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State-level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) 2020-21

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The National Talent Search Examination for students studying in Class X is meant to identify the nurture talents. The examination is conducted every year at two levels: Stage - 1 (State Level) and Stage -II (National Level).

Eligibility

The students of Class X during the academic year (2020-2021) in any Government/Aided/Recognized Schools/Kendriya Vidyalaya/Navodaya Vidyalaya in Kerala are eligible to apply for the State-level NTS Examination.

Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship provided the student is below the age of 18 years and is appearing in Class X examination for the first time.

Pupils who have secured not less than 55% marks (for SC/ST students it is not less than 50%) for all non-language subjects in the last examination of class IX (2019-2020) will be admitted for the examination.

Fees

General Category   : Rs.250/-
(including OBC,OEC, EWS)
SC/ST   : Rs.100/-

Scholarships: About two thousand scholarships are awarded for different stages of education as follows :

  (a) *Scholarship of Rs. 1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.*
  (b) *Scholarship of Rs. 2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.*
  (c) *Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D is fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.*

Reservation: At the Stage-I Examination **15%** for students belonging to the **SC** category, **7.5%** for students belonging to the **ST** category and **27%** for students belonging to **OBC** category   (Non-creamy   layer   as   per   central   list   available   on

. 10% for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) those who have not covered under the reservation scheme for SCs/STs/OBCs. **4%**(within the category) for children with benchmark disabilities (PWD) of which, one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (d) and (e) namely:

(a) *Blindness and low vision: (BLV)*
(b) *Deaf and hard of hearing: (DH)*
(c) *loco motor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy: (LD)*
(d) *Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness: (AID)*
(e) *Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities: (MD).*

Selection: Stage-1 selection will be done by States/UTs and those who are selected/recommended from **Stage - I** examination, will be eligible to appear for **Stage -II** examination, conducted by NCERT.

Qualifying Marks: Qualifying marks for candidates from SC/ST/PWD (Persons With Disability category is 32**%** in each paper and for others (General/OBC/OEC and EWS) categories it is **40%** in each paper.

From among the candidates who are qualifying the stage I examination only 220 candidates will be selected for Stage II examination as per the quota and guidelines of NCERT. **When there is tie in the lowest score, in the selected list all those students who scored the particular score will be included in the list.**

Pattern of Examination, marks and time allocation of stage 1 examination are given below. All the questions will be MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions) with four options.

Details of the papers, marks and time limits are as given under:

Test	No. of Questions	Time Limit	Segment wise Break up of marks	Qualifying Marks	Remarks
Mental Ability Test (MAT)	100	120 mts (30 mts extra for Visually Challenged Candidates)		32 % for SC/ST/PWD Candidates 40 % for others	No Negative Marking
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	120 mts (30 mts extra for Visually Challenged Candidates)	20 Mathematics 40 Social science 40 Science	32 % for SC/ST/PWD Candidates 40 % for others	No Negative Marking

Procedure of the Stage I Examination

The examination will be conducted in **Two Parts** of 120 minutes duration each.

Part I   Mental Ability Test (MAT) comprises of 100 objective type questions.

Syllabus

Questions testing verbal and nonverbal, meta-cognitive abilities like reasoning and critical thinking. The questions in the test may be on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figure and other similar questions.

In the State as well as National level examinations (Stage I & II) four languages ie. English, Malayalam, Tamil and Kannada can be opted as medium.

Part II   Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) comprises of 100 objective type questions from Social Science, Science and Mathematics.

Syllabus

a. Complete portions of Std IX & portions up to IInd term of Std X of State syllabus for the current academic year for the subjects Science, Social Science, Mathematics
b. Complete portions of Std IX & portions up to IInd term of Std X of CBSE syllabus for the current academic year for the subjects Science, Social Science and Mathematics
c. Certain portions studied in lower classes which are essential for the proper understanding of the subjects above. The questions will be of higher order involving application and reasoning.

Date of Examination is 13.12.2020

(i)   **Part I:** MAT consists of 100 objective type questions

10 am to 12 Noon	All candidates except disabled candidates
10 am to 12.30 pm	Disabled candidates only

(ii)   **Part II:** SAT consists of 100 objective type questions in Social Science, Science subjects & Mathematics.

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm	All candidates except disabled candidates
1.30 pm to 4.00 pm	Disabled candidates only

For more details visit www.scert.kerala.gov.in

Stage II Examination

The Candidates who are qualifying   the stage 1 Examination are eligible for appearing the National Level Examination (Stage II) which will be conducted by the NCERT. The Stage II examination will include the complete syllabus of Std X of CBSE.

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Kerala is organising the State-level National Talent Search Examination for the students of Class X on 13 December, 2020.

Important Instructions to Candidates

Applications are to be submitted only through online mode.

Important Dates

Opening Date for the online application	*17.10.2020*
Last Date for the submission of online application	*16.11.2020 5 pm*
Last Date for the Verification of Application by the Principal/HM	*20.11.2020 5 pm*

Instructions for Submitting Online application

➢ **General Instructions for Submitting Online application**

Before starting to fill up the online application, the candidate should keep at hand the following details/documents:-

- Candidates are required to fill up all the required details carefully without making any mistake.
- A valid E-mail ID(Gmail account only) and Mobile Number is mandatory for the registration of your Online Application. The E-mail ID and Mobile number should be kept active till the declaration of Stage I result. The SCERT will send essential information with regard to your application and examination in this registered E-mail/Mobile number. In case, a candidate does not have a valid personal email ID, he/she should create his/her own new email ID before filling up the online application.
- It is advised that the candidates must proceed to the payment immediately before the registration process. Payment can be done through **SB collect** by using a Credit Card, ATM-Debit Card, RuPay Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS, Net Banking and challan mode. Once the payment is successful and application is submitted, **no refund of application fee** will be done.
- After remitting fee you will get a SB collect reference number starting with **D............**in your registered mobile number.
- If challan mode of payment is required select SBI branch in the payment window in Other Payment Modes.

- Download the challan, get a printout and remit the fee in any SBI Branch. As soon as you download the challan you will receive the SB collect reference number in your mobile.
- The candidates may enter the reference number and date on the space provided in the registration page and proceed to fill the other details and register.
- The username and password will be displayed in the registration page itself as well as in your registered email.
- **Online application can be successfully completed and you can take the printout only after the payment of the fees**.
- Once the registration is completed, you may login with the user ID and password after 24 hours.
- If the candidate is not able to register after making the successful payment due to any technical reason, again go to the registration page and fill up all the details with the same Reference number previously received from the bank and a new password will be visible.
- After Login, you can fill the details in the online application form.
- There is a provision to edit, update and save the application.
- Save the details already entered in the online application form.
- Before submitting the application form, the candidates should carefully verify the data. After confirmation, editing is not possible. Once submitted, no changes in the application form will be entertained.
- No online Registration shall be permitted after the closing date.
- Before applying online, the candidate will be required to have a soft copy/scanned (digital) image (in JPG/JPEG format) of his/her recent Passport Size Photograph ((Maximum size : Between 40kb and 60 kb, Image Dimension : 150W X 200H px, Image Type: jpg/jpeg format)) and Signature ((Maximum size : Between 40kb and 60 kb).
- Relevant certificates like Caste Certificate for SC/ST, OBC (Non Creamy Layer as per central list) ((Click here for format)), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) certificate from the competent authority ((Click here for format)), Disability Certificate from Medical Board (Each Certificate must be scanned in pdf format and **size should not exceed more than 500 KB).**

Candidates should have a valid personal e-mail ID (Gmail account only) and mobile number. It should be kept active during the entire process. All other important communications will be sent on the same registered e-mail ID (Please ensure that email sent to this mailbox is not redirected to your junk/spam folder).

Candidates should take utmost care to furnish the correct details while filling up the online application. You can edit the information ONLY before **CONFIRMATION & SUBMISSION**

Once confirmation is given, it cannot be edited.

After **CONFIRMATION** the candidates are advised to keep with them the hard copy of the application and submit one copy to the Principal/HM with original certificate for final approval.

Instructions to Principal /HM

The Principal/HM has to login using Sampoorna user ID and password in the link available in the SCERT website and have to **VERIFY** the application with the original documents. Only the applications verified by the Principal /HM will be considered.

Do not send the hard copy of the application and certificates to the SCERT.

The original application form with relevant documents has to be kept in the safe custody of the head of the institution. The applications with relevant documents should be produced as and when required.

They have to enter their user name and password to get the admit card from the SCERT Website.

Visit website www.scert.kerala.gov.in

Support Helpdesk Details

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO Application Form,

CALL ON 0471 - 2346113, 7736702691,7012146452,9744640038
Email to ntsescertkerala@gmail.com

THE PHONE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10:00 AM and 05:00 PM.

* Saturday and Sunday are Holidays.

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