The Stage 2 Examination for UG and PG programmes involved both hands-on tests and personal interviews. The Situation/Studio/Artisan Skill Tests were evaluated on-spot by Jury Panels following strict confidentiality and standard evaluation rubrics jointly approved by NTA and NIFT. Similarly, the Personal Interviews for PG and Lateral Entry candidates were assessed on five core dimensions including Aptness, Career Orientation, and Communication.

Stage 2 was divided into two key components:

**Personal Interviews for PG Programmes (M.Des., M.F.M., M.F.Tech.):** These were conducted in New Delhi between **06 April to 11 April 2026**, as per the schedule indicated in Interview Call Letters issued on **01 April 2026**.

Programmes	Registered	Appeared
Master of Design (M.DES.)	680	553
Master of Fashion Management (M.F.M.)	908	759
Master of Fashion Technology (M.F.Tech.)	51	36
M.Des. & M.F.M. both	442	355
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>1703</b>

Interviews were conducted based on parameters such as **Career Orientation, Aptness for Programme, Achievements, Communication, and General Awareness**, each carrying 20 marks (total 100 marks).

**Skill Tests for UG Programmes:** The Stage 2 Examination of NIFTEE–2026 for UG programmes was conducted on **26 April 2026 (Sunday)** across **28 Centres** in **20 cities**.

- B.Des.: Situation Test (Model Making)*
- B.Des. (Lateral Entry): Studio Test + Personal Interview*
- B.F.Tech. (Lateral Entry): Technical Ability Test (TAT, OMR-based) + Personal Interview*
- B.Des. (Artisan): Artisan Skill Test + Personal Interview*

Separate examination instructions were issued to all stakeholders, including City Coordinators, Centre Superintendents, Observers, Invigilators, and NTA Representatives.

A total of **12,065** candidates had shortlisted for the examination, out of which approximately **10,432** candidates appeared, marking an overall attendance of **86.46%**. The approximate course-wise attendance is as follows:

Programme	Registered	Appeared
<b>B.Des (Artisans)</b>	53	<b>34</b>
<b>B.Des (NLEA)</b>	48	<b>27</b>
<b>B.F. Tech (NLEA)</b>	14	<b>07</b>
<b>B.F. Tech &amp; B. Des. (Both)</b>	2064	<b>1717</b>
<b>Bachelor of Design (B.Des)</b>	9886	<b>8647</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12065</b>	<b>10432</b>

Evaluation was based on criteria such as **form visualization, creative use of material, presentation, and explanation**, with invigilators instructed to ensure anonymity of responses and models. Jury Panels and strict protocols were followed during on-the-spot evaluations.





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The NTA ensured that the examination was conducted in a fair, transparent, and secure manner. Proper measures were taken to maintain the integrity of the examination process, including the use of biometric verification, CCTV surveillance, and strict adherence to security protocols at all examination centers.

To make the candidates and their parents aware of the rules and regulations of the examination, candidates were sent various e-mails on their registered e-mail addresses.

The final merit lists have been prepared strictly in accordance with the admission criteria, weightages and result processing SOPs prescribed by NIFT for respective programmes.

The final result has been prepared after completion of digital evaluation, personal interviews, skill tests, scrutiny of evaluation records, resolution of discrepancies, and approval of the competent committees constituted for the purpose

The **final results** for all UG and PG Programmes are being declared today i.e. **02 June 2026** (Tuesday) on the NTA portal: <https://exams.nta.nic.in/niftee/> Candidates can check their results using their Application Number and Password. Admission procedures will now be taken up by NIFT based on these results and counselling schedules.

The NTA acknowledges the efforts and cooperation of all **City Coordinators, Centre Superintendents, Observers, Invigilators**, and above all, the candidates, for the smooth and transparent conduct of NIFTEE-2026. The NTA remains committed to upholding the highest standards of assessment and evaluation.

For further updates and information, **the Candidates are advised to keep visiting the official websites of NTA** ([www.nta.ac.in](http://www.nta.ac.in) / <https://exams.nta.nic.in/niftee/>) **for the latest updates.**

The Role of NTA is confined to the Registration of candidates, conduct of the test, hosting of answer keys, inviting challenges, finalizing answer keys, preparing and declaring results, hosting Score Card and providing the results to NIFT for further action at their end.

The eligibility criteria, self-declaration, various documents, etc. of the eligible candidates will be verified as per norms specified by NIFT/Institution where admission is sought, at subsequent stages of the admission process. NTA does not have any responsibility towards correctness/genuineness of the uploaded information/documents during the application process.

Candidates are advised to refer to the Prospectus and the Admission Policy/Procedure hosted on the website of NIFT, i.e. <https://nift.ac.in/> for further course of action with reference to their admission.

  
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