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Abstract

Higher Education - Technical - Prospectus for the Admission to Bachelor of Fine Arts course for the Academic Year 2025 - 2026 - Approved - Orders issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (J) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.632/2025/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 22-05-2025

Read Letter No. DTETVM 2916/2025-ACB2 dated 02.05.2025 from the Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

In the circumstances reported by the Director of Technical Education as per the letter read above, Government are pleased to approve the Prospectus for Bachelor of Fine Arts Course (BFA) for the Academic Year 2025-2026 as appended to this order.

(By order of the Governor)

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

1. The Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
2. The Principal, College of Fine Arts, Thiruvananthapuram/ Mavelikkara/Thrissur
3. The Information Officer, Web & New Media, I&PRD
4. www.highereducation.kerala.gov.in
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BFA Prospectus

January 1
2025

Admission to:
College of Fine Arts
Thiruvananthapuram, Raja Ravi Varma
College of Fine Arts, Mavelikkara and
College of Fine Arts, Trissur.

Directorate of Technical
Education
Government of Kerala

PROSPECTUS FOR ADMISSION TO BFA DEGREE COURSE FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

G.O (Rt) NO.

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,

1. Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Course is introduced for those who have passed +2 or equivalent examination to acquire degree in Fine Arts. The selection will be made on the basis of an Entrance Examination. The duration of the course is 4 years. The first year of the course is termed as common course and the remaining 3 years are allocated for specialization in Painting, Sculpture and Applied Art in college of Fine Arts, Thiruvananthapuram and Mavelikkara and specialization in Painting, Sculpture, Applied Art and Art History & Visual studies in college of Fine Arts, Thrissur. These specialized branches in the second year will be offered based on the percentage of marks obtained in the first Year University examination and the options exercised by the student in the ratio 1:2:3, Sculpture: Painting: Applied Art. (In the case of College of Fine Arts, Thrissur, the ratio will be 1:2:3+7, Sculpture: Painting: Applied Art: plus seven seats for Art History & Visual Studies as admitted in the first year itself). The specialized branch in Art History and Visual Studies at College of Fine Arts, Thrissur is offered on the basis of their option in application form and ranks obtained in BFA entrance examination at the time of their first year admission. First and Final year examination will be conducted by the Universities to which the colleges are affiliated while the second and third year Examinations by the respective Colleges.

2. Institutions and Intakes

- a. College of Fine Arts, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram- 695 033 affiliated to University of Kerala with intake of 49 Seats +1seat. *(Total 50 seats)
- b. Raja Ravi Varma College of Fine Arts, Mavelikkara- 690 101 affiliated to University of Kerala with intake of 49 seats +1seat. *(Total 50 seats)
- c. College of Fine Arts, Thrissur- 680 020 affiliated to University of Calicut with Intake of 49 seats+7 seats for Art History and Visual Studies + 1 seat*(Total 57 seats)

***1 supernumerary seat (over and above the sanctioned intake) in each institution is reserved exclusively for the candidates from the Union Territory of Lakshadweep vide GO (Ms) no: 53/2019/HEDN,dated 7.03.2019 and two supernumerary seats is reserved for the Trans gender students vide GO (Ms) no:542/2021/HEDN,dated 19.11.2021. And also as per order no. G.O. (Ms) no. 229/2023/HEDN, Dated: 02/05/2023 three supernumerary seats is reserved for autism, intellectual disability,specific learning disabilityand mental illness as per Eligibility.**

- a. Candidates must have passed +2 or equivalent Examinations.
- b. Candidates should have completed 17 years of age as on the 31st December
- c. 2025. No relaxation in the minimum age will be allowed. There is no upper age limit

3. **Reservation of Seats**

a. The percentage break-up of seats as per mandatory reservation is as follows:

(A) State Merit (SM) 50%

(B) Economically Weaker Sections in General Category (EWS)

Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) 30%

a. Ezhava (EZ) 9%

b. Muslim (MU) 8%

c. Other Backward Hindu (BH) 3%

d. Latin Catholic and Anglo Indian (LA) 3%

e. Dheevera and related communities (DV) 2%

f. Viswakarma and related communities (VK) 2%

g. Kusavan and related communities (KN) 1%

h. Other Backward Christian (BX) 1%

i. Kudumbi (KU) 1%

(C) Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes 10%

a. Scheduled Castes (SC) 8%

b. Scheduled Tribes (ST) 2%

Note 1. As per GO(Ms) No. 46/2015/SCSTDD dated: 23.06.2015.

- b. Candidates belonging to Ezhava, Muslim, Other Backward Hindus, Latin Catholic & Anglo Indians, Dheevera and related communities, Viswakarma and related communities, Kusavan and related communities, Other Backward Christian and Kudumbi communities, claiming reservation under SEBC Quota should invariably upload Non-Creamy Layer certificate in the prescribed format for State Government Education purpose obtained from the Village Officer concerned.
- c. Candidates claiming reservation under OEC Quota should invariably upload Non-Creamy Layer Certificate in the prescribed format for State Government Education purpose obtained from the Village Officer concerned. OEC candidates who do not come under Non-Creamy Layer Category should upload the Community Certificate obtained from the village officer along with the online application for availing the fee concession. If the community is correctly recorded in SSLC/Educational Certificate of the candidate it will be considered instead of the community certificate issued by the Village Officer.
- d. For Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) Candidates belonging to Kerala State, the reservation of seats is 8% and 2% respectively. Candidates claiming reservation under SC/ST quota should produce self attested copy of the Caste/Community Certificate obtained from Tahasildar should upload along with online application form.

- e. 5% of the seats available to the State for allotment from the State rank lists are reserved for candidates with benchmark disabilities for all courses in Govt./Aided Colleges as stipulated in Section 32, Chapter VI of the Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. As per Clause 2 (r), Chapter I of the Act, 'Person with benchmark disability' means a person with not less than 40% of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.

For claiming reservation under PD category, the certificate of disability from the District Medical Board certifying the percentage of degree of disability has to be produced before the State Medical Board at the time of medical verification.

- f. One seat is reserved in any one of the institution for son / daughter of Ex-servicemen belonging to Kerala state. Applicants to this category should invariably upload along with the online application, a certificate obtained not earlier than six months from the last date of application from the Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer concerned to the effect that he/she is the son/daughter of ex- serviceman or an ex-serviceman himself/herself. The certificate should clearly show that the benefit of reservation has not been granted earlier to any member in the family. In the absence of the certificate, the claim will not be considered.
- g. Two seats shall be created over and above the sanctioned strength exclusively for admitting Transgender students. (G.O. (Ms) No.542/2021 HEdn dated 19.11.2021). Such candidates should submit Transgender identity card issued by the State Government at the time of admission.
- h. The seats unavailed by the ST candidates will be allotted to SC candidates and vice versa. The seats unavailed by the SC/ST candidates will be allotted to candidates belonging to other Eligible Community.
- i. The seats unavailed by the SC/ST candidates will go to Other Eligible Community (OEC) candidates. The seats that still remain unavailed will go to the State Merit Quota (State wide basis).
- j. The seats unavailed by the SEBC category candidates will be allotted under State Merit.
- k. If any seat, in any special reservation quota including PD quota, is left unavailed by the candidates belonging to that particular category, it will go to the Mandatory reservation quota, unless otherwise stated.
- l. Inter-Caste marriage certificate in the prescribed format from the Tahsildar concerned should be uploaded to the online application for candidates who are children of Inter Caste married couple of whom one is SC/ST, and who are eligible for educational and

monetary benefits admissible to SC/ST as per Para 2 (ii) of GO (MS) No.25/2005/SCSTDD dated 20.06.2005

- m. As per the G.O (Ms) No.128/2020/HEDN dated 20.03.2020, Government have decided to implement 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections in general category (EWS) to all Higher educational institutions other than minority institutions, where reservation to other backward classes are provided. EWS certificate in the prescribed format should be uploaded to the online application for claiming reservation under EWS quota seats.
- n. Keralites: In order to prove that a candidate is an Indian Citizen of Kerala origin for the limited purpose of eligibility for admission, he/she has to upload one of the following certificates to the online application. (i) The relevant page of Secondary School certificate of the candidate showing the place of birth in Kerala or (ii) The relevant page of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate of either of the parents of the candidate showing Place of Birth in Kerala with corroborative certificate to establish the relationship between the parent and the candidate or (iii) The relevant page of the Passport of the candidate. or (iv) A certificate of birth from the authority competent to register birth (Panchayat/Municipality /Corporation) showing the candidate's or either of the parents' (in which case corroborative certificate to establish the relationship between the parent and the candidate is necessary) place of birth in Kerala, to be issued by a competent registering authority.
- o. For the seats reserved for candidates from Lakshadweep, the following categories can be applied.

Category 1. Scheduled Tribe candidates from Lakshadweep.

Category 2. Native of Lakshadweep, not Scheduled Tribe (ST), but father or mother ST, passed Board/Higher Secondary/Plus two Examinations from an institution in Islands or from the institution where his/her parent posted.

Category 3. Wards of employees (Not the native of Lakshadweep) working under Lakshadweep administration, passed Board/Higher Secondary/Plus two Examination from an institution where his/her parent is posted.

All the three seats under this Category initially belongs to category 1, Vacant seats of category 1 are given to category 2, if seats are lying vacant after allotment to category 2, they are allotted to category 3, Any student from Lakshadweep qualifying and securing higher rank can claim open seat irrespective of category he/she belongs, including those who are in category 1, 2 and 3. The applicants who claiming reservation under Lakshadweep category should upload and attach the relevant copies of the certificates in proof of their claim along with the hard copy.

4. Fees

Sl. No.	ITEM	FEES
1	Admission Fees	Rs. 90/-
2	Tuition Fees	Rs. 2085/- per year (Payable in two installments)
3	Special Fees	Rs. 935/- per year
4	Caution Deposit	Rs. 250/-
Total		Rs. 3360/- + concerned university fee as applicable

5. Application Fee and its payment options

Application form, prospectus and guidelines for online submission of application form are available in the website: www.dtekerala.gov.in. Applicants can pay the fees online (Internet Banking/UPI payments/Credit or Debit card transactions) while submitting their applications. Application form number has to be specified for online fee payment. The fee receipt in pdf format has to be attached along with the application. Application fee is Rs.600/- and Rs. 300/- in case of SC/ST Candidates)

6. Submission of Application

Applications should be submitted online by login in to the website www.dtekerala.gov.in. The different entries in the application are to be filled with extreme care, as this information is used for preparing the rank list. The procedure of online submission of application will be completed only by uploading all supporting documents and certificates. Candidates are directed to keep a copy of the print out of confirmation page of the online application form for further reference. Do not send the print out of the confirmation page and supporting documents to the office of the DTE by post/ E mail/ in person. Candidates are liable to produce all the original documents as and when required by DTE/ admitting authority for verification.

7. Selections of Candidates

- Selection will be made on the basis of an entrance examination (written/ practical).
- The applicants seeking admission in BFA Art History and Visual Studies need to fill an additional field in the BFA application form itself to opt for Art History and Visual studies Specialization.
- The applicants who opt for BFA in Applied Art or Painting or Sculpture shall appear for Part I, Part II, and Part IV tests.
- The applicants who opt for Art History and Visual Studies programme shall write Part-II test, (Common for all candidates) and the part III test.
- The applicants who opt for BFA in Art History and Visual Studies and BFA in Applied Art or Painting or Sculpture shall appear for Part I, Part II, Part III and

Part IV tests. A separate list for Art History and Visual Studies programme shall be based on Part II (Written test in Creative Writing: 80 Marks) and Part III (common test – General Knowledge in Art and Culture: 25 marks), Total: 105 Marks.

Total duration of entrance examination is as follows:

- i. One hour and fifteen minutes for candidates seeking admission only to BFA Art History and Visual Studies to appear for the Part II and Part III of the entrance test.
- ii. Four and a half hours for candidates seeking admission to BFA in Applied Arts/ BFA in Painting/ BFA in Sculpture to appear for Part I, Part II and Part IV.
- iii. Five hour and fifteen minutes for candidates seeking admission to BFA Art History and Visual Studies/ BFA in Applied Arts/ BFA in Painting/ BFA in Sculpture to appear for PartI, Part II, Part III and Part IV.
 - Region based Entrance examination at Thiruvananthapuram, Mavelikkara, Thrissur and Kozhikkode.
 - Admit Cards for the Examination can be downloaded from website www.admissions.dtekerala.gov.in.
 - The entrance examination consists of four parts, for Part I,II &IV(aggregate total 225 marks) and Part II & III (aggregate total 105 marks)
 - In part IV, the candidates can choose any one test from among the design test, creative painting test or creative sculpture test, according to their skill.

Part I

Drawing test (Half imperial size drawing sheet) (100 marks) (Duration: 2 hour)
For candidates seeking admission to BFA in Applied Arts, BFA in Painting and BFA in Sculpture

The candidates are asked to draw and shade a portrait (bust) of the human model posed before them. Prominence must be given for line drawing and rendering skills and also in bringing out the likeness of model.

Medium allowed: Graphite pencil of HB, 2B, 6B grade or glass marking pencil (Black) or staedtler pencil.

Part II

General knowledge in art and culture (25 marks) (Duration: 30 minutes)

A set of 20 one word answer multiple choice method questions.

- (a) All questions will be based on art and culture (painting, sculpture, graphic design, music, cinema, literature, traditional art forms).
- (b) One descriptive answer question to understand the special interest of the candidate in learning Fine Arts in College level. (5 marks)

Part-III

(Only for candidates seeking admission to BFA Art History and Visual Studies)
Creative Writing Test (80marks)
(Duration:45 minutes)

The Creative Writing test consists of Four Questions which carry 20 marks each.

- (a) Questions can be asked by providing reference images of important works of art to write down a critical evaluation or an appreciation in not less than half page.
- (b) Questions to evaluate the candidate's ability in creative writing
- (c) Questions to measure the candidate's vocabulary
- (d) Drawing test to evaluate the candidate's ability for basic/simple drawing or doodling.

Part-IV

(for candidates seeking admission to BFA in Applied Arts, BFA in Painting, and BFA in Sculpture)

(Candidates can choose any one of the test according to their skill.)

- (a) Design test (Size: Half Imperial, Material provided: Buff card sheet) (100 marks) (Duration:2 hours)**

Visualization and spatial ability: In this section, questions can be asked based on the pictorial and diagrammatic to scrutinize student's capabilities of transformation/manipulation of 2D shaped and 3D objects followed by their special relationships. For example, giving few of the fundamental Geometrical shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle etc) and asking them to construct at least two functional objects by joining /overlapping them. Emphasis may be given for innovative thinking ergonomic aspects of the design.

Mediums allowed: Colour Pencils, Gel Pens, Poster colours

OR

- (b) Creative painting test (Size: Half Imperial) (100 marks) (Duration: 2hours)**

Material provided: Buff card sheet

The candidates may be given a theme or topic to make painting in the A4 size card paper provided according to their imagination and skill. Visualization, creative thinking and compositional skills may be given prominence while evaluating.

Mediums allowed: Oil pastels and Water colour.

OR

- (c) Creative Sculpture Test (Material provided: Clay slabs) (100 marks)**
(Duration: 2 hours)

The candidates may be given a theme or topics to make a three dimensional Sculpture in clay. The final work should have a minimum height of atleast 15cms. Three dimensional visualization, sculpting and texture making skills may be given prominence while evaluating.

Medium allowed: Clay (10inches*7inches*2inches)

Time Schedule:

The tentative time schedule for the tests will be as follows:

9.00 am to 11.00 am

Part I – Drawing Test

(Only for candidates seeking admission in BFA)

11.15 am to 11.45 am

Part II – General Knowledge in Art and Culture (common for all candidates)

12.00 pm to 12.45pm

Part III – Creative writing Test (Only for candidates seeking admission in BFA Art History & Visual Studies)

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Part IV (any one of A, B, or C)

A-Design test/

B-Creative painting test/

C-Creative Sculpture Test

(Part I,II and Part IV (only for candidates seeking admission in BFA (Integrated) course.)

8.1. The candidate must bring all kinds of pencils, all kinds of pens, oil pastel, colour, drawing board, clay and other necessary materials for the written examination and practical examinations. Answer sheets for written examination and A4 size drawing sheets/drawing card papers will be supplied by the department of technical education at the examination centers.

8. Rank List

Rank list with two times the number of total seats will be published on the basis of overall marks obtained in the entrance examination (both the written and practical Examinations- Out of 305 marks). Based on the rank and institution preference of the candidates given in the application form, the selection will be made from above rank list. Necessary relaxation in the cut off marks will be given to candidates belonging to reservation categories. A separate rank list in the above manner will be published for the BFA Art History and Visual Studies branch (for Seven seats) at College of Fine Arts Thrissur. Reservation of seats as per Clause 4 will be followed in each institution and allotment will be made accordingly. The admission will be provisional and subject to the verification of the original documents by the Principal of the respective institution at the time of admission.

Any other details not specifically covered in the clauses given in the prospectus will be decided by the undersigned and she is empowered to cancel any admission if found illegal and her decision will be final.

Thiruvananthapuram

Date:

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION