

National Eligibility cum Entrance Test Postgraduate (NEET PG)

Five Year Candidate Participation and State Wise Seat Matrix Report

Document Overview

- **Target Academic Cycle:** 2026 to 2027
- **Issuing Body Reference:** National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) & Medical Counselling Committee (MCC)
- **Scope:** Five Year National Participation Trends, State Wise Seat Availability, and Candidate Competition Ratios

Executive Data Summary

TOTAL CANDIDATES APPEARED (2026)

2,65,980

Highest attendance on record (97.4% participation)

TOTAL PG MEDICAL SEATS

86,360

Includes MD, MS, PG Diploma, and DNB programs

GOVERNMENT PG SEATS

42,936

Distributed equally between Central AIQ and State Quotas

OVERALL SEAT RATIO

1 : 3

One medical seat available for every three candidates

GOVERNMENT SEAT COMPETITION RATIO

1 : 6

One government seat contested by six candidates nationally

Section 1: National Candidate Trends (Past Five Years)

The table below outlines the growth in registration and actual exam attendance for the medical postgraduate entrance test across India from 2022 to 2026.

Academic Year	Registered Candidates	Appeared Candidates	Attendance %	Growth in Attendance
2022	2,06,301	1,82,318	88.37%	Baseline
2023	2,20,000	2,08,898	94.95%	+14.57%
2024	2,28,540	2,16,136	94.57%	+3.46%
2025	2,42,493	2,30,114	94.89%	+6.46%
2026	2,73,096	2,65,980	97.39%	+15.58%



Key Observations on National Trends

- Record Turnout:** Candidate turnout reached an all-time high in 2026, with over 97% of registered medical graduates sitting for the test.
- Decisive Growth:** The number of doctors pursuing postgraduate specializations grew by more than 83,000 candidates between 2022 and 2026.
- Future Projection:** Expected registrations for the upcoming 2027 cycle are projected to cross 2.8 lakh candidates.

Section 2: Comprehensive State Wise Seat Distribution Matrix

While NBEMS administers the examination as a unified single-shift test nationwide and does not divide test-takers into separate state rosters, seat distribution is allocated per state. The **42,936 government postgraduate seats** available for the 2026 session are distributed across every Indian State and Union Territory as follows:

S.No.	State or Union Territory	Government PG Seats	Share of National Pool
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19	0.04%
2	Andhra Pradesh	1,982	4.62%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28	0.07%
4	Assam	743	1.73%
5	Bihar	773	1.80%
6	Chandigarh	155	0.36%
7	Chhattisgarh	378	0.88%
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	46	0.11%
9	Delhi	3,448	8.03%
10	Goa	164	0.38%
11	Gujarat	1,484	3.46%
12	Haryana	413	0.96%
13	Himachal Pradesh	345	0.80%
14	Jammu and Kashmir	729	1.70%
15	Jharkhand	283	0.66%
16	Karnataka	2,805	6.53%
17	Kerala	982	2.29%
18	Ladakh	14	0.03%

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S.No.	State or Union Territory (Cont.)	Government PG Seats	Share of National Pool
19	Madhya Pradesh	1,476	3.44%
20	Maharashtra	4,277	9.96%
21	Manipur	262	0.61%
22	Meghalaya	57	0.13%
23	Mizoram	25	0.06%
24	Nagaland	12	0.03%
25	Orissa	618	1.44%
26	Puducherry	73	0.17%
27	Punjab	475	1.11%
28	Rajasthan	2,026	4.72%
29	Sikkim	0	0.00%
30	Tamil Nadu	3,030	7.06%
31	Telangana	1,790	4.17%
32	Tripura	115	0.27%
33	Uttar Pradesh	3,568	8.31%
34	Uttarakhand	223	0.52%
35	West Bengal	2,283	5.32%
Total National Government Pool		42,936	100.00%

Section 3: Seat Allocation Framework

The government seat distribution follows a formalized dual quota system designed to balance regional access with meritocratic nationwide opportunities.

**Total Government Medical Seats
(42,936)**

Competition Breakdown

Top Four States Volume

Maharashtra (4,277), **Uttar Pradesh** (3,568), **Delhi** (3,448), and **Tamil Nadu** (3,030) together account for over **34 percent** of all government seats in India, forming major hubs for postgraduate medical education.

Speciality Concentration & Demand

High demand clinical specialties such as **Radiodiagnosis, General Medicine, and Paediatrics** consistently close within the top 150 All India ranks across premier medical colleges, indicating intense targeted competition.

Autonomous Exclusions

Seats in Institutes of National Importance like **AIIMS, PGIMER, and JIPMER** are filled independently through the INI CET. These premier seats remain supplementary to the standard 42,936 government pool analyzed in this matrix.

Section 4: Examination Structure for Aspirants

Feature	Standard Specifications
Testing Mode	Computer Based Test (CBT)
Total Questions	180 Multiple Choice Questions
Total Score	720 Marks
Marking Policy	+4 for correct answers, 1 mark deduction for incorrect responses
Timing Architecture	5 time locked sections of 42 minutes each (210 minutes total)
Candidate Transparency	Provision of question papers, individual response sheets, and answer keys.