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## INDIA'S TOP COLLEGES 2025

### MUSIC

| RANK 2025 | TOP 25 INSTITUTES                                                                      | FACULTY & STUDENTS | STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS | INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES | ALUMNI SUCCESS | INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES | TOTAL SCORE |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|           |                                                                                        | 150                | 250                  | 200                         | 250            | 150                                  | 1000        |
| 1         | TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT MUSIC COLLEGE, THIRUVAIYARU                                      | 139.31             | 227.22               | 184.66                      | 237.12         | 125.05                               | 913.36      |
| 2         | FACULTY OF PERFORMING ARTS, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY (BHU), VARANASI                   | 139.12             | 226.67               | 184.25                      | 236.33         | 124.87                               | 911.24      |
| 3         | KM MUSIC CONSERVATORY, CHENNAI                                                         | 138.42             | 225.89               | 183.69                      | 235.8          | 123.96                               | 907.77      |
| 4         | INDIRA KALA SANGEET VISHWAVIDYALAYA, KHAIRAGARH                                        | 137.67             | 225.61               | 182.72                      | 235.20         | 123.82                               | 905.0       |
| 5         | FACULTY OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI                             | 136.74             | 224.83               | 182.17                      | 234.30         | 123.63                               | 901.67      |
| 6         | DEPARTMENT OF VOCAL MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, RABINDRA BHARATI UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA | 136.59             | 224.5                | 181.45                      | 233.79         | 123.26                               | 899.56      |
| 7         | KARNATAKA STATE DR. GANGUBHAI HANGAL MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS UNIVERSITY, MYSURU      | 135.61             | 223.71               | 180.56                      | 232.81         | 123.12                               | 895.81      |
| 8         | SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI, NEW DELHI                                                       | 134.73             | 222.89               | 180.22                      | 232.33         | 122.17                               | 892.34      |
| 9         | SWATHI THIRUNAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM                                   | 134.0              | 221.90               | 179.77                      | 231.38         | 122.2                                | 889.24      |
| 10        | SWARNABHOOMI ACADEMY OF MUSIC, CHENNAI                                                 | 133.86             | 221.22               | 179.19                      | 230.50         | 122.06                               | 886.83      |
| 11        | SHANKAR MAHADEVAN ACADEMY, MUMBAI                                                      | 133.25             | 220.59               | 178.64                      | 230.41         | 121.26                               | 884.15      |
| 12        | TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT MUSIC COLLEGE, CHENNAI                                           | 133.13             | 220.03               | 178.41                      | 229.61         | 121.08                               | 882.26      |
| 13        | THE TRUE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, MUMBAI                                                       | 132.34             | 219.06               | 177.71                      | 229.42         | 120.28                               | 878.81      |
| 14        | SCHOOL OF MUSIC, WHISTLING WOODS INTERNATIONAL, MUMBAI                                 | 132.10             | 218.92               | 176.95                      | 228.51         | 119.45                               | 875.93      |
| 15        | CALCUTTA SCHOOL OF MUSIC, KOLKATA                                                      | 131.66             | 218.01               | 176.42                      | 227.9          | 119.35                               | 873.29      |
| 16        | RAJA MANSINGH TOMAR MUSIC & ARTS UNIVERSITY, GWALIOR                                   | 131.1              | 217.28               | 175.85                      | 227.48         | 118.45                               | 870.17      |
| 17        | EASTERN FARE MUSIC FOUNDATION, BANGALORE                                               | 130.94             | 216.74               | 174.89                      | 226.59         | 117.65                               | 866.81      |
| 18        | DELHI SCHOOL OF MUSIC, NEW DELHI                                                       | 130.8              | 216.34               | 174.58                      | 225.87         | 116.88                               | 864.51      |
| 19        | BANGALORE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, BANGALORE                                                   | 130.45             | 215.47               | 173.80                      | 225.54         | 116.78                               | 862.04      |
| 20        | GLOBAL MUSIC INSTITUTE, NOIDA                                                          | 130.26             | 214.61               | 173.74                      | 225            | 116.58                               | 859.99      |
| 21        | MUSICIANS INSTITUTE, BANGALORE                                                         | 129.41             | 213.95               | 172.91                      | 223.82         | 116.07                               | 856.16      |
| 22        | NATHANIEL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, BANGALORE                                                   | 129.27             | 213.65               | 172.01                      | 223.65         | 115.41                               | 853.99      |
| 23        | SURESH WADKAR'S AJIVASAN MUSIC ACADEMY, MUMBAI                                         | 128.54             | 213.23               | 171.90                      | 222.85         | 115.02                               | 851.54      |
| 24        | TANSEN SANGEET MAHAVIDYALAYA, DELHI                                                    | 128.24             | 212.99               | 171.53                      | 222.02         | 114.24                               | 849.02      |
| 25        | FURTADOS SCHOOL OF MUSIC, MUMBAI                                                       | 128.06             | 212.63               | 171.09                      | 221.54         | 113.72                               | 847.04      |

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# TOP 25 MUSIC INSTITUTIONS

| RANK 2023 | INSTITUTES NAME                                                                        | STATE          | ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXCELLENCE | INDUSTRY INTERFACE & PLACEMENT | INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES | GOVERNANCE & EXTENSION | DIVERSITY & OUTREACH | TOTAL SCORE |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
|           |                                                                                        |                | 400                            | 200                            | 150                         | 150                    | 100                  | 1000        |
| 1         | THE TAMIL NADU DR. J JAYALALITHAA MUSIC AND FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI              | Tamil Nadu     | 228.67                         | 184.55                         | 185.3                       | 122.83                 | 136.28               | 857.63      |
| 2         | FACULTY OF PERFORMING ARTS, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY (BHU), VARANASI                   | Uttar Pradesh  | 200.61                         | 190.86                         | 183.64                      | 141.83                 | 130.73               | 847.67      |
| 3         | KM MUSIC CONSERVATORY, CHENNAI                                                         | Tamil Nadu     | 241.93                         | 184.66                         | 182.43                      | 133.91                 | 103.07               | 846         |
| 4         | INDIRA KALA SANGEET VISHWAVIDYALAYA, KHAIRAGARH                                        | Chhattisgarh   | 240.12                         | 181.65                         | 163.93                      | 114.51                 | 130.03               | 830.24      |
| 5         | FACULTY OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI                             | Delhi          | 232.25                         | 172.88                         | 187.41                      | 104.81                 | 132.15               | 829.5       |
| 6         | DEPARTMENT OF VOCAL MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, RABINDRA BHARATI UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA | West Bengal    | 234.36                         | 192.74                         | 185.35                      | 105.94                 | 110.61               | 829         |
| 7         | KARNATAKA STATE DR. GANGUBHAI HANGAL MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS UNIVERSITY, MYSURU      | Karnataka      | 220.19                         | 166.65                         | 188.13                      | 138.88                 | 109.24               | 823.09      |
| 8         | SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI, NEW DELHI                                                       | Delhi          | 226.87                         | 192.1                          | 173.81                      | 105.08                 | 119.49               | 817.35      |
| 9         | SWATHI THIRUNAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM                                   | Kerala         | 229.41                         | 151.51                         | 189.43                      | 136.51                 | 104.17               | 811.03      |
| 10        | SWARNABHOOMI ACADEMY OF MUSIC, CHENNAI                                                 | Tamil Nadu     | 214.22                         | 188.47                         | 164.01                      | 134.84                 | 104.52               | 806.06      |
| 11        | SHANKAR MAHADEVAN ACADEMY, MUMBAI                                                      | Maharashtra    | 206.31                         | 177.91                         | 188.88                      | 110.02                 | 121.32               | 804.44      |
| 12        | TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT MUSIC COLLEGE, CHENNAI                                           | Tamil Nadu     | 209.59                         | 160.46                         | 193.82                      | 113.64                 | 126.74               | 804.25      |
| 13        | THE TRUE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, MUMBAI                                                       | Maharashtra    | 241.77                         | 157.35                         | 149.9                       | 112.41                 | 142.25               | 803.68      |
| 14        | SCHOOL OF MUSIC, WHISTLING WOODS INTERNATIONAL, MUMBAI                                 | Maharashtra    | 207.68                         | 150.11                         | 186.17                      | 129.82                 | 127.23               | 801.01      |
| 15        | CALCUTTA SCHOOL OF MUSIC, KOLKATA                                                      | West Bengal    | 207.72                         | 180.96                         | 162.79                      | 118.68                 | 130.18               | 800.33      |
| 16        | RAJA MANSINGH TOMAR MUSIC & ARTS UNIVERSITY, GWALIOR                                   | Madhya Pradesh | 212.38                         | 183.65                         | 188.49                      | 110.4                  | 104.72               | 799.64      |
| 17        | EASTERN FARE MUSIC FOUNDATION, BANGALORE                                               | Karnataka      | 226.16                         | 154.75                         | 180.55                      | 132.81                 | 102.03               | 796.3       |
| 18        | DELHI SCHOOL OF MUSIC, NEW DELHI                                                       | Delhi          | 202.13                         | 179.23                         | 160.85                      | 133.44                 | 114.26               | 789.91      |
| 19        | BANGALORE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, BANGALORE                                                   | Karnataka      | 205.25                         | 161.43                         | 173.92                      | 119.05                 | 123.48               | 783.13      |
| 20        | GLOBAL MUSIC INSTITUTE, NOIDA                                                          | Uttar Pradesh  | 222.42                         | 165.45                         | 158.2                       | 110.82                 | 126.14               | 783.03      |
| 21        | MUSICIANS INSTITUTE, BANGALORE                                                         | Karnataka      | 209.68                         | 172.23                         | 159.47                      | 126.85                 | 104.79               | 773.02      |
| 22        | NATHANIEL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, BANGALORE                                                   | Karnataka      | 214.46                         | 164.42                         | 158.46                      | 103.83                 | 130.95               | 772.12      |
| 23        | SURESH WADKAR'S AJIVASAN MUSIC ACADEMY, MUMBAI                                         | Maharashtra    | 199.85                         | 162.13                         | 175.04                      | 101.53                 | 126.98               | 765.53      |
| 24        | TANSEN SANGEET MAHAVIDYALAYA, DELHI                                                    | Delhi          | 219.94                         | 153.18                         | 154.76                      | 107.89                 | 127.97               | 763.74      |
| 25        | FURTADOS SCHOOL OF MUSIC, MUMBAI                                                       | Maharashtra    | 209.41                         | 155.86                         | 172.9                       | 101.5                  | 111.24               | 750.91      |

