

NISH

**Admission to
Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign
Language**

[DTISL]

2026–2027

PROSPECTUS

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPEECH & HEARING THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA, INDIA

1. THE INSTITUTION

1.1. The National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) is an academic institution under the Ministry of Social Justice, Government of Kerala. It was established as a society of the Government of Kerala, registered under the 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. NISH conducts courses both for professional preparation and for higher education of people with disabilities.

2. THE COURSE

2.1. This prospectus is for the Diploma in Teaching of Indian Sign Language (DITSL). This is a diploma-level course recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), and its main aim is to prepare Deaf teachers to teach ISL in institutions of learning across the country.

2.2. This program is designed to prepare future ISL teachers, who will provide leadership in the sign language teaching field. Trainees will be introduced to key theoretical and methodological issues involved in sign language instruction, including language teaching strategies, assessment, and incorporating basic information about Deafness, the Deaf community and Deaf culture into the language curriculum.

2.3. This program focuses on principled approaches to developing and implementing classroom methods and strategies for language teaching. It also looks at linguistic, psychological, and attitudinal factors that influence student-teacher interaction in the

classroom. The course briefly examines the most important teaching methodologies that have evolved over the years. Trainees will have opportunities to develop lessons.

2.4. Trainees will analyze the integration of history and culture in the ISL teaching curriculum. Language is often taught with cultural and historical anecdotes. The history and culture of the Sign Language communities and Deaf people are very rich and diverse.

2.5. The duration of the program will be two academic years. Each year will have 1200 hours, comprising 720 hours of practical and 480 hours of theory, in the first and second years. One academic year is divided into two semesters. The theory hours will also include 60 hours of Employability skills.

2.6. On successful completion of the course, the candidates will be issued a certificate by the examining body nominated by RCI. RCI is the appellate authority for approved courses in the field of rehabilitation in India.

3. NUMBER OF SEATS

The total number of seats for the course is 20.

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 Government/Union Territory. However, preference in admission to RCI approved diploma and certificate level courses will be extended to parents and siblings of PwDs on the basis of percentage of disability; with minimum 50% disability being awarded 5 marks and 10 marks for 100% disability (CircularF.No.: 25-1/NBER(Policy)/RCI/2016 RCI-27016/34/2022-NBER) dated 22nd July 2026. (Applicable to first blood relation only)

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

5. WHO CAN APPLY?

5.1. A candidate should have:

- 1) Certificate of Disability (Deaf)
- 2) Passed class 10+2 (Senior Secondary) or equivalent with minimum 45% marks. However, relaxation in % of marks at 12th examinations for the reserved categories is to be strictly followed as per the policy of the State/Central Govt.
- 3) Proficient receptive and productive skills in ISL

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. Paper notifications through postal mail will not be sent.

6.3 The admission process will be conducted as per RCI guidelines.

7. SCHEDULE OF ADMISSION

7.1. Interview Dates and Commencement of Classes:

S.No:	Description	Dates
1	First round interview	02nd September 2026
2	Second round interview	10th September 2026

3	Commencement of Classes	18th September 2026
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8. METHOD OF SELECTION

8.1. Admission to DTISL will be on a merit basis. Students satisfying the 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 if the details in the application form do not match the supporting documents.

9. FEE STRUCTURE

9.1. Fees are payable at the time of admission in full for the first year. No installment is allowed.

9.2. The fee will not be refunded after admission closes.

9.3. The students will be able to receive the caution deposit only after two years, 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/PWD/EWS)

N o.	Fee Item	Amount
1.	Tuition Fee for the first year	10000/-
2.	Tuition fee for the second year (payable at the start of the 2 nd academic year)	10000/-
3.	Caution Deposit (Refundable)	5000/-
4.	Library	1000/-
5.	Graduation Fee*	1000/-
	Total fees payable at the time of admission	17,000/-

	Total fee	28,000/-
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9.6. ₹500 will be collected as Union Fee from all the candidates at the time of admission, and an additional amount of ₹250 needs to be remitted every semester to the NISH student's union account

9.7. Internships form an integral part of the course of study. Students are responsible for meeting all expenses incurred during the internship.

9.8. Fees will be collected through **SB Collect** (State Bank Collect)

(Please see Annexure I for payment method through SB Collect)

*likely to change

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

10.3. All candidates admitted to the course must execute an agreement that if he/she happens to discontinue the course at any time after the closure of admission, he/she will pay the complete fee for the course. Fees are not refundable.

10.4. All students are required to complete a six- month assistantship at the National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) upon successful completion of the course. The assistantship must be completed within one year from the date of the final examination. Students may complete the assistantship in scheduled phases/turns, as decided by the Head of the Department.

10.5. If a student secures employment during the assistantship period, they may request discontinuation of the remaining assistantship by submitting a formal request along

with valid supporting documents. Such requests will be considered and processed as per the institute's rules and approval procedures.

11. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1. All the candidates admitted to the course at 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 on 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 the prevention of sexual harassment on campus. The Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment is in operation on campus to oversee the 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 wear the **NISH-approved uniform** and maintain a neat, clean, and professional appearance at all times.

11.8. Students are required to maintain the buildings and campus clean, and equipment should be handled with care. If any damage to the building or equipment is made, the cost will be recovered from the person responsible.

11.9. Students' entry into classrooms or labs after the commencement of a session will not be entertained, nor shall they be allowed to leave the session without the permission of the faculty in charge.

11.10. 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 payment of additional fees.

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 granted only on medical grounds will be considered for granting relaxation of the 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. There will be internal assessments and one final examination at the end of each semester. The examination for theory papers shall be conducted in English. The medium of instruction shall be Indian Sign Language (ISL) and English/Malayalam.

12.2. Each candidate should obtain a minimum of 40% marks in theory and 50% marks in practical, separately in internal as well as external examinations, for passing in the programme. A higher pass percentage is required in the practical course since DTISL is a skill-based course, and ISL interpreters need to have a high level of skill and competency to be able to interpret a language effectively. The other examination, attendance and rules for completion of the program will follow the National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation's (adjunct body of RCI) Scheme of Examination 2023 for Diploma level programmes.

12.3. Minimum 75% attendance in theory and practical is required. Since DTISL is a skill-based course, a high level of attendance in practical classes is required to develop competency in the skills.

12.4. The scheme of Examination will be as per the National Board of Examination in RCI or the examining body.

12.5. The Examination Body will award a degree in Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language (DTISL) recognized by RCI.

Required Documents Checklist

1. 3 Latest colored Photographs
2. 10th Marksheet & Certificate(Original + 1 self attested copy)
3. 12th Marksheet & Certificate(Original + 1 self attested copy)
4. Fees Rs. 17,750/- payable at the time of admission
5. Adhar Card(Original + 1 self attested copy)
6. Caste Certificate (SC/ST/OBC/EWS/OEC)(Original + 1 self-attested copy)
7. UDID card or UDID Enrollment Number, if applicable (Original + 1 self-attested copy)

Note: RCI norms and regulations 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.

Sign Language (DTISL Course): Only for deaf candidates, 10+2 or its equivalent

from a recognized Central/State Board of Education with minimum 45% marks aggregate, Certificate of Disability (Deaf), proficient receptive and productive skills in ISL.

- 1) Certificate of Disability(Deaf)
- 2) Passed class 10+2(Senior Secondary)or equivalent with minimum 45% marks
- 3) Proficient receptive and productive skills in ISL

The admission process will be conducted as per RCI guidelines.

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).

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. An amount of ₹54/- will be charged as Bank Charges / Convenience Fee at the time of payment.

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

Particulars	Tentative Timelines
Circular on Portal	22-August-2026
Online Registration (including Choice filling) Start date	05-August-2026
Online Registration (including Choice filling) End date	24-August-2026
TTI wise Merit list Live (1st Round merit list) (1st choice course- TTI wise)	26-August-2026
Reporting at Institute for Admission - Start	29-August-2026

date(1st Round counselling) (Verification of candidate documents, admissions and self declaration of verification by TTIs)	
Institute Reporting & Admission End date (1st Round counselling)	03-September-2026
TTI wise Merit list live(2nd Round merit list) (2nd choice course- TTI wise)	05-September-2026
Institute Reporting & Admission Start date (2nd Round counselling) (Verification of candidate documents, admissions and self declaration of verification by TTIs)	08-September-2026
Institute Reporting & Admission End date (2nd Round counselling)	11-September-2026
Final list of all admitted candidates TTI wise and Pending candidates (showing remarks of the TTI for non admitted candidates, if any)	15-September-2026
Commencement of Classes	18-September-2026

Course-wise eligibility criteria for admission to diploma-level courses are as under :

S. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Abbreviation	Duration (Yrs)	ELIGIBILITY
1	1703	Diploma in Teaching Indian Sign Language	D.T.I.S.L	2	A candidate should have: 1)Certificate of Disability (Deaf) 2)Passed class 10+2(Senior Secondary) or equivalent with minimum 45%marks 3) Proficient receptive and productive skills in ISL The admission process will include:

					1) Relevant tests to assess ISL skills and written language skills. 2) Interview
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While filling out 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.

Standard Operating Process (SOP) to get the admissions of Certificate & Diploma level training

1. Visit NBERS website <https://nber-rehabcouncil.gov.in> for detailed information

regarding creating 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 completing all details including language of learning & examination.
4. Candidates will fill 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 maximum three TTIS from any State for both the 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 Circular, on login on NBER portal the candidate will be able to see the merit list of eligible candidates as per first choice of course with chosen TTI wise published on 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), will have to track for update 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 1st round will not be seen in the merit list of 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 1st or 2nd counselling merit list. No other chances will be granted

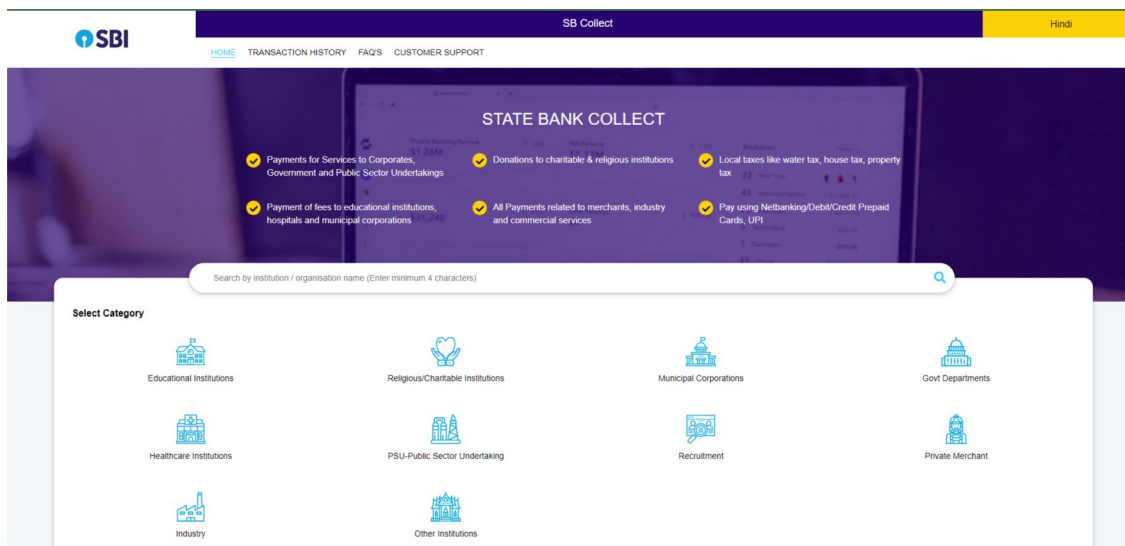
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SBI Collect

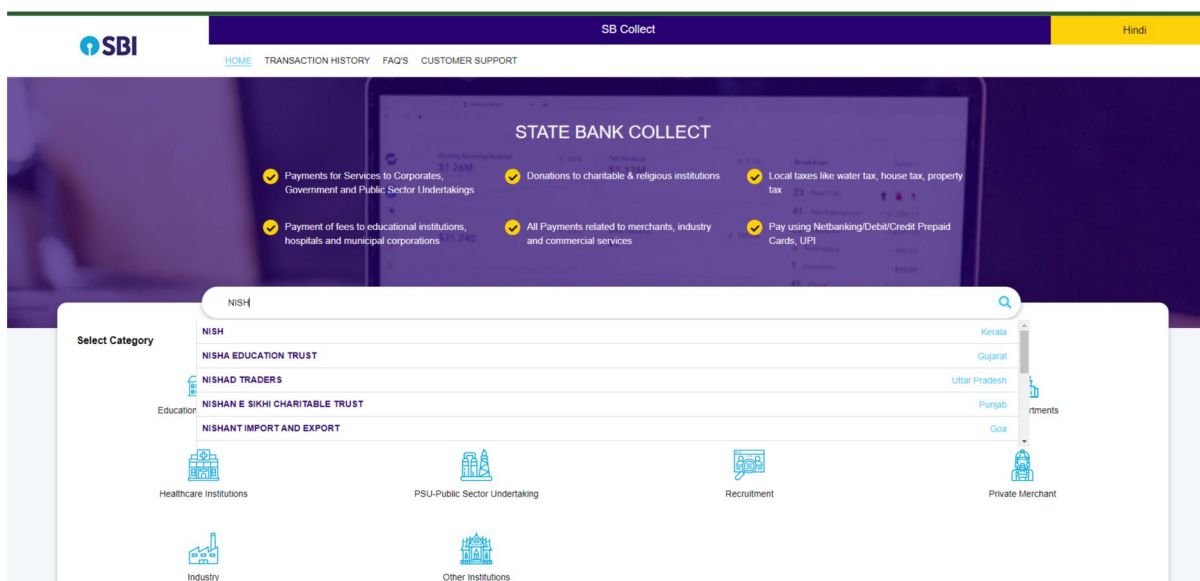
1. **Access SBI Collect Website:** Initiate a web browser session and direct it to the SBI Collect website by entering "SBI Collect" in the address bar, followed by pressing Enter.
 2. Proceed to the SBI Collect Homepage.
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3. **Select Category:** From 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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Payment Progress

Select Payee → Enter Payment Details → Verify Payment Details → Complete Payment → 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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Payment Progress

Select Payee → Enter Payment Details → Verify Payment Details → Complete Payment → Print Receipt

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Step 5

- Enter the details

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Enter Payment Details

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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CAUTION DEPOSIT

GRADUATION FEE

LIBRARY FEE

EDUCATIONAL TOUR FEE

FINE

Step 6

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Verify Payment Details

Payment Details

Payment Category :

Diploma Course

Total Amount :INR 5,000.00

Name of Student:

ANUPA K

Name of Parent/ Guardian:

Kunjaman

Name of Course:

DISL

Year of Study:

1st year

Gender:

Female

Address of Communication:

TC 5/1242 perorkada PO Thiruvandam 5

Contact Number:

944623549

E mail ID:

anupak@nish.ac.in

Year of Admission:

2024

Admission Number:

200052

Contact Number of Parent:

7907550573

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Remarks :

THANK YOU

Enter Your Details

☒ Individual

☐ Organisation / Corporate

Name *

Mobile No *

Date of Birth *

Email ID :

On successful completion of payment, you will receive the transaction reference number on this mobile number

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Step 8

- Complete the payment process

