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**For
Admission to**

B.Tech., M.Tech., MBA, E-MBA and Ph.D Programmes



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT, KUNDLI, SONEPAT,
HARYANA**

An Institute of National Importance (INI)



NIFTEM-K at a glance

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The institute commits to providing an encouraging and healthy ambience to nurture the young minds (students and scholars) of the country for innovation, creativity, and excellence by inculcating scientific acuity and multidimensional learning, ethics.

We at NIFTEM-K, strongly support these goals of immediate and long-term societal benefits through holistic development and synergistic interdisciplinary participation in the food sector. Together we shall uphold the trust and responsibilities conferred to us as INI and thrive to reach the pinnacle, thereby generating a legacy.



Our Mission is to “transform NIFTEM to IIFTEM (International Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management) by fostering entrepreneurship among the students, farmers, FPOs, rural and urban youth”

NIFTEM, Kundli was established under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India in the year 2012 to provide a conducive ecosystem for education, research, industrial promotion, support and entrepreneurship in the food processing sector. Over more than a decade, NIFTEM, Kundli has emerged as a leading academic and research Institute in different aspects of food science. The Institute has been a harbinger in academic innovations, peer-reviewed research publications in high impact factor (IF) journals, filing patents, creating a strong industry connect, obtaining research grants from external sources, developing technologies and creating entrepreneurship in Food Sector.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR REGISTRATION

B.TECH, M.TECH, Ph.D., MBA & EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAMMES

Commencement of the Submission of Online Application for M.Tech, Ph.D., MBA and Executive MBA Programmes	22.04.2025 (Tuesday)
Commencement of the Submission of Online Application for B.Tech Programme	19.05.2025 (Monday)
Last date for the Submission of Online Applications for M.Tech, Ph.D., MBA and Executive MBA Programmes	02.06.2025 (Monday)
Last date for the Submission of Online Applications for B.Tech Programme	*30.06.2025 (Monday)

Admission Portal Link: <https://niftemadm.samarth.edu.in/>

Note: *Registration for B.Tech (Food Technology and Management) Programme may be further extended based on the 12th class result and National Level Entrance Test results.

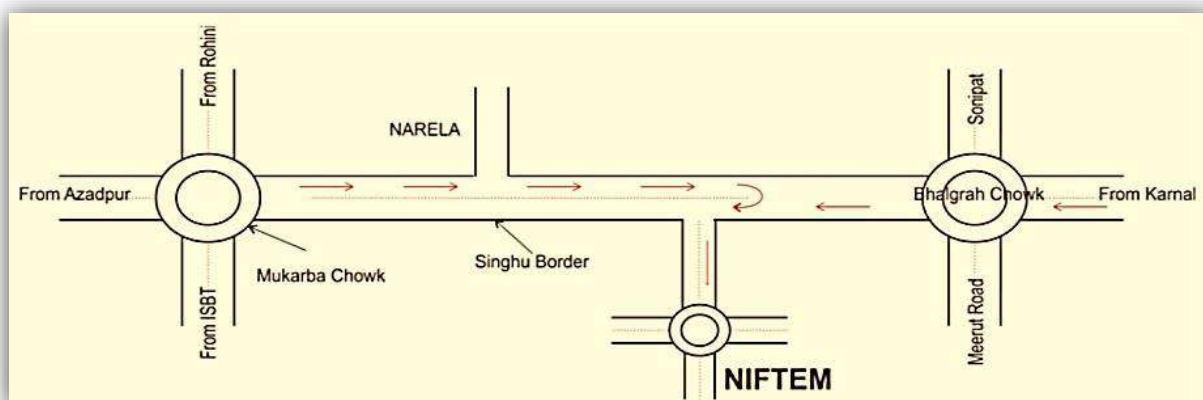
Candidates are required to visit the website of the institute (www.niftem.ac.in) for regular updates.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli (NIFTEM-K) was established as an institute of Excellence in the field of Food Science and Technology by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India in 2012 as a Deemed to be University (De Novo Category) under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956 until September 2021. This is the only institute in the country with a University status exclusively in the area of Food Processing. The mandate of NIFTEM-K is to offer high quality education, research and management programmes specific to the food industry, disseminate knowledge to the food sector, provide referral advice on food standards and provide business incubation facilities.

The NIFTEM Act 2021 was published in the Gazette of India on 30 July 2021. The NIFTEM Act 2021 came into force through the notification of the Gazette of India on 1 October, 2021. The objectives of the legislation are, to confer the status of Institutions of National Importance (INI) to NIFTEM-K to provide for functional autonomy to the institutes to design and develop courses, undertake research activities and leverage enhanced status in their academic pursuits so that they become world class institutes, and to implement the reservation policy of the Government and also undertake special outreach activities for the benefit of concerned stakeholders.

Location: The institute is situated in the HSIIDC Industrial Estate, Kundli on Delhi-Haryana Border. Kundli belongs to Sonapat district of Haryana state. The nearest Metro Station is Jahangirpuri, which is 19 km from NIFTEM-K. The distance from Delhi Bus Stand (ISBT- Kashmiri Gate) and New Delhi Railway Station from NIFTEM-K is about 30 km and 35 km, respectively. Nearest Airport is Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi which is located at a distance of 55 km and the nearest Railway Station is Sonipat, which is 20 km from the institute.



(Route Map of NIFTEM-K)

DEPARTMENTS AT NIFTEM-K

There are five academic departments in NIFTEM-K viz. Department of Food Science and Technology (FST), Department of Food Engineering (FE), Department of Food Business Management and Entrepreneurship Development (FBMED), Department of Interdisciplinary Sciences (IDS) and Department of Agriculture and Environmental Science (AES). The details of each of the departments with their activity focus are available at institute website i.e. www.niftem.ac.in.

NIFTEM KNOWLEDGE CENTRE (NKC)

NIFTEM-K Knowledge Centre has a unique set up of Information and Library Network system, and is equipped with modern infrastructure like ILM KOHA, 3M's RFID security system facility, information KIOSK, CD/DVD library with electronic CD/DVD holder, digital library and projector room. The resources include number of on-line full text databases, e- books, e-journals, standards besides collection of print materials in the form of books, journals, magazines, theses, reports etc. The NKC has also subscribed Knimbus mLibrary platform to provide remote access to all its subscribed e-contents for all registered members. It has reprography / printing / scanning facility, digital library with 12 multimedia PCs, Indexing / Barcode system and OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) with a seating capacity of more than 230 students.

RESIDENTIAL & AMENITIES

The institute is a residential campus equipped with the basic amenities required for day to day needs like the shops, laundry, dispensary, canteen, gymnasium, stationery shop with photocopy facility and indoor & outdoor sports facilities. The Porta Cabins are also developed, for the visiting guests with the attached bath facilities and the sports complex. The Institute has sufficient hostel facilities for both boys & girls. The hostel rooms are available on a single, double & triple sharing basis.

TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED AT NIFTEM-K

The institute is a premier institute of India working in the food sector. Since its inception, it has undertaken research, developed products, machine prototypes and process technologies catering to diverse stakeholders in the food sector including consumers. Different technologies developed by NIFTEM-K can be scanned using the following QR code.



FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS

Central Government Scholarships

For National Scholarship Portal, it is to inform all the students that Institute Code is U-0989. Respective students may apply for the scholarship as per the eligibility using the code U-0989. Various schemes under different Ministries/Departments are available in the National Scholarship Portal for the students to receive the financial assistance.

State Government Scholarships

The institute is already registered for various state government state scholarships like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh etc.

Institute Scholarships

Scholarships are important part of academic institution, whereby deserving students are supported to excel in their studies. NIFTEM-K has the policy of supporting students who not only excel in studies but also have limited resources to meet their regular needs. All the admitted M. Tech students with a valid GATE score receive the institute fellowship as per Ministry of Education (MoE) norms. In addition to the Central/ State govt. scholarships for SC/ST/ OBC etc., NIFTEM-K provides following Merit, Merit-cum-means and Industry Sponsored (Corporate) scholarships. The eligibility criteria is notified by the Dean (Student Welfare) once in a year.

Educational Bank Loan – For Students

NIFTEM-K assists all students who desire to avail study loan from banks. In this respect, State Bank of India's branch located inside the campus provides all necessary help and students are provided step by step guidance to process their loan applications. SBI branch can be contacted at Tel: 0130-2372114/2372113, E-mail: sbi.15479@sbi.co.in.

General Admission Information

ATTENTION: *Aspirants must read this section before referring to the programme of interest and filling up the online application form.*

1. Reservation for Indian Nationals: The number of seats in each of the programs at NIFTEM-K, as announced in these admission guidelines, shall be strictly adhered to, except for such minor adjustment as may be necessary on account of rounding off of fractions to accommodate reservations, as given below:
 - 27% reservation for Other Backward Class (from non-creamy layer and with a valid certificate

indicating eligibility for admission to central government institutions only. Please refer to brochure for Undertaking and format of certificate for claiming reservation under this category).

Only valid certificates will be considered at the time of counselling/admission.

- 15% for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes.
 - 7.5% for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.
 - 10% seats for Economically Weaker Sections, Further, 5% seats are reserved (horizontal reservation) for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates.
2. The PWD candidates should have a minimum of 40% disability, provided that the claimant in this category is otherwise capable to pursue the course for which the admission is sought. All physically challenged persons should produce a certificate of their permanent physical disability from a CMO/Civil Surgeon of a District or Director/Principal or a Professor of a Medical College affiliated to University or an institution of national importance.
 3. Due reservation and concessions would be given to Kashmiri Migrants as per Government of India norms, provided they clearly mention their category in application forms as mentioned below:
 - Relaxation in cut off percentage up to 10% subject to minimum eligibility requirement.
 - Increase in super numerary quota upto 5% in each programme.
 4. Entrance test for M.Tech non-GATE, MBA & Ph.D. candidates will take place at NIFTEM-K Campus, Kundli, District Sonipat, only. There is no other centre within or outside the country. The candidates must visit website regularly for further details.
 5. Application forms for admission at NIFTEM-K are to be filled online only. Applicants should not send the printed copy of application form to NIFTEM-K. Admission brochure/guidelines are available on the website.
 6. Final merit list and counselling schedule will be uploaded on the institute website only. For such information/updates, the website should be visited frequently. It may be noted that no postal communication will be made to any applicant in this regard.
 7. However, in the interest of applicants, NIFTEM-K also attempts to send email alerts on the numbers and e-mail ID respectively provided in the application form by the candidate. Onus of any delivery failure in this regard would depend on the applicant. It is advised that DND facility and other restrictions, if opted on the mobiles, should be deactivated during the admission period. The entries of mail ID and mobile numbers in the application form must be made correctly with utmost care.
 8. Under unavoidable circumstances, any prescheduled event/activity given as admission timeline in the brochure may be changed. All such official notifications including merit notification and change in date, if any, will be made available on the NIFTEM-K website only.

Important Note

Candidates who fail to produce valid category/ physically challenged certificate during the counseling will be considered under GENERAL category and will automatically lose their claim of due reservation.

1. The caste certificate should be in the name of the candidate seeking admission. The caste certificate in the name of either of parents (Father/Mother/Husband) is not acceptable. The name and other particulars in the caste certificate should be same as in application form as well as in the 10th and 12th class or equivalent certificates. Any variation in the name or other particulars in reserved category certificate may lead to refusal for admission by Admission Cell in the prescribed category.
2. In the absence of caste certificate, the candidate will not be entitled for any provisional admission in reserved category on the basis of any undertaking.

In the absence of mandatory documents of proof for eligibility, the candidates will not be allowed for admission to the programmes. The admission offered to a candidate who has been provisionally admitted to a program will stand cancelled if he/she does not submit the relevant documents in original pertaining to admission (such as Marks Sheet, Date of Birth Certificate etc.) in the Academic Cell before the stipulated date.

3. Admission to the programmes will be subject to verification of facts as in the original certificates/ documents provided by the candidates. In case any discrepancy is noticed, even at a later point of time after, NIFTEM-K reserves all rights to cancel the admission and such a decision shall be final and binding on the candidate(s).
4. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ascertain whether they possess requisite qualification for admission.
5. If the candidate(s) furnish the marks of the qualifying examination in CGPA/OGPA, the marks in percentage will be calculated based on the conversion formula mentioned in the mark sheet/duly signed certificate of conversion formula provided by the concerned Institute/ University.

REFUND POLICY

Candidates willing to withdraw admission from B.Tech./ M. Tech./ MBA/E-MBA & Ph.D. Program may request for admission cancellation and refund of fees through an application (format available on NIFTEM-K official website). The scanned application is accepted through email from the registered mail id to admission cell. The refund of fees shall be made in due course with a minimum time period of 15 days from the date of receipt of application. Refund shall be made after deduction of due cancellation charges as below:

S. No.	Timeline	Refund entitlement
1.	Request received up to 2 days before the last round of admission for the respective course.	Refund would be admissible after deduction of Rs. 1000/- as processing charges.
2.	Request received after commencement of the session.	No refund of the fee deposited except the refundable security amount

Candidate needs to upload the following documents while filling Application Form

S.No.	Documents Required
1.	Class X & XII Marksheet or equivalent Certificate
2.	Graduation Marksheet & Certificate if applicable
3.	Qualifying Exam Marksheet
4.	Caste Certificate, if applicable, OBC-NCL& EWS Certificate must have been Issued on or after 01.04.2025.
5.	PWD Certificate, if applicable

ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR B.TECH. PROGRAMME

NIFTEM-K offers two modes of admission for the B.Tech (Food Technology and Management) program, offering 200 seats.

1. JoSAA / CSAB 2025: 100 seats

Candidates must refer to the JoSAA/CSAB 2025 website for its application procedure, guidelines, and updates, if any. NIFTEM-K will not entertain any discrepancies or queries related to admission through this mode.

2. Direct Admission (Through NIFTEM-K): 100 seats (JEE- 50, CUET- 30 & NEET-20)

Under this mode, an individual candidate must complete the registration process by applying through the link mentioned at Page No. 5.

- Out of 100 seats to be filled through Direct Admissions, 50 seats will be filled through JEE-Main, 30 seats will be filled through CUET and 20 seats will be filled through NEET as per the reservation policy of the Govt. of India. Kashmiri Migrants will be allotted 5% supernumerary seats.
- Admission process for seats in respective qualifying exam (JEE/NEET/CUET) will commence as and when the results are declared. Candidates are advised to frequently visit admission portal for latest updates.
- If a candidate wishes to apply under multiple qualifying exams (JEE/NEET/CUET) category, he/she has to submit separate application form for each qualifying exam by completing fresh application on admission portal.

SEAT MATRIX (2025-26)

Sr. No	Mode of Admission	Open	Open PwD	EWS	EWS PwD	SC	SC PwD	ST	ST PwD	OBC NCL	OBC NCL PwD	Seat Capacity
1	JoSAA/CSAB	38	02	09	01	14	01	08	00	26	01	100
2	Direct Admission (JEE/NEET/ CUET)	38	02	09	01	14	01	08	00	26	01	100
	Total No. of Seats											200

OVERALL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR DIRECT ADMISSIONS

- Candidate must be Indian nationals, Person of Indian Origin (PIO), or Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs) to apply for NIFTEM-K Direct admission.
- Candidates must have studied at least three subjects among Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Biology during their Class XII (or equivalent) examination.

- Candidate should have a valid JEE Main/NEET/CUET score for the year 2025
- Minimum Eligibility Criteria in Qualifying Exams:

S.No	Qualifying Exam	General/OBC-NCL/ Gen-EWS	SC/ ST/ PwD
1	12 th (Physics + Chemistry + Mathematics/Biology + English + one additional subject)	60 %	55 %
2	JEE- Main All India Rank (CRL)	Less than 6 Lakh	Less than 8 Lakh
3	CUET Percentage Scores of Physics, Chemistry, Math / Biology (whichever is higher)	Minimum 35%	Minimum 30%
4	NEET (All India Rank)	Less than 8 Lakh	Less than 10 Lakh

- For candidates who appeared in the Class XII examination for the first time in 2024 and reappeared in any subject (for whatever reason) in 2025, the better of the two performances will be considered.
- If a board gives aggregate marks considering both Class XI and Class XII, then only Class XII examination marks will be considered.
- If a board awards only letter grades without providing an equivalent percentage of marks on the grade-sheet, the candidate should obtain a certificate from the board specifying the equivalent marks and submit it before the deadline for submission of documents. In case the board does not provide such a certificate, the percentage marks will be assessed as follows: $\text{Marks (\%)} = (\text{CGPA or CPI obtained} \times 100) / \text{PS}$, where, PS= maximum value of the point scale used by the respective board.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR B.TECH ADMISSIONS

Activities Details	Dates
Commencement of the Online Application for Direct Admission (JEE/CUET/NEET)	19.05.2025 (Monday)
Last date for submission of online application form (Those candidates applying only through Direct admission i.e. JEE/CUET/NEET)	30.06.2025 (Monday)*
Reporting/Document verification/Seat Allotment for B.Tech Direct Admission (JEE/CUET/NEET)	5th & 6th August 2025 (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Reporting/Document verification for B.Tech JoSAA/CSAB	12 th August 2025 (Tuesday)

Note: *Registration for B.Tech (Food Technology and Management) Programme may be further extended based on the 12th class result and National Level Entrance Test results.

FEE STRUCTURE

Particulars	Open/OBC- NCL/General- EWS	SC / SC-PwD / ST / ST- PwD/Open-PwD/ OBC- NCL-PwD / GEN-EWS-PwD
Tuition Fee	51,650	0
Enrolment & Registration Charges	5,000	5,000
Laboratory Charges	5,000	5,000
Library Charges	3,000	3,000
Institutional Development Fund	8,000	8,000
Examination Charges	5,000	5,000
Outreach Activities	4,000	4,000
Student Activity Charges	3,300	3,300
Medical Charges (Including Medical Insurance)	3,000	3,000
Hostel Room rent Including Electricity, IT, Water Charges	6,000	6,000
Amenities	1,500	1,500
One Time Charges – 1: Security Deposit (Refundable) for Institution, Library & Mess	15,000	15,000
One Time Charges– 2: Charges for Alumni Membership & Identity Card (Non-Refundable)	11,650	11,650
Total Semester Fee	1,22,100	70,450

- **Note:** (i) Mess charges ₹25,800/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand and Eight Hundred only) advance is payable per semester, which is variable, and has to be paid at the time of joining the Hostel.
- (ii) Hostel room rent is not refundable/waived off even when the student proceeds on internship or study tour or vacations.

ON-SPOT Counselling

- If seats remain vacant after closing of JoSAA/CSAB 2025 admission process, the remaining seats may be filled through On-SPOT counselling. If seats remain vacant after few rounds of Direct Admissions through NIFTEM-K, the remaining seats may be filled through On-SPOT counselling.
- In On-SPOT counselling, merit list will be prepared only on the basis of 12th marks (Physics + Chemistry + Mathematics/Biology + English + one additional subject).
- During the on-spot admission process, JEE/CUET/NEET scores will not be considered when preparing the combined merit list. All candidates will be placed in the same pool, regardless of their scores. These scores will serve only as a qualifying criterion for attending the on-spot counselling as per minimum eligibility requirement for the respective exams (JEE/CUET/NEET).
- Eligibility criteria mentioned at page no. 13 will not be diluted under any circumstances.

Tuition Fee Waiver

NIFTEM-K offers tuition fee waiver to students whose family income is less than 1 Lakh (complete tuition fee waiver) and for students whose family income is within 1 Lakh to 5 Lakh (2/3rd tuition fee waiver). However, it will be implemented once the student takes admission in the course.

Note:

- i) OBC-NCL certificate should be in the prescribed format: - “Form of certificate to be produced by other backward classes applying for appointment to Posts/Admission to Central Educational Institutes under the Govt of India”- (*The format of respective certificate has been attached at Annexure I*)
- ii) EWS/OBC-NCL/Income certificate should be valid for the financial year 2025-26, i.e. issued on or after 01 April 2025. No correspondence will be entertained to update this during later phase of the admission process- (*The format of respective certificate has been attached at Annexure II*)

ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR M.TECH. PROGRAMME

Four Years Bachelor's Degree or a Master's degree in relevant discipline with minimum 60% marks in aggregate. A relaxation of 5% of marks shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to reserved categories.

M.Tech Programme	Minimum Qualification
Food Technology and Management (FTM)	<p>B.E./ B.Tech./ B.Sc. (4 Year) in Food Science / Food Science & Technology/ Food Technology and Management / Food Technology / Food Processing / Food Engineering / Dairy Engineering / Dairy Technology/ Agricultural & Food Engineering/ Agricultural Engineering/ Agricultural Process Engineering/ Dairy and Food Engineering/ Chemical Engineering/ Biochemical Engineering</p> <p>OR</p> <p>M.Sc. Degree in Food Technology/ Food Science & Technology/ Food Science/ Dairy Technology/ Food Science and Nutrition/ Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics/ Meat Science/ Meat Technology/ Animal Product Technology/Live Stock Product Technology from a recognized University/Institute.</p> <p>Applicants with M.Sc. Degree may be asked to register for deficiency course(s) as per the course curriculum requirement.</p>
Food Process Engineering and Management (FPEM)	<p>B.E./ B.Tech. degree in Food Science & Technology / Food Technology and Management/ Food Technology/ Food Process Engineering/ Food Engineering/ Dairy Engineering / Dairy Technology/ Agricultural Process Engineering/ Agricultural & Food Engineering / Agricultural Engineering/ Bio-Chemical Engineering/ Chemical Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering or in related allied field from a recognized University/ Institute or in related allied field from a recognized University/ Institute. Deficiency courses would be offered to the applicants with above prescribed non-food degrees.</p>

Food Safety and Quality Management (FSQM)	<p>B.E./ B.Tech. degree in Food Science/ Food Science and Technology/ Food Technology and Management/ Food Technology/ Dairy Technology/ Dairy and Food Technology/ Agricultural Process Engineering/ Agricultural and Food Engineering/ Bio-Chemical Engineering/ Chemical Engineering</p> <p>OR</p> <p>M.Sc. degree in Food Technology / Food Science and Technology / Food Microbiology/ Biochemistry from a recognized University/ Institute OR in related field from a recognized University/ Institute.</p> <p>Applicants with M.Sc. Degree may be asked to register for deficiency course(s) as per the course curriculum requirements.</p>
Food Plant Operations and Management (FPOM)	<p>B.E./ B.Tech. degree in Food Science/ Food Science & Technology/ Food Technology and Management/ Food Technology/ Food Process Engineering/ Food Engineering/ Dairy Engineering / Dairy Technology/ Agricultural Process Engineering/ Agricultural & Food Engineering/ Agricultural Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering/ Bio-Chemical Engineering/ Chemical Engineering from a recognized University/ Institute OR M.Sc. in Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology OR in related allied field from a recognized University/ Institute. Deficiency courses would be offered to the applicants with above prescribed non-food degrees</p>
Food Supply Chain Management (FSCM)	<p>B.E./B.Tech. degree in Food Science /Food Science and Technology/ Food Technology and Management/ Food Technology/ Food Engineering/ Process and Food Engineering/ Dairy & Food Technology /Dairy & Food Engineering /Dairy Technology/ Biotechnology /Agricultural and Food Engineering/ Four years Bachelor's degree in Agriculture/Horticulture/and allied Disciplines</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Two years Master's degree in Horticulture/ Post Harvest Technology/ Postharvest Management/</p>

Cold Chain Management / Food Science/Food Technology/ Food Science and Technology/ Food Science and Nutrition OR Master's degree or equivalent in Agri business Management from recognized University / Institute or in related allied field from a recognized University/Institute

Applicant with non-food degree may be required to registered for deficiency course to complete the course curriculum requirement.

SELECTION PROCESS

a) GATE Score

The Admission to M.Tech programme will be based on valid GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering) score. Merit list will be prepared based on valid GATE score only. The merit list will be displayed on the NIFTEM-K website. In case, two candidates have same GATE score then the bachelor degree marks will be considered for the merit list preparation for those candidates.

b) NIFTEM-K Entrance Test (for Non-GATE Candidates)

After the admission of eligible GATE qualified candidates, the remaining seats, if any, will be filled by Non-GATE qualified candidates. The Non-GATE candidates would require to qualify the common entrance exam to be conducted by NIFTEM-K. In case, if all the seats are filled by GATE qualified candidates, the claim for refund of application fee by Non-GATE qualified candidates shall not be entertained.

NUMBER OF SEATS

For Indian Nationals: 20 in each M.Tech programme. Seat Matrix indicating reservation under different categories are as follows: -

Programme	GEN (45.5 %) (8.1)~8seats	OBC- NCL (27%) (5.4)~5seats	SC (15 %) 3seats	ST (7.5%) (1.5)~ 2seats	EWS (10%) 2seats	Total Seats 20
FPEM	8	5	3	2	2	20
FPOM	8	5	3	2	2	20
FSCM	8	5	3	2	2	20
FSQM	8	5	3	2	2	20
FTM	8	5	3	2	2	20

PATTERN OF ENTRANCE TEST

The written test for Non-GATE candidates shall consist of hundred (100) multiple choice questions of one mark each, there shall be negative marking and for each wrong answer 0.25 marks will be deducted. The duration of the test will be one hour and thirty minutes. The test shall consist of two parts.

Part-A shall contain thirty (30) questions to test the Mental Ability, English and General Knowledge which is common for all the candidates. Part-B shall contain seventy (70) questions to test candidates knowledge in their domain areas. Due to varied nature of eligibility areas, Part-B shall consist of five sections as given below and candidates may attempt any one of them. Broad description of each section under Part-B is given: -

Section I	Food Science & Technology, Food Engineering, Dairy Technology, Food and Nutrition
Section II	Food Engineering, Agricultural Process Engineering, Bio Chemical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
Section III	Food Business Management and Entrepreneurship
Section IV	Food Science & Technology, Food and Nutrition, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Food Quality and Safety
Section V	Agriculture, Environmental Science, Food Science & Technology, Post-Harvest Management.

Note:

1. The applicant has to provide the department admission preference during the submission of online application carefully. Any change in the order of preference will not be permitted after submission of the application.
2. Course preferences will be upgraded automatically as per the availability of seat during counseling and based on merit list.
3. Registration fee for admission is not refundable.
4. In case of seat withdrawn before closing of admissions, admission
- 5.
6. will be made as per the NIFTEM-K policy guidelines.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR M.TECH ADMISSIONS

S. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Application portal open/live date	22.04.2025
2.	Last date for submission of application forms online	02.06.2025
3.	Merit List for Counseling of GATE Candidates	04.06.2025
4.	Counseling of GATE Candidates	09.06.2025–04.07.2025
5.	List of Admitted Candidates and Vacant Seats (if any)	08.07.2025
6.	Entrance Test for NON-GATE Candidates	11.07.2025
7.	Merit List	15.07.2025
8.	Counseling of NON-GATE Candidates	16.07.2025 – 20.07.2025
9.	Physical Reporting of GATE/Non-GATE selected candidates	22.07.2025

FEE STRUCTURE

First Semester		
Particulars	Open/OBC-NCL/ GEN-EWS	SC / SC-PwD / ST / ST-PwD/Open-PwD/ OBC-NCL-PwD / GEN-EWS-PwD
Tuition Fee	25,850	0
Enrolment & Registration Charges	5,000	5,000
Laboratory Charges	10,500	10,500
Library Charges	5,000	5,000
Institutional Development Fund	16,355	16,355
Examination Charges	5,000	5,000
Outreach Activities	3,000	3,000
Student Activity Charges	3,300	3,300
Medical Charges (Including Medical Insurance)	3,000	3,000
Hostel Room rent Including Electricity, IT, Water Charges	9,000	9,000
Amenities	1,500	1,500
One Time Charges – 1: Security Deposit (Refundable) for Institution, Library & Mess	15,000	15,000
One Time Charges– 2: Charges for Alumni Membership & Identity Card	11,650	11,650
Total Semester Fee	1,14,155	88,305

Note: (i) Mess charges ₹25,800/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand and Eight Hundred only) advance is payable per semester, which is variable, and has to be paid at the time of joining to Hostel.

(ii) Hostel room rent is not refundable/waived off even when the student proceeds on internship or study tour or vacations.

ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME

NIFTEM-K offers admission to the Ph.D. program(s) for candidates inclined toward research & technological innovation. The institute invites online applications for admission to the Ph.D. program(s) under different disciplines of Food Science, Engineering, Technology and Management for the session 2025-26 in the following departments:

DEPARTMENTS

- Department of Agriculture and Environmental Science (AES)
- Department of Food Business Management and Entrepreneurship Development (FBM&ED)
- Department of Food Engineering (FE)
- Department of Food Science and Technology (FST)
- Department of Interdisciplinary Sciences (IDS)

MODE OF PROGRAM

- a. Full-time Ph.D. student with NIFTEM-K fellowship.
- b. Full-time Ph.D. student with a valid fellowship from other sponsoring agencies (UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICMR/ADF/QIP, etc.). NIFTEM-K will not provide any fellowship to the students admitted through the valid fellowship.
- c. Industry/Academia sponsored Ph.D. student.

DURATION OF PROGRAM

The Ph. D. program shall be for a minimum duration of 3 years, including course work, and with a maximum duration of 5 years. The relaxation in duration may apply as per the approved Institute norms.

ELIGIBILITY:

- a. The candidate possesses a 3- or 4-year Bachelor's degree and two-year M.E./ M. Tech. /Master's Degree in a relevant discipline (Area of research given below) with at least 55% marks with a relaxation of 5% marks i.e. 50% for the candidates from SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/ Differently-abled category.
- b. The candidates to be admitted for industry/academia sponsored Ph.D. who are working professionals and are permitted by their employer to pursue the Ph.D. degree programme. Such candidates will either be supported financially by their employer or will bear the expenses themselves. No fellowship shall be provided by the institute to such applicants. The candidate has to produce the NOC at the time of interview from the employer (Annexures III)
- c. The Department reserves the right not to fill up the vacant seats for the Ph.D. program if suitable candidates are not available.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Areas of Research offered by different departments are given in the below table:

Departments	Areas of Research
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (AES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-harvest Management of Fruits and Vegetables • Post-harvest Engineering, including Design and Development of machinery • Environmental Sustainability • Supply Chain Management of Agri- Horti Produce • Biomass Valorisation and Bioremediation • Biopolymers and Sustainable Food Packaging • Fermentation Technologies
Interdisciplinary Sciences (IDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Microbiology and Biotechnology • Food Contaminants and Adulteration • Biochemical Engineering, Enzyme Engineering and Technology • Food Safety, Toxicity and Bioavailability • Mathematical and Statistical Modelling in Testing of Foods and Food Systems • Nanoscience and Nanotechnology including Nanomaterial • Prebiotics, Probiotics & Symbiotics • Fermentation Technologies • Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Machine Learning, Big Data Analysis and Block Chain in Food Safety and Quality • Computational Modelling for Food Product Design/ Safety and Quality Applications • Advanced Quantification Methods in Food Sciences
Food Engineering (FE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel Food Processing Technologies • Drying and Dehydration Technologies • Sustainable Food Processing Technologies • Computational Modelling for Food Product Design/ Safety and Quality Applications • Food Equipment Design • Non-Thermal Processing Technologies • Structural and functional design of Food Processing Equipments • Engineering prospects in foods
Food Science and Technology (FST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel Food Processing Technologies • Drying and Dehydration Technologies • Sustainable Food Processing Technologies • Food Process/ Product Optimization • New Food Product Development • Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods • Nutrition and Fortification including Public Health Nutrition • Alternate Proteins including Plant Protein and Cell Cultured Meat • Speciality foods • Immuno Nutrition • Prebiotics, Probiotics & Symbiotics • Fermentation technologies • Computational modelling for food product design/ safety and quality applications • Advanced quantification methods in food sciences
Food Business Management & Entrepreneurship Development (FBM&ED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Agribusiness Management • Business Strategies • Operations and Decision Sciences • Finance, Accounting, and Economics • Marketing and Organization Behaviour

MODE OF SELECTION

- The selection is purely on merit basis only.
- Candidates appearing in RET-2025 must clear RET Stage-1 to qualify for Stage 2 and Stage 3. NET qualified candidates (without fellowship) will be exempted from RET Stage-1 but will have to appear for the RET Stage-2 and Stage-3.
- The distribution of marks for academic score is attached in Annexure- IV.
- The candidate (Full time) with valid fellowship will be exempted from the RET (Stage-1 and 2) exam and directly eligible for the interview (Stage-3).
- Separate department-wise merit lists will be prepared.
- **Provisions for admission for Ph.D. degree programme:**
 - i) Candidates with valid external fellowship (UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICMR/ADF/QIP, etc.). in the main subject. All the selected applicants are required to give an undertaking at the time of enrolment to a Ph.D. programme that he/she will join the institute along with the Fellowship, failing which his/her admission will be cancelled by the concerned department or Institute.
 - ii) Candidate who clear NET exam conducted by UGC, ICAR, CSIR, ICMR etc.
 - iii) Candidate who clear the RET-2025.
 - iv) The Industry/Academia Sponsored Ph.D. candidates who are officially sponsored by their employer or with external funding. The sponsorship should be obtained at the time of submitting the application. The sponsored candidate has to submit a No Objection Certificate on proper letter head stating that for the period of his/her studies in the program, the candidate would be treated as on duty and that he/she will be allowed to complete the required course work credits and conduct research. In the absence of this, the application will be summarily. All the eligible Industry /Academic Sponsored Candidates are exempted from RET-2025 (Stage I and Stage II), but will have to appear for interview. Industry/Academia sponsored Ph.D. should have minimum 3 years of experience in Industry/Academia. The Industry/Academia sponsored Ph.D. candidates will not be entitled to any financial assistance from the Institute. After admission, a permanent faculty member from the concerned department at NIFTEM-K will be recognized as the Research Supervisor and the provision for external co-supervisor from the sponsoring organization may be opt with due approval from NIFTEM-K. The applicant will be required to complete the minimum course credits after which the candidates may opt to conduct their research work in their own organization under the supervision of their supervisor from NIFTEM-K and the co-supervisor from their own organization. In case, if the candidate want to conduct the research at NIFTEM-K, they will have to be permitted by sponsoring industry/academia organization with which they are employed. Minimum PhD requirement criteria for the Industry Sponsored PhD remains the same as is for regular PhD Scholars.

RET-2025 shall comprise of 3 stages.

- **Stage 1 General Aptitude Test:** The test will consist of multiple-choice questions. The test is for 60 minutes. Each question will carry one mark. There will be no negative marking. It is only a **qualifying stage**.
- Candidates who obtain/secure 40 % or above marks in stage 1 will be eligible to appear in Stage 2 and Stage 3 [A relaxation of 5% of marks shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/ EWS/ Differently- abled category].
- **Stage2 Department level screening:** The candidates will have to appear for a written exam as per entrance paper choice given in application. The test is for 60 minutes. Question papers will be consisting of objective questions, abstract writing, case studies, etc.
- **Stage 3 Interview:** After the written exam, the candidates will have to appear for an interview and be required to present their research areas/interests before the interview panel. Those who secure less than 50% marks in the interview will be considered NOT FOUND SUITABLE (NFS) even if they had qualified RET stage-2 with high score or are in possession of any fellowship.

Note:

- a. If a candidate qualifies UGC-JRF/NET or Joint CSIR-UGC JRF/NET in a reserved category, then that candidate can be considered against an unreserved category seat if his/her score of JRF/NET is greater than or equal to the cut-off score of JRF/NET of unreserved category for that year for that examination
- b. The candidate must provide the paper choice for the RET-2025, Stage-2 written exam for the specified department to which they applied. In case if the candidate is interested to take admission in other departments, he/she has to appear and clear the RET-2025 Stage 2 and 3 of the respective department.
- c. In case, if any candidate wish to apply for more than one discipline they will have to apply for the discipline separately and are required to pay the requisite fee for respective disciplines.
- d. Research Entrance Tests (RET-2025) for all three stages will only be conducted at the NIFTEM Campus, Kundli, District-Sonepat. There is no other center within or outside the country. The candidates must visit the website regularly for further details.

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY NIFTEM-K

Regular Ph.D. Scholars, whether NET qualified or RET Qualified, are eligible to receive a monthly fellowship of Rs. 22,000/- per month for the first year, Rs. 24,000/- per month for the second year, Rs. 26,000/- per month for the third year. Further, there is provision of contingency for the Ph.D. Scholars.

Ph.D. SEAT MATRIX

- Total numbers of Ph.D. Seats for the academic session 2025-26 are given in the table below.

Department	UR	OBC-NCL	SC	ST	EWS	Total Seats
FE	6	4	3	1	1	15
FST	3	3	2	1	1	10
IDS	7	4	3	1	2	17
AES	4	2	2	1	1	10
FBM&ED	8	5	3	2	2	20
TOTAL						72

FEE STRUCTURE:

First Semester		
Particulars	Open/OBC-NCL/ GEN-EWS	SC / SC-PwD / ST / ST- PwD/Open-PwD/ OBC-NCL-PwD /GEN-EWS-PwD
Tuition Fee	4,220	0
Enrolment & Registration Charges	5,000	5,000
Laboratory Charges	3,500	3,500
Library Charges	3,000	3,000
Institutional Development Fund	8,000	8,000
Examination Charges	0	0
Outreach Activities	0	0
Student Activity Charges	300	300
Medical Charges (Including Medical Insurance)	2,000	2,000
Hostel Room rent Including Electricity, IT, Water Charges	9,000	9,000
Amenities	500	500
One Time Charges – 1: Security Deposit (Refundable) for Institution, Library & Mess	15,000	15,000
One Time Charges– 2: Charges for Alumni Membership & Identity Card	11,650	11,650
Total Semester Fee	62,170	57,950

Note: (i) Mess charges ₹25,800/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand and Eight Hundred only) advance is payable per semester, which is variable, and has to be paid at the time of joining to Hostel.

(ii) Hostel room rent is not refundable/waived off even when the student proceeds on internship or study tour or vacations.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

- JRF/SRF candidates already working on the externally funded projects at NIFTEM-K can be enrolled as Ph.D. students. Such candidates will get fellowship/JRF till the end of their research project. After the project is finished, such candidates will get a NIFTEM-K Ph.D. Fellowship.
- For Industry/Academia sponsored candidates, a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the parent institute is essential for pursuing a Ph.D., with the sanctioned leave to complete the coursework (If admitted for PhD). In case, if the sponsoring Industry/Academia is permitting a candidate to carry out research work at NIFTEM-K, it should be clearly mentioned in the No Objection Certificate (NOC).
- The applicant has to provide the department admission preference during the submission of the online application carefully.
- Departmental preferences will be upgraded automatically as per the availability of seats during counselling.
- In case a seat is withdrawn before the closing of admissions, an admission fee refund will be made as per the NIFTEM-K policy guidelines.
- Applicants are advised to visit the NIFTEM-K website/admission cell for any information on the important dates regarding Admission 2025-26. We advised to regularly visit the website for admission updates.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR Ph.D. ADMISSIONS

S.No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Commencement of the Online Application	22.04.2025
2.	Last date of submission of Online application	02.06.2025
3.	Announcement of List of (i) Eligible/shortlisted candidates (fellowship holders, if any) and (ii) Eligible/shortlisted candidates for RET-2025	04.06.2025
4.	Stage 1(offline mode), Time:9.00AM-10.00 AM	09.06.2025
5.	Declaration of Stage I result	09.06.2025
6.	Stage 2 Department written exam for Ph.D. candidates (offline mode) *	09.06.2025
7.	Stage 3 Interview for PhD candidates (offline mode)	09.06.2025 to 10.06.2025
8.	Announcement of Final Merit list for Ph.D. candidates	11.06.2025
9.	Email Intimation for Counseling will be sent to eligible candidates. Counseling and Fee payment (1st semester) by students	12.06.2025 to 16.06.2025
10.	Physical Reporting selected candidates	22.07.2025

*Department-wise written exam schedule

Date	Time	Department
09.06.2025	10:30AM -11:30 PM	FBM&ED
	11:30AM -12:30 PM	FST
	12:30PM - 01:30PM	IDS
	02:30PM -03:30 PM	FE
	04:00PM - 05:00 PM	AES

COURSE STRUCTURE FOR PHD:

SEMESTER - I					
Code	Course Title	L	T	P	Credits
Major - 1					3
Major - 2					3
Minor	Other Department Course 1				3
Supporting Courses	IDS 6110 Research Methodology and Publication Ethics	3	0	0	3
	FBM 514 Statistics and Business Analytics	2	0	2	3
Credit Seminar	Credit Seminar	0	0	2	1
	Total				16
SEMESTER - II					
Code	Course Title	L	T	P	Credits
Supporting Course	AES 527 Scientific and Technical Writing (Industry/Academia sponsored candidates may complete similar kind of course through MOOC)	1	0	0	1
Supporting Course	IDS 525 Advances in Digital Technologies in the Food Industry (Industry/Academia sponsored candidates may complete similar kind of course through MOOC)	1	0	2	2
Deficiency Course	If any				Non-Credit
	Synopsis Seminar				Non-Credit
	Credit Seminar	0	0	2	1
	Research (Course code 629)				14
	Total				18
SEMESTER - III					
	Comprehensive viva voce				Non-credit
	Research (Course code 629)				18
	Total				18
SEMESTER IV					
	Research (Course code 629)				18
SEMESTER V					
	Research (Course code 629)				18
SEMESTER VI					
	Research (Course code 629)				18
TOTAL		106			

***Candidates who took admission under Industry sponsored Ph.D. category need to stay at NIFTEM campus for their first semester course work only**

ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR MBA PROGRAMME

NIFTEM-K offers two-year, full time MBA Degree Programme in Food and Agri-business Management (FABM) to fulfill the industry demands.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria for admission to MBA Programme is Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in relevant discipline, with minimum 50% aggregate marks (45% in the case of SC/ST), or equivalent CGPA.

NUMBER OF SEATS

Currently there are 60 seats available in the programme. Seat Matrix indicating reservation under different categories as per Govt. of India norms are as follows.

Category	General	OBC -NCL	SC	ST	EWS	Total
No of Seats	24	16	09	05	06	60

Due reservation would be given to Kashmiri Migrate (KM)/Physically Challenged (PC) etc. as per Government of India Norms, provided, they mention their category in application form.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection procedure to MBA Programme is based on last year valid score of CAT/MAT/CMAT and an Internal- Test for Non-CAT/MAT/CMAT category applicants (including those not shortlisted through CAT/MAT/CMAT). The final selection of shortlisted candidates will be made on the basis of GD/PI, past academic performance and work experience.

PATTERN OF ENTRANCE/ INTERNAL TEST

The written test of 90 minutes conducted for Non-CAT/MAT/CMAT category applicants (including those not shortlisted through CAT/MAT/CMAT) shall consist of fifty (50) objective type questions of 2 marks each. There will be no negative marking for wrong answer(s). The question paper would consist of three sections as given below:

Section (s)	No of Questions	Marks
Section-1: Logical Reasoning / Data Interpretation	15	30
Section-2 : Quantitative Analysis	15	30
Section-3 : Verbal Ability/ Reading Comprehension	20	40
Total	50	100

TENTATIVE DATES FOR MBA ADMISSIONS

S.No	Particulars	Dates
1	Application portal open/live date	22.04.2025
2	Last date for submission of applications forms online	02.06.2025
3	(For Non-CAT/MAT/CMAT candidates) List of eligible candidates for test + (For CAT/MAT/CMAT candidates) List of eligible candidates for direct GD/PI	20.06.2025
4	NIFTEM-K Entrance Test for non-CAT/MAT/CMAT candidates and other candidates not shortlisted through CAT/MAT/CMAT	26.06.2025
5	GD/Interview for CAT/MAT/CMAT Candidates	26.06.2025
6	GD/Interview for Non-CAT/MAT/CMAT Candidates	26.06.2025
7	Result declaration of selected candidates	04.07.2025
8	Online Counseling for fees submission / admission process	04.07.2025
9	Physical Reporting of selected candidates	22.07.2025

ADMISSION CRITERIA

As per the past practice, NIFTEM-K shall admit MBA candidates through a two- stage process:

- a. Short listing of eligible applicants through CAT/MAT/CMAT/NIFTEM-K Entrance Test.
- b. GD & PI of shortlisted candidates to be conducted at NIFTEM-K. The candidates who are not shortlisted based on their CAT/MAT/CMAT score would be allowed to appear in MBA entrance test.

Final Merit list of candidates would be prepared on the basis of performance of candidate in GD & PI, past academic records and relevant work experience. MBA counseling process shall start with the declaration of list of qualified candidates.

FEE STRUCTURE

First Semester		
Particulars	Open/OBC- NCL/ GEN- EWS	SC / SC-PwD / ST / ST- PwD/Open-PwD/ OBC-NCL-PwD / GEN-EWS-PwD
Tuition Fee	1,27,500	0
Enrolment & Registration Charges	5,000	5,000
Laboratory Charges	0	0
Library Charges	3,000	3,000
Institutional Development Fund	20,500	20,500
Examination Charges	3,000	3,000
Outreach Activities	3,000	3,000
Student Activity Charges	2,300	2,300
Medical Charges (Including Medical Insurance)	2,000	2,000
Hostel Room rent Including Electricity, IT, Water Charges	9,000	9,000
Amenities	500	500
One Time Charges – 1: Security Deposit (Refundable) for Institution, Library & Mess	15,000	15,000
One Time Charges– 2: Charges for Alumni Membership & Identity Card	11,650	11,650
Total Semester Fee	2,02,450	74,950

Note: (i) Mess charges ₹25,800/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand and Eight Hundred only) advance is payable per semester, which is variable, and has to be paid at the time of joining to Hostel.
(ii) Hostel room rent is not refundable/waived off even when the student proceeds on internship or study tour or vacations.

ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAMME

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Designed for working professionals
- Online mode of learning
- One-week campus immersion program before commencement of the course.
- Well-crafted, flexible, and industry-oriented curriculum
- Exams will be conducted in physical mode at the end of the semester
- Alumni status of NIFTEM, Kundli

EMBA COURSE STRUCTURE

Semester I

- Management Process and Organisational Behaviour
- Business Research Method
- Managerial Economics
- Quantitative Techniques for Managers
- Legal Aspects of Business
- Accounting for Management
- Food and Agribusiness Environment and Policies
- Business Communication

Semester II

- Marketing Management
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Operations Management
- International Business Management
- Business Analytics
- Operation Research
- Business Environment

Semester III

- Strategic Management
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Digital Transformation & IT Strategy
- Term Paper
- Four Elective Subjects

Semester IV

- Corporate Governance and Business Ethics
- Five Elective Subjects
- Elective 10/ Capstone/Live Project

ELECTIVE COURSES

FINANCE

- Security Analysis and Investment Management
- Digital Finance
- Banking and Insurance Services
- Business Valuation
- International Financial Management
- Project Finance
- Financial Markets and Institutions
- Sustainable Finance

MARKETING

- Sales Management
- Digital Marketing
- Advertising Management
- Brand Management
- Marketing Channel
- Services Marketing
- Consumer Behaviour
- Product and Innovation Management

FOOD & AGRI-BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

- Food Supply Chain Management
- Management of Agricultural Input Marketing
- Agri-Food Climate and Global Food Security
- Agri-Food Export Management & International Trade
- Digital Marketing for Agri-Food Products
- Rural Marketing
- Agribusiness Finance
- Agricultural Commodity Markets and Price Analysis

ADMISSION PROCESS

Qualification and work experience

Test Score – Valid CAT/MAT/CMAT/GMAT score or NIFTEM-K Admission Test Score

- a) Candidates applying for admission to the two-year MBA Executive program must have pursued at least a three-year Bachelor's Degree program in any discipline with a minimum of 50% marks
- b) For SC/ST/PH category students, the minimum performance in the qualifying degree with graduation qualification is relaxed from 50% to 45%.
- c) Three years of managerial/ entrepreneurial/ professional experience in private or public organizations after graduation. The period of working experience shall be calculated post qualifying degree/ declaration of results. Candidates should produce a "No Objection Certificate" to pursue the program from his/her Present employer.

SELECTION CRITERIA

S.NO	COMPONENTS	Marks	EXPLANATORY REMARKS
1	Valid CAT/MAT/CMAT/GMAT Score / NIFTEM-K Entrance Test	30	--
2	10th	10	50-60% - 5 Marks More than 60% - 10 Marks
3	12th	10	50-60% - 5 Marks More than 60% - 10 Marks
4	Graduation	10	50-60% - 5 Marks More than 60% - 10 Marks
5	Work Experience	10	3-5 Years - 5 Marks More than 5 years - 10 Marks
6	Personal Interview	30	To be conducted individually for all the candidates

NOTE

- In case, if an applicant mentions grade points, the applicant must furnish the equivalent percentage formula and a copy of the duly signed official document indicating the conversion formula as given by the respective university/institute/board should be attached.
- All claims of qualification, experience, reservation, grade conversion, etc., have to be justified with appropriate supporting documents.
- The candidates shall be required to produce their original certificates and mark sheets at the time of the interview.
- Reservations/Relaxations are provided to the candidates as per the rules of Government/ NIFTEM-Kundli, as amended from time to time.
- If applicable candidates shall be required to submit a “No Objection Certificate” for pursuing the Executive MBA at NIFTEM-K from his/her employer.
- The one week campus visit will be essential to appear in the end term examination in each semester. However, some outreach programs like industry visits will also be conducted for which candidates would be invited to visit the campus.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

- Shortlisted candidates shall appear for a personal interview in front of the selection committee.

MERIT LIST

- The final merit list will be prepared based on personal interviews, academic qualifications, and relevant work experience. Candidate scoring less than 50% marks will not be selected even if they have qualified the entrance test mentioned under the admission process.

MODE OF APPLICATION

- All candidates are required to register using online registration
- Online application process is available on www.niftem.ac.in
- Visit the NIFTEM-K website & follow the instructions for entering registration details.
- The candidate will be directed to the online registration page.
- Verify the data entered. After the registration information is confirmed, no data can be modified.

- The candidate will be able to pay the registration fee as per the procedure given on the registration portal.

NUMBER OF SEATS

- There are a total of 30 seats for EMBA Course.

RESERVATIONS OF SEATS

- As per Government/NIFTEM-K norms.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Candidates need to check the NIFTEM-K website for all notifications, including admissions lists, cut-offs, merit lists, waiting lists, etc.
- Communications with the candidates will be done through the candidate's registered email address.
- NIFTEM-K does not take any responsibility for the candidate's email address being wrong or non-functional.
- Accommodation and food expenses during the campus immersion program will be borne by the candidate. The daily accommodation charges range from ₹200 to ₹1000, depending on the type of facility available on campus, such as the hostel, porta, or guest house.

FEE STRUCTURE

Application fee is Rs.1000/- for General/OBC/EWS/KM and Rs.500/- for SC/ST/PwD. EMBA course fee details:

The program fee for EMBA for AY 2025-27 is as under:			
EMBA (1st Year)	Term – I	Term – II	Total
Tuition Fee	99,275	99,275	1,98,550
Other Academic/non-academic expenses*	48,600	48,600	97,200
Total fee	1,47,875	1,47,875	2,95,750
EMBA (2nd Year)	Term – III	Term – IV	Total
Tuition Fee	99,275	99,275	1,98,550
Other Academic/non-academic expenses*	48,600	48,600	97,200
Alumni Fee	8,500	-	8,500
Total fee	1,56,375	1,47,875	3,04,250
Total Fees for the Program	6,00,000		

IMPORTANT DATES

- Programme Launch: 22nd April 2025
- Last Date of Registration: 2nd June 2025
- Online Interview: 7th July 2025
- Physical Reporting of selected candidates: 22nd July 2025

FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM- Apply through link given at page no. 5

OBC Certificate Guidelines

**Form of Declaration/Undertaking to be submitted by OBC Candidate
(In addition to the community certificate)**

I, _____
Son/Daughter of Shri _____
resident _____ of _____ village/town/city

_____ District _____

_____ State _____ hereby
declare that I belong to the

_____ community which is
recognized as a backward class by the Government of India as per orders contained in the
Department of Personnel & Training Office Memorandum No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT)
dated 08th September, 1993. I also declare that I do not belong to the persons/sections
(**Creamy Layer**) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the above referred Office
Memorandum dated 08th September, 1993, which is modified vide Office Memorandum
No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res.) dated 09th March, 2004, O.M. No. 36033/3/2004-Estt.
(Res) dated 14th October, 2008 and O.M. No. 36033/1/2013-Estt. (Res.) dated 27th May,
2013. I also declare that the condition of status/annual income for creamy layer of my
parents/ guardian is within prescribed limit as on financial year ending on March 31,2023.

Signature of Candidates: _____ Full Name: _____
Correspondence Address: _____ Place: _____
E-Mail: _____ Mobile No: _____ Date: _____

Declaration/Undertaking not signed by the candidate will be rejected

Performa for Other Backward Class (OBC) Certificate
(CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES
APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
(CEIs), UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

“The Certificate must have been issued on or after 1st April, 2023

This is to certify that Shri / Smt./Kum. _____

Son/ Daughter of Shri/ Smt. _____

_____ of Village/ Town _____

_____ District/ Division _____ in

the

State belongs to the _____

Community which is recognized as a backward class under:-

- (i) Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(C) dated 10/09/93 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 186 dated13/09/93.
- (ii) Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BCC dated 19/10/94 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 163 dated20/10/94.
- (iii) Resolution No. 12011/7/95-BCC dated 24/05/95 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 88 dated25/05/95.
- (iv) Resolution No. 12011/96/94-BCC dated9/03/96.
- (v) Resolution No. 12011/44/96-BCC dated 6/12/96 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated11/12/96.
- (vi) Resolution No. 12011/13/97-BCC dated03/12/97.
- (vii) Resolution No. 12011/99/94-BCC dated11/12/97.
- (viii) Resolution No. 12011/68/98-BCC dated27/10/99.
- (ix) Resolution No. 12011/88/98-BCC dated 6/12/99 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 270 dated06/12/99.
- (x) Resolution No. 12011/36/99-BCC dated 04/04/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 71 dated04/04/2000.
- (xi) Resolution No. 12011/44/99-BCC dated 21/09/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated21/09/2000.
- (xii) Resolution No. 12015/9/2000-BCC dated06/09/2001.
- (xiii) Resolution No.12011/1/2001-BCCdated19/06/2003.
- (xiv) Resolution No.12011/4/2002-BCCdated13/01/2004.
- (xv) Resolution No. 12011/9/2004-BCC dated 16/01/2006 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated16/01/2006.
- (xvi) Resolution No. 12011/14/2004-BCC dated 12/03/2007 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 67 dated12/03/2007.
- (xvii) Resolution No. 12018/6/2005-BCC dated 10/10/2007 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 311 dated12/10/2007.
- (xviii) Resolution No. 12015/2/2007-BCC dated 18/08/2010 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 232 dated 18/08/2010 & Corrigendum dated11/10/2010.

Shri / Smt. /Kum. _____ and / or his/ her family
ordinarily reside(s) in the _____ District /Division of
_____ State.

This is also to certify that he / she does not belong to the persons / sections
(Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of
India, Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT)
dated 08/09/93 which is modified vide OM No. 36033/3/2004 Estt.(Res.) dated
09/03/2004 or the latest notification of the Government of India.

Dated :

District Magistrate/ Competent Authority

Seal

Note :-

- a) The term 'Ordinarily' used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
- b) The authorities competent to issue Caste Certificates are indicated below:
- c) District Magistrate / Additional Magistrate / Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Additional Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Collector / Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate / Sub-Divisional magistrate / Taluka Magistrate / Executive Magistrate / Extra Assistant Commissioner (not below the rank of Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate).
- d) Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/Presidency Magistrate.
- e) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
- f) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family resides.

EWS Certificate Guidelines

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR RESERVATION UNDER EWS CATEGORY

Persons who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs and whose family has gross annual income below Rs 8.00 lakh (Rupees eight lakh only) are to be identified as EWSs for benefit of reservation. Income shall also include income from all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc. for the financial year prior to the year of application.

Also persons whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWS, irrespective of the family income:
5 acres of agricultural land and above; Residential at of 1000 sq ft. and above;
Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
Residential, plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities. The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities would be clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

The term "Family" for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.

INCOME AND ASSET CERTIFICATE ISSUING AUTHORITY AND VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE

The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. The Income and Asset Certificate issued 'by any one of the following authorities in the prescribed format as given below shall only be accepted as proof of candidate's claim as 'belonging to EWS: -

- (i) District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/Additional Deputy Commissioner/ 1st Class Stipendary Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate! Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner
- (ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate
- (iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and
- (iv) Sub-Divisional Officer or the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.

Government of
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

INCOME & ASSEST CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter/wife of _____ permanent resident of _____, Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ Pin Code _____ whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her 'family**' is below Rs. 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year _____. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets*** :

- I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
 - II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
 - III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
 - IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.
2. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the _____ caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List)

Signature with seal of Office _____
Name _____
Designation _____

Recent Passport size
attested photograph of
the applicant

*Note1: Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

**Note 2: The term "Family" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years

***Note 3: The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

Annexures-III

To
The Head (Admission Cell)
NIFTEM, Kundli, Sonapat 131028, India

Sub: No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Sponsored PhD Program at NIFTEM Kundli

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have No Objection to the following, full-time employee in our organization, to pursue the Part-time PhD program at NIFTEM Kundli

Employee Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____
Employee ID: _____, Employee Designation: _____, Department / Functional Unit: _____
_____, City, State: _____

It is certified that he / she has completedyears andmonths of service in our organization / institute as a regular employee. We shall provide following facilities at our organization to support him/her during the PhD course: (Mention 'NIL' if not provided)

- 1.
- 2.
- ...

The following financial support will be provided to him / her to conduct PhD research (mention 'NIL' if not provided)

- 1.
- 2.
- ...

He / She is **permitted** to use data generated in our organization as a part of PhD work, for publications / thesis or in other scholarly output. - (mention 'NA' if not applicable). We shall grant him / her leave of absence two semester to complete course work / research works / progress report presentations / conference presentations during the PhD program.

Signature and Official Seal of the Employer

Name of the Signatory: _____

Designation: _____

Date:

Place:

Annexures-IV

Score Card for Academic Achievements for admission to Ph.D. program, 2025

Industry and Academia Sponsored Candidates

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	UG (Marks)	PG (Marks)	Publications (Marks)	Experience (Industry/Academia) (Marks)	Proposed Research Work	Interview (Marks)	Total Marks
		05	10	10	25	10	40	100

RET (Non Fellowship) Candidates

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	RET Stage-2 (Marks)	UG (Marks)	PG (Marks)	NET (Marks)	Publications (Marks)	Experience (Industry/Academic/Relevant) (Marks)	Interview (Marks)	Total Marks
		20	05	10	10	10	05	40	100

Fellowship (JRF/SRF) Candidates

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	UG (Marks)	PG (Marks)	Publications (Marks)	Experience (Industry/Academic/Relevant) (Marks)	JRF/SRF (Marks)	Interview (Marks)	Total Marks
		05	10	10	10	25	40	100

Note:

UG Marks – Percentage multiplied by 1/20 (CGPA converted to %)

PG – Percentage multiply by 1/10 (CGPA converted to %)

Experience – 1 marks/year for RET & Fellowship category candidates

Experience – Up to 03 years = 0 marks, 5 marks for every subsequent year for Industry/ Academia sponsored candidates.

Publication – 2.5 marks/ paper (Scopus/WOS/SCI/SCIE/ABDC indexed journals), only research papers will be considered

- 1 mark/ paper for referred journals only



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