Top Dental Colleges in Tamil Nadu

9 colleges from Tamil Nadu 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 TAMIL NADU	HIGHEST SCORE
9	0	#2	85.31

Ranked colleges

These are the only colleges from Tamil Nadu 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
2	Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences	Chennai	85.31	▼ 1 (was 1)
8	SRM Dental College	Chennai	68.19	▼ 1 (was 7)
13	Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research	Chennai	61.28	▼ 3 (was 10)
14	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	Coimbatore	60.83	no change
16	Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research	Chennai	59.92	▼ 3 (was 13)
27	Sree Balaji Dental College & Hospital	Chennai	56.32	new entry
30	Dr. M. G. R. Educational and Research Institute	Chennai	55.08	▼ 10 (was 20)
32	Chettinad Dental College and Research Institute	Kelambakkam	54.90	▲ 1 (was 33)
39	SRM Kattankulathur Dental College	Chennai	52.88	▼ 7 (was 32)

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%
Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences	89.37	87.95	84.83	72.35	79.09
SRM Dental College	84.73	34.65	99.65	67.84	56.67
Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research	75.88	32.34	83.81	61.37	59.17
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	72.56	22.11	91.50	73.40	67.92

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Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research	76.44	31.77	83.97	65.45	41.22
Sree Balaji Dental College & Hospital	84.77	11.06	86.06	73.03	30.63
Dr. M. G. R. Educational and Research Institute	75.19	12.39	89.03	70.60	39.30
Chettinad Dental College and Research Institute	81.48	11.20	78.65	70.68	43.05
SRM Kattankulathur Dental College	75.27	14.00	87.72	57.51	28.15

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 Tamil Nadu 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
Adhiparasakthi Dental College and Hospital, Kancheepuram	Melmaruvathur	#39

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.