

NISH

**Admission to
Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education
(Hearing Impairment)
[DECSE (HI)]
2026 - 2027**

PROSPECTUS

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TRIVANDRUM, KERALA, INDIA.

1. THE INSTITUTION

National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) is an academic institution under the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of Kerala. It is established as a society of the Government of Kerala registered under Travancore–Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955. NISH has been set up with the primary aim of taking up educational and rehabilitation programs necessary for the integration of individuals with disabilities. The initial focus has been hearing and speech impairments. NISH conducts courses both for professional preparation and also for higher education of people with disabilities.

2. THE COURSE

- 2.1. This prospectus is for the Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education [DECSE HI]. This Diploma program is a diploma level course recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and its main aim is to prepare skilled and efficient manpower to work effectively in Early Intervention Centers for young deaf and hard of hearing children.
- 2.2. The curriculum consists of theory and practical classes in early intervention and education of young deaf and hard of hearing children. The candidates admitted to the course will be trained in the assessment, management, education and habilitation of young deaf and hard of hearing infants and children between 0 to 6 years of age.

- 2.3. The importance of early identification and early intervention of children with hearing impairment, the importance of family involvement & empowerment in the development of the children with hearing impairment are taught in this course. The skills in working with children with hearing impairment, Counseling the family and classroom management skills are also taught in this course.
- 2.4. The graduates of DESCE (HI) course will work as Special Educators of deaf preschool aged children in an early intervention environment. The graduates of this course will not be qualified to work as Speech Therapists and it will be illegal to do so.
- 2.5. The total duration of the course is one academic year from the date of commencement of the programme as per RCI guidelines.
- 2.6. On successful completion of the course the candidates will be awarded with a Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education [DECSE HI]] by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi. RCI is the appellate authority of approved courses in the field of rehabilitation in India.

3. NUMBER OF SEATS

Total no. of seats for the course is 30.

4. RESERVATION OF SEATS

4.1. Reservation policy for admission shall be applicable for SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EWS category as per the policy of the concerned State Govt./Union Territory. However, preference in admission to RCI approved diploma and certificate level courses to be extended to parents and siblings of PwDs on the basis of percentage of disability with minimum 50% disability- 5 marks and minimum 10 marks 100% disability (Circular F.No:25-1/NBER(Policy)/RCI/2016RCI-27016/34/2022-

NBER) dated 22nd July 2026.). (Applicable to first blood relation only) .

4.2.If any reservation category seat remains unfilled in the above categories, the same will go to the general merit.

5. WHO CAN APPLY?

5.1 The candidate should have obtained a minimum of 50% marks at class 12th examinations from any recognized board of central/state government or its equivalent examination from a recognized central state board of education(Relaxation in % of marks at 12th examinations for the reserved categories as per the policy of the state government.)

5.2 The candidate should have verbal fluency in any regional language and or English.

5.3 In case two or more candidates have the same percentage in the Qualifying Examination, preference will be given to graduates. If there is still a tie, the age of the candidate will be taken into account with the older candidate placed higher in ranking.

5.4 Parents and siblings of PwD's will get a preference in admission on the basis of percentage of disability with minimum 50% of disability- 5 marks and maximum 10 marks for 100% disability.(Applicable to the first blood relation only)

6. HOW TO APPLY?

6.1. Candidates SHOULD apply online through the RCI website <https://nber-rehabcouncil.gov.in/>

6.2. All applicants should have an email ID and a mobile phone number in which notifications and RCI OTP verification can be received. No paper notifications through postal mail will be sent.

7. SCHEDULE OF ADMISSION

7.1. Interview Dates and Commencement of Classes:

S.No:	Description	Dates
1	First round interview	2nd September, 2026
2	Second round interview	10th September, 2026
3	Commencement of Classes	18th September, 2026

8. METHOD OF SELECTION

8.1 Admission to DECSE(HI) will be on merit basis. Students satisfying RCI prescribed eligibility criteria will be admitted for the academic session 2026-2027. Admission will be denied if there is any falsification in certificates or the details in the application form does not match the supporting document.

9. FEE STRUCTURE

9.1. Fees are payable at the time of Interview/ admission in full. No installment is allowed.

9.2.Fees once paid will not be refunded after admission closes.

9.3.The students will be able to receive the caution deposit only after one year even if they discontinue the course in between.

9.4.Additionally the student has to pay the examination fees and enrollment fee as specified by the examining body nominated by RCI.

9.5.**No fee exemption for reservation candidates(SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PWD)**

9.6.Fees will be collected through **SB collect(State Bank Collect) and card payment mode.**

(Please see the Annexure I for payment method through SBI collect)

No.	Fee Item	Amount
1	Tuition Fee	Rs. 13500/-
2	Special Fee	Rs. 5000/-
3	Caution Deposit (Refundable)	Rs. 1500/-
	Total fees payable at the time of admission	Rs. 20,000/-

9.7. Union Fee: ₹250 will be collected from all the candidates at the time of admission.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

10.1.Candidates selected after the interview will be intimated by email / SMS. No paper notifications will be sent by RCI.

10.2 Candidates must submit all the original documents at the time of admission.

10.3.If any information given in the application by the candidate is found to be false on verification at the time of interview or even at a later stage the candidate will forfeit his/her claim for admission and continuation in the course.

10.4. **NISH does not have hostel facilities currently.** Several established hostels are available in the city.

10.5. **Class Timing:** Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. Students need to come on Saturdays as per the academic calendar.

11. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1. All the candidates admitted to the course in NISH will abide by the rules and regulations issued from time to time by the Executive Director, NISH.

11.2. Ragging in any form is strictly forbidden inside the campus. Non-tolerance policy is implemented and any such case will be reported to the Police immediately.

11.3. A policy document is available regarding prevention of sexual harassment on campus. The Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment is in operation on campus to oversee implementation of the policy. Any complaint will be addressed immediately.

11.4. **Mandatory Declaration:** Students must submit a signed declaration at the time of admission, pledging not to use drugs or alcohol on campus.

11.5. **Zero-Tolerance Enforcement:** The university has implemented a zero-tolerance policy against narcotics, covering campus premises and affiliated hostels.

11.6. **Immediate Action & Police Involvement:** Violation of this policy will lead to immediate disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

11.7. Students are required to maintain the buildings and campus clean and the equipment should be handled with care. Any damages to the building or equipment will be made good and the cost recovered from the person responsible.

11.8. Students cannot enter the classroom or practical after the session has started nor will they be allowed to leave the session without the permission of the faculty-in-charge.

11.9. Every student will be issued an Identity Card, which must be worn around the neck using the tag provided. This is applicable at all times when the student is on campus. If the card is lost or damaged, duplicate cards will be issued on remittance of additional fees.

11.10. Students are not allowed to use mobile phones inside the classrooms during working hours.

11.11. If a student is absent for more than 15 consecutive working days without a satisfactory explanation or approved leave, the absence is deemed unauthorized. Such unauthorised absences will be reported to RCI and may also lead to disciplinary action by the institute.

11.12. Leave of absence will be granted only on medical grounds. Such leaves only will be considered for the purpose of granting relaxation of minimum attendance requirements.

11.13. Any student found to be behaving in a manner that affects the discipline of the institute/ department will be subject to disciplinary action by the Department Disciplinary Committee.

12. EVALUATIONS, EXAMINATIONS AND ISSUE OF DIPLOMA

12.1. The admitted candidates will be evaluated continuously throughout the academic year.

12.2 Two internal theory and two practical examinations for each theory and practical examinations will be conducted. Each candidate should obtain minimum 40% marks in theory and 50% marks in practical, separately in internal as well as external examinations, for passing in the programme.

The students failing in internal examinations are not eligible for appearing in the final examination.

12.3. Minimum 75% attendance each in theory and practical classes from the date of commencement of the course is compulsory to be eligible for appearing in the final theory and practical examination..

12.4. Internal assessment for theory papers will be done based on the criteria such as minimum required percentage of attendance, classroom assignments, midterm and class tests, report writing etc.

12.5 Scheme of Examination will be as per National Board of Examination in RCI or the examining body.

12.6 Diploma will be awarded for the successful candidates by the RCI. AYJNISHD(D),Mumbai is the examination body for DECSE(HI) course.

13. Required Documents Checklist

1. 3 Latest colored Photograph
2. 10th Marksheet & Certificate(Original +one self attested photocopy)
3. 12th Marksheet & Certificate(Original +one self attested photocopy)
4. Fees Rs.20,000/- payable at the time of admission
5. Adhar Card(Original +one self attested photocopy)
6. Caste Certificate (SC/ST/OBC/EWS)(Original +one self attested photocopy)
7. UDID card or UDID Enrollment Number (Only applicable for deaf candidate)

Note: RCI norms and regulation are applicable

Any other details not specifically covered by the above clauses will be decided by the Executive Director and such decision will be final.

Annexure I



National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation(NBER), New Delhi.
An Adjunct Body of Rehabilitation Council of India, under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

NBER-ePRAVESH-2026 (Online Counselling for Admissions to various Diploma Courses under National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation(NBER), New Delhi)

National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER), an adjunct body of Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), invites online applications from eligible candidates for admission to its various Certificate & Diploma Level Courses in Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation offered by RCI's approved Institutions/University Departments across the country. Online admission to these Courses will be made through Centralised Online e-Counselling on a merit basis only.

Registration Fee: Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only for General, EWS and OBC applicants, Rs. 350/- (Rupees Three hundred fifty) for SC, ST, PwD applicants will be accepted only through the Online mode - Debit / Credit Card/Net Banking/UPI.

The registration fee is non-refundable/non-adjustable.

Eligibility conditions for admission:a)Senior Secondary (10+2) or equivalent with minimum 50% marks

b)Fluency in at least one language

The reservation and relaxation for SC/ST/OBC/PWD and other categories shall be as per the rules of the Central Government/ State Government, whichever is applicable.

Parents and siblings of PwDs will be given preference in admission on the basis of the percentage of disability, with a minimum of 5 marks for 50% disability and maximum 10 marks for 100% disability (applicable to the first blood relation only).

Particulars	Tentative Timelines
Registration (including Choice filling) Start date	5th August, 2026
Registration (including Choice filling) End date	24th August, 2026
TTI wise Merit list Live (1st Round merit list)	26th August, 2026
Reporting at Institute for Admission - Start date (1st Round)(verification of candidate documents, admissions and self declaration of verification by TTIs)	29th August, 2026
Reporting for Admission End time (1st Round result)	3rd September, 2026
TTI wise Merit list Live (2nd Round merit list)	5th September, 2026
Reporting at Institute for Admission - Start date (2nd Round)(verification of candidate documents, admissions and self declaration of verification by TTIs)	8th September, 2026
Reporting at Institution for admission End date (2nd Round counselling)	11th September, 2026
Final list of all admitted candidates TTI wise and Pending candidates (showing remarks of the TTI for non admitted candidates, if any)	15th September, 2026
Commencement of Classes	18th September, 2026

Standard Operating Process (SOP) to get admission to Certificate & Diploma level training

1. Visit the NBERS website <https://nber-rehabcouncil.gov.in> for detailed information regarding creating an ID, instructions, admission guidelines, schedule, list of diploma & certificate level courses, duration, eligibility, syllabus, course fee, State-wise list of Training institutes, etc.
2. The candidates will have to create a User ID.
3. Using the ID, the candidate will apply for an online registration form by completing all details, including language of learning & examination.
4. Candidates will fill in choices of Course-wise TTIS from any State for the First round and Second round (counselling) in the registration form. Choices will be limited to two Courses and a maximum of three TTIS from any State for both courses.
5. The candidate will also upload all necessary scanned original colour documents and pay online registration fees as eligible.
6. Candidates must verify all entered data along with supporting documents and submit a self-declaration of correctness of their data, including the language option for learning & examination.
7. Candidates will get an option of change/modification for details filled in the online form during 21st to 23rd August only. This chance will be granted only once during the period.
8. The candidate will receive an acknowledgement of online application with photo.
9. As per the timeline in the circular, on logging in on the NBER portal, the candidate will be able to see the merit list of eligible candidates as per the first choice of course with chosen TTI-wise published on the portal.
10. Candidates will have to mark the seat & confirm in the desired TTI of choice if within sanctioned intake before the start date of reporting. In case of

being in the waiting list (i.e above intake), they will have to track for updates till the admissions are continued.

11. If the candidate has marked the seat and not reported for admission in the TTI during the first round till 2nd September or till 10th September in the second round, the confirmation of seat will be cancelled, and the TTI may admit the next eligible candidate on the last day of the respective round.

12. The candidate, if admitted in the 1st round, will not be seen in the merit list of the 2nd round.

13. After the end date of 1st round counselling or 2nd round counselling, the merit list will be terminated, and admission cannot be claimed.

14. Admissions will be only through the 1st or 2nd counselling merit list. No other chances will be granted.

While filling the application form of NBER-Pravesh-2026

- Only one application shall be considered for registration against one email. Registration of multiple applications against one e-mail ID shall not be accepted.
- Applicants will select the names of five institutes/courses in the order of preference as per his/her choice for admission to that institute.

Admission Process Flow

1. Online Registration & Choice Filling

Candidates seeking admission in Rehabilitation Courses must first complete the Online Registration Process and submit their choice of institute. This process includes the following 6 steps:

Online Registration Steps:

Step 1: Register with Personal Details

Step 2: Upload Educational Qualifications

Step 3: Upload Photograph, Signature, and Relevant Documents

Step 4: Pay the Registration Fee

Step 5: Fill in the Choices of Institutes/Courses

Step 6: Print the Completed Application Form

2. Merit List & Result Declaration

- NBER will prepare and display the Merit List and Seat Allotment Results based on the candidate's category, percentage of marks, and choice filling.
- Results, including the Rank and Allotted Institute/Course, will be available on the candidate's dashboard.

3. Reporting & Admission to the Institute

- Candidates who are allotted a seat must report to the respective Institute/College within the specified timeframe. Failure to take admission within the deadline may result in loss of the allotted seat or lower priority in further counselling rounds.

Important points for online application

Required documents for RCI-Pravesh-2026 Application:

- Before starting to fill out the Online Application, you should keep ready with you the following details & documents:
- Valid Email ID (the email should be valid for at least 1 year)
- Valid Mobile No. (Mobile number should not be registered with DND (Do Not Disturb Service))
- Personal details
- Details of Educational Qualification
- Image of scanned photograph in jpg/jpeg
- Image of scanned signature in jpg/jpeg
- Debit / Credit Card/Net Banking / UPI details for making online payment
- Please ensure that you check your Email Inbox, Junk mail and Spam regularly after registration to get Login Credentials (Registration ID & Password) & proceed with the registration process.
- Fill in the details on the online application form. Since your eligibility

will be screened based on the information furnished by you, it is required to exercise sufficient care to correctly furnish the details of your qualification, etc. If some entered information is to be corrected/edited, then click on the edit button, do the necessary corrections and then proceed to Payment.

- Please note that once payment of the application fee is made, you will not be allowed to change/modify any information in the application form. You can view the application details by clicking the button ‘View Application’ and can take a printout of the same for your record.

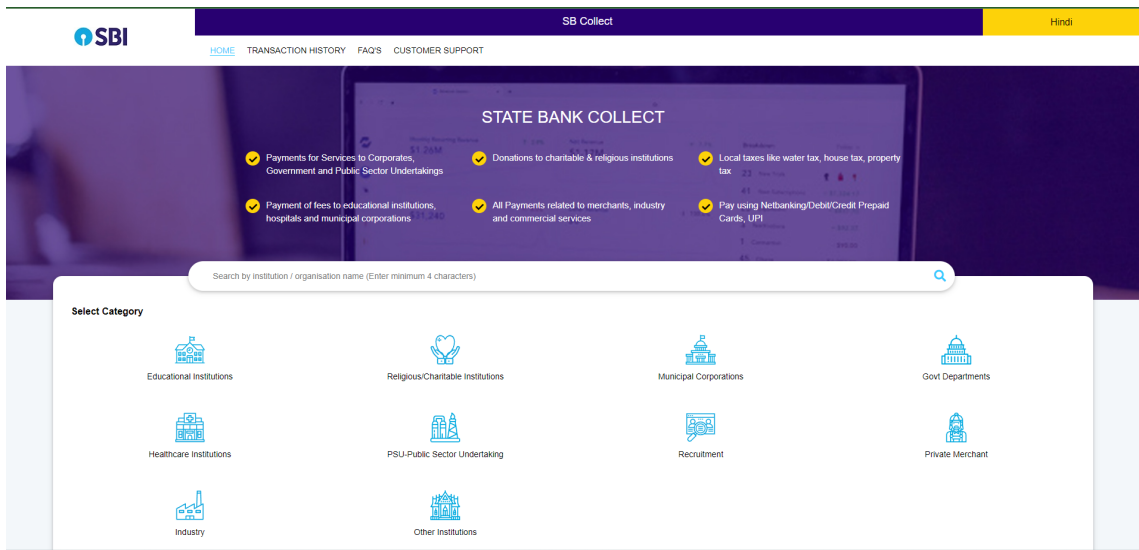
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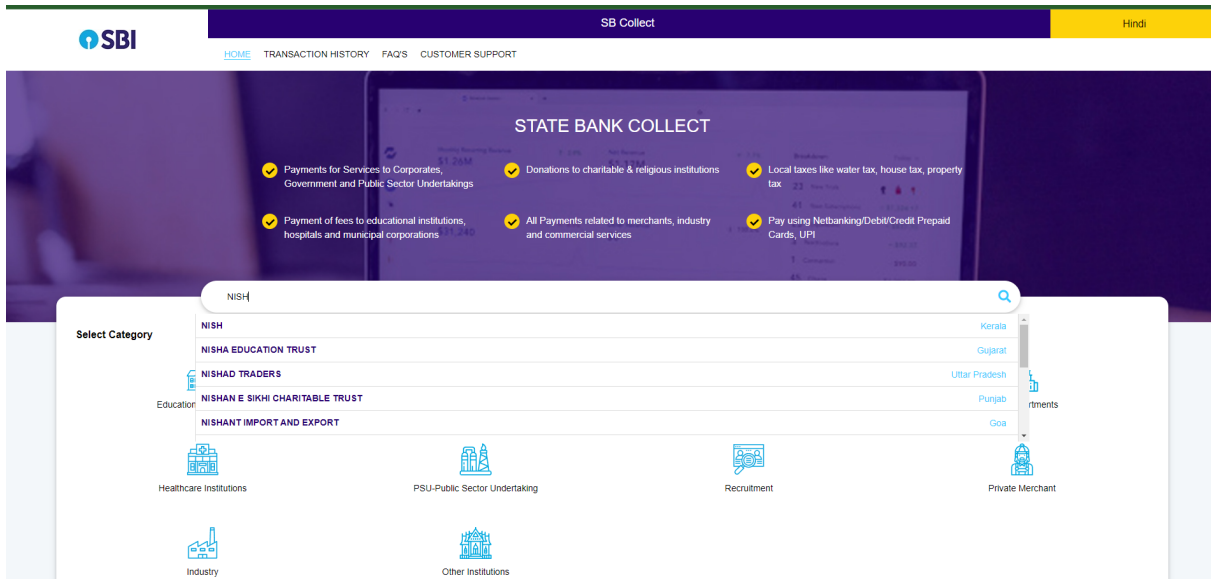
SBI Collect

1. **Access SBI Collect Website:** Initiate a web browser session and direct it to the SBI Collect website by entering the "SBI Collect" in the address bar, followed by pressing Enter.
2. Proceed to the SBI Collect Homepage.
3. **Select Category:** From the provided options, choose the appropriate category. As a student of NISH, opt for "Educational Institutions."
4. **Enter Institute Name (NISH):** Input "NISH" into the designated field for the institution's name. From the dropdown menu below, select "Kerala." Subsequently, click on the NISH option displayed to access the payment interface.
5. **Choose Payment Category:** Utilize the dropdown menu to select the relevant payment category, aligning with the type of fee to be paid
6. **Complete Student Details:** Accurately input personal information. It is imperative to ensure the precision of all provided details to circumvent payment discrepancies.
7. **Verify Details:** Prior to proceeding, meticulously review all entered details to guarantee their accuracy, thereby mitigating potential errors during the payment process.
8. **Select Payment Method:** From the array of available options, including internet banking, debit card, credit card, UPI, and others, designate the preferred payment method.
9. **Confirmation:** Upon successful completion of the payment transaction, acknowledge receipt of a confirmation message or document as conclusive evidence of payment. Retain this confirmation for record-keeping purposes

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

- Select the payment category from the drop down.

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SB Collect

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TRANSACTION HISTORY

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Payment Progress

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Select Payee

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Enter Payment Details

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Verify Payment Details

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Complete Payment

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Print Receipt

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Enter Payment Details

Payment Category :

--Select any Category--

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Step 4

- Enter the name of the course

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SB Collect

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Payment Progress

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Select Payee

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Enter Payment Details

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Verify Payment Details

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Complete Payment

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Print Receipt

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Payment Category*: Diploma Course

Name of Student *

Name of Parent/ Guardian *

Name of Course * --Select Name of Course--

Year of Study * --Select Year of Study--

Gender *

Address of Communication *

Contact Number *

E mail ID *

Year of Admission *

Admission Number *

Contact Number of Parent *

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GRADUATION FEE

LIBRARY FEE

EDUCATIONAL TOUR FEE

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Step 8

- Complete the payment process

Payment Progress

✓

Select Payee

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✓

Enter Payment Details

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✓

Verify Payment Details

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Complete Payment

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Print Receipt

Net Banking



State Bank of India

Bank Charges: 11.8

Click Here



Other Banks Internet Banking

Bank Charges: 17.7

Click Here

Card Payments

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RuPay Debit Card

Bank Charges: 0.0

Click Here



Credit Cards

Bank Charges: 00.0

Click Here



Prepaid Cards (Incl RuPay PPC)

Bank Charges: 04.9

Click Here

Other Payment Modes



Branch

Bank Charges: 04.0

Click Here



NEFT/RTGS

Bank Charges: 18.0

Click Here

UPI is not available between 22:30 hours IST and 23:30 hours IST



UPI

Bank Charges: 0.0

Click Here

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