

Savitribai Phule Pune University
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1	Name of Department	ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune (Under the Department of Biotechnology)	
	About Department:	<p>The ICMR-National Institute of Virology (ICMR-NIV) is a premier virus research Institute in India affiliated to the Savitribai Phule Pune University.</p> <p>M. Sc. Virology course is a focused, unique, need-oriented postgraduate programme for cultivating and developing adequately trained human resource in virology for academic, industry and health sectors. This course was therefore started to fulfill this critical requirement and develop manpower capable of understanding and implementing theoretical and practical aspects of Virology. The admission to M.Sc. Virology is conducted at a National level following Central Govt. Reservation policy.</p>	
	Department website link	https://niv.icmr.org.in/form/root/manpower-development/msc-phe	
2	Courses offered:		
	a Name of the course/s	Master of Science in Virology	
	b Duration of course/s	Two years	
	c Application fee:	General Category / candidates from out of Maharashtra	Reserved Categories (with Maharashtra domicile)
		Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 800/-
	d Course Fee:	For candidates domiciled in Maharashtra and migrant student from Jammu & Kashmir.	Rs. 40,000/- per year approximately*

			For candidates not domiciled in Maharashtra.	Rs. 75,000/- per year approximately*
			International Students: International students will not be considered for the admission.	
			Fees for Govt. sponsored candidates: Candidates from Government agencies may pay the fees prescribed for the Maharashtra-domiciled students.	
			Fees for industry sponsored candidates: Rs. 1,50,000/- approximately per year with the exception of industries collaborating with ICMR-NIV or candidates sponsored by small-scale industries. Candidates from industries having collaborative projects with ICMR-NIV and candidates from small-scale industries pay the fees prescribed for the Maharashtra-domiciled students.	
			* Fee structure may be revised and candidates will be informed at the time of admission.	
	e	Syllabus of the course/s:	http://collegecirculars.unipune.ac.in/sites/documents/Syllabus2024/MSc%20Virology%20year%20I%20and%20II%20NEP_27082024.pdf	
	f	Eligibility:	Eligibility Criteria	Minimum Percentage required
				Open Reserved
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.Sc. / M.Sc. in Biotechnology / Botany / Chemistry / Clinical Laboratory Science / Life Sciences/ Microbiology / Zoology/ Biochemistry • B.Sc. in Medical Lab Technology • B. Tech in Biotechnology/Life Science • M.B.B.S./ B.V.Sc ./ B.Sc. in Medical Science 	60% 55%

	g	Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attested copy of final-year mark sheet if you have already obtained your qualifying degree • Attested copy of your previous-year mark sheet if you will be appearing for the final-year exam of your qualifying degree during academic year 2025-26 and result is awaited. • Attested copies of caste certificates from competent authority • Attested copy of non-creamy layer certificate as applicable for OBC • Attested copy of domicile certificate OR certificate of SSC and HSC examinations if candidate is domicile of Maharashtra. • Attested copy of relevant certificates for EWS category • Medical certificate in case of physically handicapped. • Attested copies of proof for Kashmiri Migrant and children of defense personnel and ex-servicemen. • Attested copies of certificates of participation in National/State/University level Cultural or Sports events. • Original Transference/Migration certificates at the time of admission <p>All above mentioned original certificates will be verified at the time of admission.</p> <p>An application form incomplete in any respect will be rejected.</p>
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		<p>Required documents:</p> <p>For Govt sponsored candidate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of approval for pursuing the course/ No objection certificate from the Head of the sponsoring Institution 2. Evidence of being in permanent employment (Job offer letter) and service of minimum 2-years duration thereafter (Experience certificate). 3. Attested copies of marksheets, degree certificates and other relevant certificates fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria for admission. <p>For candidates sponsored by Industry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsorship letter by Managing Director / owner of the industry along with attested copy of Industry Registration Certificate granted by the Directorate / Ministry of Industries / Technical Advisors of Industrial Development Corporations or Development Commissioners of Special Economic Zones. 2. Evidence of being in permanent employment (Job offer letter) and service of minimum 2-years duration thereafter (Experience certificate from company). 3. Attested copy of the PAN card of the candidate. 4. Certificate of Director of ICMR-NIV for collaborating industry (Optional). 5. Small scale industry registration certificate (Optional). 				
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		Seat Distribution				

Category	Reservation Percentage*	Number of seats
SC	15%	3
ST	7.5%	1
OBC (non-creamy layer)	27%	5
Economically weaker section (EWS)	10%	2
PWD category (horizontal reservation)	5%	1
Open Category (including horizontal reservations for one seat for defense personnel's/ Ex-Serviceman's child)	35.5%	8
	Total seats	20
Over and above regular quota of seats	J & K migrant	1
	Sports/ Cultural quota (National/State /University level)	1
Sponsored	Govt./Industry	2
	Total	24

* Reservation percentage as per Central Reservation policy. All reservation category candidates under the category NT- B, NT-C, NT-D, DT(A)/VJ, SBC will be considered under the OBC category for preparation of Merit list.

All migrant students of J & K will have to appear for entrance test. Only one student from this category will be admitted to this course over and above the sanctioned intake capacity on the basis of merit and other rules and regulations applicable as per Government norms.

		<p>Sponsored candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of two sponsored candidates as indicated above would be admitted over and above the numbered regular seats. • Sponsored candidates should satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria for M. Sc. Virology course. • Admission of sponsored candidates will be at discretion of the Director, ICMR-NIV and Head, Dept. of Biotechnology, SPPU on fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria. • Sponsored candidates need not appear for the entrance test. They however, should use the format provided for online application and make application to the Director, NIV along with the sponsorship letter. They may be required to appear for an interview. <p>Sponsoring organizations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Government Departments / Agencies may sponsor their employees/ fellows. 2. Industry may sponsor a candidate by providing evidence that the industry is working on projects related to viral diseases or is willing to take up a project in the field of viral diseases. The industry-sponsored candidate must be an employee of the industry.
		<p>Fellowships:</p> <p>Nil</p>
3.	Department Contact Information*	<p>* For any information on the nature, scope and prospects of the course, candidates should visit the website No direct queries/ phone calls on the pattern of the question paper will be entertained.</p>
	a	<p>Names of the contact persons:</p> <p>Dr. Manohar Lal Choudhary</p>
	b	<p>Designations of contact persons:</p> <p>Scientist 'E', In-Charge, Academic Cell</p>
	c	<p>Contact timings:</p> <p>9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (Mon-Fri)</p>
	d	<p>Telephone Number/s:</p> <p>ICMR-NIV, Pashan: +91-20-25906804, 25906890</p>
	e	<p>e-mail</p> <p>nivmscvirology@gmail.com</p>
	f	<p>Address:</p> <p>ICMR-NIV Pashan Office: ICMR-National Institute of Virology, 130/1 Sus Road, Pashan, Pune – 411021.</p>