

Top Dental Colleges in Karnataka

10 colleges from Karnataka placed in India's top 40 for Dental, plus 0 more in the published rank-bands.

IN INDIA'S TOP 40	IN RANK-BANDS 101-300	BEST RANK IN KARNATAKA	HIGHEST SCORE
10	0	#5	70.58

Ranked colleges

These are the only colleges from Karnataka that NIRF placed inside the national top 40 for Dental in 2025. The change column compares each against its own 2024 rank.

Rank	College	City	Score	vs 2024
5	Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal	Manipal	70.58	▼ 3 (was 2)
6	A.B.Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences	Mangaluru	69.00	no change
10	JSS Dental College and Hospital	Mysuru	62.59	▲ 2 (was 12)
11	Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore	Mangaluru	62.43	no change
22	M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences	Bengaluru	57.39	▼ 6 (was 16)
25	SDM College of Dental Sciences & Hospital	Dharwad	56.49	▲ 6 (was 31)
29	KLE Vishwanath Katti Institute of Dental Sciences	Belgaum	55.42	no change
31	Yenepoya Dental College	Mangaluru	55.00	▼ 5 (was 26)
34	Government Dental College, Bangalore	Bengaluru	54.80	▼ 15 (was 19)
40	K L E Society's Institute of Dental Sciences	Bengaluru	52.19	new entry

Why these colleges rank where they do

A NIRF score is the weighted sum of five parameters, each marked out of 100. Two colleges with similar totals can be very different places to study, so it is worth reading across the row rather than only looking at the rank.

College	TLR 30%	RPC 30%	GO 20%	OI 10%	PERCEPTION 10%
Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal	82.16	40.34	91.22	73.86	82.00
A.B.Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences	81.07	32.18	96.84	72.50	84.06
JSS Dental College and Hospital	70.98	35.64	87.21	64.75	66.92

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Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore	78.44	26.03	88.05	67.85	66.92
M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences	77.00	16.72	89.50	59.84	54.00
SDM College of Dental Sciences & Hospital	80.36	9.52	85.06	61.27	63.77
KLE Vishwanath Katti Institute of Dental Sciences	73.22	13.52	87.52	69.25	49.65
Yenepoya Dental College	80.69	10.63	80.88	71.18	43.05
Government Dental College, Bangalore	74.56	9.05	83.12	57.53	73.45
K L E Society's Institute of Dental Sciences	71.64	9.59	79.62	61.10	57.94

TLR Teaching, Learning & Resources RPC Research and Professional Practice GO Graduation Outcomes OI Outreach and Inclusivity PERCEPTION Perception

Green marks a score of 70 or above; red marks below 35. Perception is scored from a survey of academics, employers and the public, so newer and regional institutions often score low there even when their teaching and outcomes are strong — read a low Perception number with that in mind rather than as a verdict on the campus.

Present in 2024, absent in 2025

These Karnataka institutions appeared in the NIRF Dental list in 2024 but not in 2025. That usually means the institution did not participate this cycle rather than that standards fell — participation is voluntary. A few may also have been renamed.

College	City	2024 position
Bapuji Dental College & Hospital	Davangere	#37

How to use this list

- Entrance exams. NEET UG is the single route to BDS across India, for both the all-India quota and state quotas.
- A rank is not a ranking of your experience. NIRF measures the institution as a whole, not the individual department or specialisation. An institution ranked lower overall may still be the stronger choice for the one you want.
- Participation is voluntary. A good college missing from this list may simply not have submitted data. Absence is not evidence of poor quality.
- Bands hide detail. Inside 101–150 or 201–300 the colleges are listed alphabetically, so position in that list carries no meaning at all.
- Check the year. These are the India Rankings 2025 figures, released September 2025. The 2026 edition is expected later in 2026 and will supersede them.

Compiled from NIRF India Rankings 2025, including the alphabetical rank-band listings, with year-on-year movement calculated against NIRF 2024. Figures are reproduced as published.