

Empowering Northeast India: NFDC Offers Free Residential VFX & Animation Training for Youth

Free 8-Month Residential Training in 3D Animation & VFX; 100 Candidates to Be Selected for Fully-Funded Skill Program

Last Date to Apply - 15th August 2025

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The National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC), under the aegis of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, launches a fully residential training program in **3D Animation and Visual Effects (VFX)** exclusively for aspiring professionals from the **North Eastern region of India**.

The program is open to individuals from **any of the eight North Eastern states**: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. Applicants must be at least **18 years of age as of June 2025**. Upon successful completion of the program, all participants will receive a **Joint Certificate issued by NFDC and the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)**.

The minimum eligibility is a **10+2 pass**, or a **10th pass with at least three years of relevant industry experience**. A nominal, non-refundable **registration fee of ₹1,180 (inclusive of taxes)** is applicable for processing applications. Interested candidates may register online by visiting the official NFDC website at www.nfdcindia.com, or by going directly to the dedicated registration portal at <https://skill.nfdcindia.com/Specialproject>. The **last date for registration is 15th August, 2025**. For queries or support related to the application process, candidates may write to skillindia@nfdcindia.com

A total of **100 candidates** will be selected through a screening and evaluation process to undergo this intensive **8-month residential training program**, to be delivered in collaboration with NFDC's training partner **Aptech Ltd**. The program will be conducted at a fully-equipped training facility in **Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh**, and will be divided into two parts: six months of rigorous classroom-based instruction in 3D Animation and VFX, followed by two months of industry exposure through on-the-job training. The training will include hands-on learning modules, industry-relevant projects, and

exposure to real-world workflows used in film studios and content creation companies.

Each selected participant will be provided with a **high-performance laptop** to support their learning throughout the program.

Importantly, the entire training, including boarding and lodging, is being offered **completely free of cost**. Selected candidates will receive **free residential accommodation, three meals a day**, and access to training resources and mentorship support at no financial burden. This initiative is designed to ensure that talented youth from economically and geographically disadvantaged regions are able to participate in India's growing digital economy on an equal footing.

Recognising the vast yet underutilised creative potential of India's North Eastern states, NFDC has strategically designed this initiative to address regional disparities pertaining to accessibility to professional training and skilling infrastructure. This is the third such edition of NFDC's Residential Program dedicated to the youth of the North East, with the objective of building a pipeline of skilled digital artists and animation professionals from the region. The program aims not only to equip participants with high-demand technical skills but also to serve as a springboard for employment, entrepreneurship, and long-term economic empowerment.

NFDC, a Government of India enterprise, has been a key institution in the cinematic and creative ecosystem of the country. While it is widely recognised for its role in producing and promoting meaningful Indian cinema, NFDC has also emerged as a trusted implementation agency for skill development, providing end-to-end solutions including training, assessment, certification, and placement support. It has been instrumental in delivering structured programs that cater to the evolving demands of the M&E industry—across domains such as animation, filmmaking, VFX, gaming, digital content creation, and advertising.

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