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Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala

Government of Kerala

2026
PROSPECTUS

Established in Technical Collaboration with
National Institute of Fashion Technology
Affiliated to University of Kerala
Approved by AICTE, New Delhi

An Institution of Excellence managed by Centre for Continuing
Education Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

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Director's
Message

The Government of Kerala has set up the Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK) under the Centre for Continuing Education Kerala (CCEK) in 2010 in technical tie-up with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.

The Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala is the premier fashion institute in Kerala, imparting high-quality fashion education in the fields of design and apparel manufacturing. Fashion is an art, a lifestyle, and a self-portrait medium, so being one of the most creative course options, fashion design never goes out of style.

IFTK has evolved for more than 15 years amidst the ever-changing landscape of fashion and has pioneered holistic fashion education that adapts to the changing times. Receiving a high-quality education from the right place at the right time helps students achieve their life goals successfully. When they graduate and serve the industry, they become our footprint in creative education.

We believe in quality over quantity, and this global language of fashion is a part of every individual's life. IFTK take the responsibility for being in the lead and directing and supporting this global language through creative minds. It streamlines the strengths of students and helps in their transition into a professional environment.

I can assure you that the competent faculty, energising environment, and the prospect of growth at IFTK provide the best in fashion education through its professionally managed campus at Vellimon in Kerala, Kollam. This institute would surely be an impetus for any aspirant desirous of entering the fashion industry.

Ishita Roy IAS (Retd)
Director

Genesis

The Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK) was set up under the aegis of the Centre for Continuing Education Kerala (CCEK), Govt. of Kerala, with the intention of developing professionals for taking up leadership positions in fashion business in the emerging global scenario. The Institute is approved AICTE New Delhi and affiliated to the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Institute aims at envisioning and evolving fashion business education in the country through its professionally managed campus at the beautiful locality of Vellimon, Kundara, Kollam District, Kerala. The Institute aims at providing a common platform for fashion education, research and training.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed between the NIFT and the CCEK enables the institute to conduct the classes professionally at par with the same standard of NIFT. The infrastructures developed at IFTK are at par with fashion institutes of international repute. The Hon. Education Minister, Govt. of Kerala is the Chairman of the Governing Body constituted for the management of the Institute.

Institute

Teaching Methodology

The Institute involves a cohesive, contextual and nurturing environment for learning. The emphasis is on professional development providing a competitive edge by using standardised pedagogy and teaching methodology. It also involves sharing of work as well as learning processes with peers and faculty, whose feedback and guidance are crucial to the student's understanding, development and maturity. Students undertake classroom and workshop assignments, conduct field studies, make presentations and participate in group discussions and seminars and are encouraged to develop industry linkages.

The students also get an opportunity to work in an intellectually stimulating environment on projects focusing on integrative abilities that use skills ranging from technical expertise to creative exposure and conceptualisation. The creative mode of teaching is supplemented by latest visual aids and IT tools.

The Faculty

The IFTK faculty trained at some of the reputed design and fashion institutes bring to the class room professional capabilities, wide exposure and years of hands-on industry experience. Committed to growth in their profession, the faculty constantly upgrade their knowledge and skills through sustained interaction with the industry and research work in relevant areas. Students enhance their talents by working with faculties on various real life projects, thereby gaining invaluable knowledge, experience and awareness about the latest global trends

IFTK & The Industry

The graduate programme at IFTK is extensively integrated with fashion business. The intense and dynamic interaction between the industry and academics provides requisite insight and appreciation of business concepts. Internship and industry visits as well as real life projects, seminars and interactions provide opportunities for students to appreciate and understand the working of the industry. The Institute also undertakes research and consultancy projects for the industry with its expertise in design, management and technology at strategic and operational levels.

Resource Centre

In the 21st century, Information is the most important resource, and knowledge management is the most crucial function in an organisation. The Resource Centre at IFTK provides the necessary infrastructure to collate and disseminate this critical input. Its integrated collection of print, visual and creative material resources is systematically documented and this is the source of information for the study of international and contemporary Indian fashion.

Academic Infrastructure

The Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK) strives to set benchmarks in preparing skilled professionals for the fashion industry. It offers comprehensive, state-of-the-art infrastructure and modern equipment to support both practical and theoretical training, encouraging creativity and innovation among students.

Classrooms are equipped with advanced audio-visual facilities, and laboratories feature the latest machinery for garment construction, pattern making, and CAD. IFTK also maintains international-standard IT infrastructure and well-stocked resource materials to support modern technical and fashion education.

Recognition

Approval by AICTE New Delhi

Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK) is approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi from the academic year 2019-20 onwards for the conduct of full time four years Bachelor of Design(B.Des) Degree in Fashion Design with a student intake of 60.

Affiliation with University of Kerala

Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK) is the first of its kind in the state of Kerala to get affiliated with University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram to offer 4 year (8 Semesters) B.Des (Bachelor Degree in Design) – Fashion Design programme. This course was introduced at IFTK with the affiliation of University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram in the academic year 2014 -15.

Authorities

Governing Body

• Minister for Education, Kerala State	Chairman (Ex officio)
• Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department	Vice Chairman (Ex officio)
• Principal Secretary, Planning Department (or his nominee)	Member
• Principal Secretary, Finance Department (or his nominee)	Member
• Director of Technical Education	Member
• Director of Collegiate Education	Member
• Senior Joint Director [Poly Stream], Dept. of Technical Education	Member
• An eminent Educationalist / Scientist	Member, nominated by the Govt
• Principal, Govt. Engineering College, Barton Hill, Thiruvananthapuram	Member, nominated by the Govt
• Principal, Central Polytechnic College Vattiyoorkavu, Thiruvananthapuram	Member, nominated by the Govt
• Principal, Govt. Womens College, Thiruvananthapuram	Member, nominated by the Govt
▪ Managing Director, Keltron, Thiruvananthapuram ▪ Chief Executive Officer, Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram	Members, nominated by the Govt.
• Chairman, Indian Society of Technical Education, Kerala Section	Member
• Director, Centre for Continuing Education Kerala	Treasurer & Member Secretary (Ex officio)

Executive Committee

- Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department – Chairman
- Principal Secretary, Finance Department (or his nominee)
- Director of Technical Education
- Director of Collegiate Education
- Managing Director, Keltron, Thiruvananthapuram
- Chief Executive Officer, Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram
- Director, Centre for Continuing Education Kerala

Bachelor of Design

(B.Des)

Fashion Design

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The Programme

Bachelor of Design (B.Des) – Fashion Design is an Undergraduate Programme of 4 year duration. The Bachelor of Design educates students to have a voice in the development of a sustainable Fashion world. The program provides students with experiences in using established and emerging technologies in a collaborative atmosphere, where integration is perceived as the driver for creative and innovative design. The program teaches that it is the responsibility of the designer to integrate design elements within appropriate social, cultural, ethical and environmental contexts. In their courses, students re-imagine the boundaries of everyday life and bring new dimension to objects, graphics, environments, ceramics, jewellery and textiles. The program encourages students to adopt innovative approaches by challenging conventional applications of materials, systems, processes and technologies.

Bachelor of Design (B.Des) programme has an integrated approach to design. Rather than producing specialists, graduates are flexible with a broad range of skills allowing them to work across a wide range of design disciplines. Fashion Design provides a holistic input on generic design with more focused approach towards apparel. This inculcates in students the ability to develop and channelize creativity. The curriculum hones design sensitization, which balances global fashion aesthetics with an Indian soul.

Objective of the program

Bachelor of Design (B.Des) – Fashion Design is a four year (8 Semesters) full time programme which employs the best practices and methods which will guide the students to discover and explore their individual style and talent they can offer to high profile industry.

The rapid changes due to globalisation, advanced technology and communication are affecting the nature of science at large. Fashion Design which is, continuously evolving belongs to and is conditioned by the country's socio-cultural and economic environment. Suspended between tradition and modernity, craftsmanship and industrialisation, design education in India is two–fold trust harnessing available human, material and technological resources on the one hand and aligning itself with global trends and influences on the other.

Aim of the program

To develop young & sensitive designers in the field of fashion.

To provide professional fashion education in line with the national & international industry practices.

To bridge idealism with reality by focusing on innovation & excellence

To create sustainable designs with emphasis on economical, ecological & social values

To provide specialized platforms to bring out their creativity

To prepare students towards the challenges of design entrepreneurship.

Course Summary

First Year (Foundation Programme)

To meet the dynamics of fashion education, a Foundation Programme, designed to orient and sensitise students towards understanding of the fundamentals of fashion business namely design, technology and management in a sociocultural perspective. The programme focus is to build the base for future learning of the design and technology function.

Second Year

Introduces students to various aspects of Fashion Design education through subjects like Fashion Illustration and Design, Fashion Studies, Elements of Textiles, Surface Development Techniques, Design Process, History of Design & Fashion, Pattern Making, Draping and Garment Construction which culminate into development of prototypes. Students are given hands on exposure to the craft heritage of the country.

Third Year

Builds on the learning from the previous year by strengthening and building on departmental specialization. The focus is on greater exposure to the complexities and nuances of various segments of the apparel industry. An industry internship is an invaluable experience for students to interface between design and the technicalities of production.

Fourth Year

Focuses on niche specialisations and electives with a focus on research, design, and development. The final semester culminates with a Design Collection, where students present their ensembles creations in a fashion show hosted with professional models on the runway

Job
Profiles in the
Fashion Industry

Fashion Designer	Fashion Forecaster
Fashion Merchandiser	Fashion Choreographer
Fashion Stylist	Fashion Co-ordinator
Fashion Illustrator	Fashion Journalist
Freelance Designer	Entrepreneur etc.

Who Can
Apply?

Candidates for admission

Candidates for admission to the Bachelor of Design Degree Programme (B.Des) – Fashion Design shall be required to have passed 12th Standard Examination from a recognised board of Education.

All Admissions to Bachelor of Design Degree course (B.Des) –Fashion Design at IFTK shall be subject to clearing of an Aptitude Test conducted by LBS Centre for Science and Technology.

Reservation of seats

The seats reserved for SC/ST/OBC are as per the Kerala Government and University of Kerala norms. 10% of seats are also reserved for Economical Weaker Section (EWS) students as per G.O. (M S) No: 128 / 2020 / HEdn dated 20/03/2020

Entrance Examination

The Aptitude Test Comprises of General Ability Test & Creative Ability Test

01 | General Ability Test (GAT)

This sub-test is designed to test the quantitative skills of the candidates. The sub test consists of questions on addition, multiplication, division, fractions, percentage, rate of interest, work and task, ratio and proportion and distance.

Communication Ability

This sub-test is aimed at testing the English language skills of the candidate in day-to-day communication. It includes questions on synonyms, antonyms, words with corresponding meanings, singular, plural, one word substitutes, idioms and phrases, correct spellings, etc.

English Comprehension

This sub-test is to test one's ability to comprehend the meaning from a given passage.

Analytical Ability

This sub-test is designed to test the candidate's inference and logical reasoning.

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

This sub-test is designed to test the candidate's knowledge of current affairs.

02 | Creative Ability Test (CAT)

This test is aimed at judging the skill, power of observation, innovation and design ability of the candidate. An important aspect of the test is the use of colour and drawing skills of the candidate

Student Welfare

Recreation

For encouraging student participation in extracurricular activities, various clubs have been formed to enable the students to interact with each other. The clubs function under the guidance of the faculty/officer in charge. The clubs function in the activity hour. The club activities are held throughout the year and the final activities of the clubs are highlighted during the annual event.

Placement

Placement is an indicator of the performance of a fashion college. Students who complete a four-year Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) in Fashion Design at the Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK) are eligible for placement assistance. The institute has tie-ups with the leading brands in the apparel industry, and students are being placed in various designations in design, merchandising, planning, styling, quality, and production fields.

IFTK achieved ecxellent placement for the B.Des. Fashion Design batch of 2021 -2025. A set of 50 students were there in 2021 - 2025 B.Des Fashion Design Batch. A Total of around 30 students registered for placement. IFTK provided placement to 27 students. Students were placed as Designers, Apparel Merchandisers, Visual Merchandisers, Retail Merchandisers, Industrial Engineers, and Quality Controllers etc.

Fee Structure

Academic Fees

Tuition Fee	Rs.48000/- per semester
One Time Fee during Admission	
Security Deposit	Rs.5000/- (one time refundable)
Registration Fee	Rs.2000/-

Fee Refund Policy

As per G.O.(Rt.) No.77/2019/H.Edn. dated 18-01-2019, Government have adopted the norms and regulations of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in respect of refund of fee(Clause 7.13 of chapter VII of AICTE approval process handbook 2019-2020) to all courses approved by AICTE in Kerala the norms of AICTE and Govt. of Kerala. Government have also extended the Clause on refund of fees on cancellation of admission to students undergoing course approved by AICTE as per the Approval Process Hand Book.

Accordingly, The Norms & Regulations In Respect Of **Refund Of Fee Will Be As Follows**

In the event of a student withdrawing before the start of the Course, the entire fee collected from the student, after a deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) shall be refunded by the Institution. The Institution will not retain the School/Institution Leaving Certificates in original

In case, if a student leaves after joining the Course and if the vacated seat is consequently filled by another student by the last date of admission, the Institution will refund the fee collected after deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) and proportionate deductions of monthly fees and hostel rent, where applicable.

In case the vacated seat is not filled, the Institution will refund the Security Deposit and return the original documents.

The Institution will not demand fee for the subsequent years from the students cancelling their admission at any point of time. Fee refund along with the return of Certificates will be completed within 7 days.

If the Institution is not following guidelines issued by Council regarding refund of fee for cancellation of admission or delaying refunds, it shall be liable to any one or more of the following punitive actions by the Council

- Fine for Non-Compliance of refund rules of the fee levied against each case shall be five times the total fee collected per student.
- Suspension of approval for NRI and supernumerary seats, if any for one Academic Year
- Reduction in **"Approved Intake".**
- No admission in one/more Course(s) for one Academic Year Withdrawal of approval for Programme(s)/Course(s).

Admission Guidelines

Admission Calendar

Availability of Online Application Form	24/03/2026 to 31/05/2026
Last Date for Online Submission of Application Form	31/05/2026
Date of Entrance Examination	2nd Week of June 2026
Commencement of Classes	2nd Week of July 2026

(Dates are Tentative)

The prospectus can be downloaded from the website **www.iftk.ac.in.**

Submission of Application Form (Only Online Application)

Application form has to be submitted only online. For filling the online application, candidate has to do the online payment of Rs.1500/- using the link provided in the website. There is no need to send any hard copy of the submitted application form. However candidates are advised to keep the copy of the application form submitted for reference. Please read the instructions carefully mentioned in the website – www.iftk.ac.in before filling the online application form. Forms submitted online after the due date will not be accepted.

How to
Reach Us

Rail Connectivity

Kollam is well connected to all major cities of Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulum, Palakkad, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kannur and Malappuram) and other States by the railway network. The IFTK campus is located at Vellimon, which is approximately 18 Kilometres from the Kollam Railway Junction. Kundara is also the nearby railway station connected to Kollam by railway network. Kundara railway station is approximately 7 kilometres from IFTK campus. Train details connecting Kollam from various places can be seen from the section Passenger Info/Timetable Information/Trains at a Glance from Indian railways website
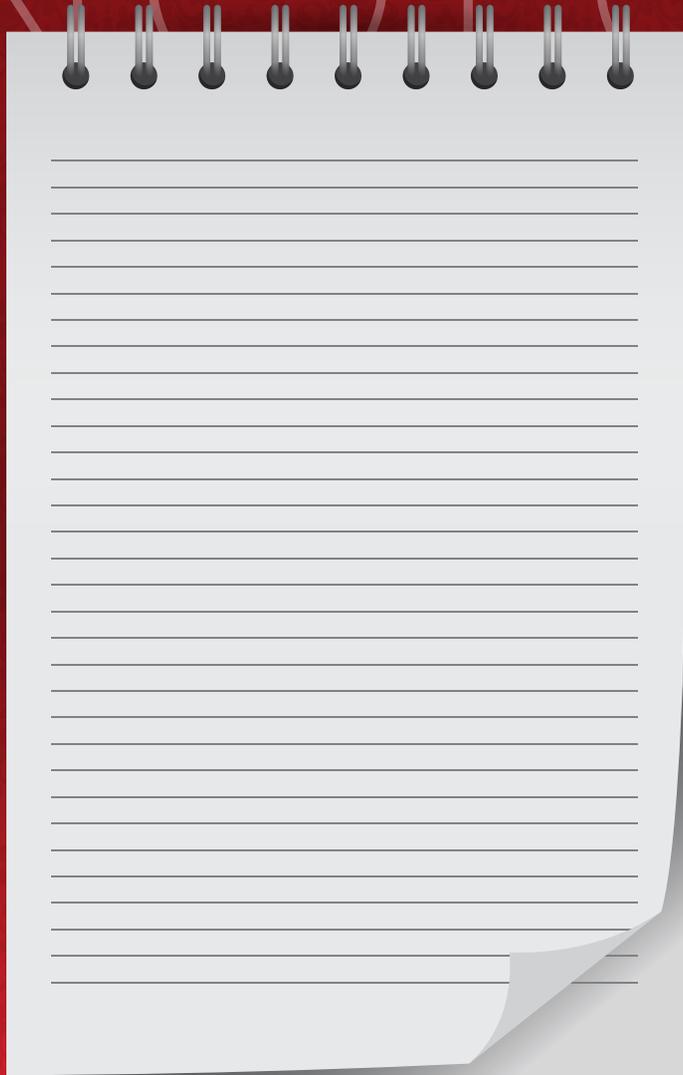
https://indianrailways.gov.in/

Bus Connectivity

Kollam Bus Stand, situated at the city centre connects various parts of Kerala and neighbouring states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. IFTK campus is approximately 15 kilometres from the Kollam Bus Stand. Approximate time to reach IFTK by bus is 20 minutes. Large numbers of local buses are available from Kundara, Elampalloor, Anchalummood, Vellimon Junction, Kottiyam and surrounding places
to reach the IFTK campus easily.

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