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**STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
EXAMINATION (2021-22)**

INFORMATION BROCHURE

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IMPORTANT DATES

Opening of Online Application	: 27.10.2021
Last date for successful remittance of fee through Credit Card/Debit Card/Net-Banking/UPI/NEFT/RTGS/Challan Mode	: 20.11.2021, 11.45 pm
Last date for the submission of online application	: 22.11.2021, 5 pm
Last date for the Verification of Application by the Principal/HM	: 25.11.2021, 5 pm
Fee Payable by Candidate	
General	: Rs.250/-
SC/ST /PwBD	: Rs.100/-
(Processing charges & Goods and Services Tax (GST) are to be paid by the candidate, as applicable)	
Date of Examination	: 30.01.2022
Duration of Examination	: MAT 10 am to 12 noon. (10 am to 12.30 pm for PwBD) : SAT 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm (1.30 pm to 04.00 pm for PwBD)
Exam Centre, Date and Time of Examination	: As indicated on Admit Card
Publishing of Answer Keys	: Will be announced later on the website
Website address	: www.scert.kerala.gov.in
Declaration of Result on website green	: Will be announced later after getting signal from NCERT
Languages of the Examination (For both State and National level)	: English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada

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 - I (State Level) and Stage-II (National Level).

Eligibility

The students of Class X during the academic year (2021-2022) in any Government/Aided/Recognized Schools/ Kendriya Vidyalaya/Navodaya Vidyalaya/Sainik schools /Residential schools in Kerala are eligible to apply for the State-level NTS Examination.

Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for the 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 (2020-2021) will be admitted for the examination.

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 www.ncbc.nic.in/userpanel/centralliststateview.aspx), 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 (PwBD) of which, one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one percent 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).*

Indian Students Studying Abroad in Class X can appear directly to NCERT for Stage II NTS Examination under conditions prescribed in the NTSE brochure, which is available on the NCERT website.

Selection:Stage-I 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/ PwBD (Persons with Benchmark 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 (Qualifying mark does not mean that they are recommended for Stage II examination). All the tie cases at the cut off scores for each category will also be included.

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

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

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 PwBD)		32 % for SC/ST/PwBD Candidates, 40 % for others	No Negative Marking
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	120 mts (30 mts extra for PwBD)	20 Mathematics 40 Social science 40 Science	32 % for SC/ST/PwBD Candidates, 40 % for others	No Negative Marking

Syllabus 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.

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

Syllabus

- 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
- 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
- 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.

Stage II Examination

The Candidates who qualify the Stage I Examination and are eligible will be recommended 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.

Important Dates

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Last Date for the Verification of Application by the Principal/HM	: 25.11.2021, 5 pm
Admit Card (can be downloaded 10 days before the commencement of the examination)	

Instructions for Submitting Online application

Applications are to be submitted only through online mode.

► 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 Email ID(Gmail account only) and Mobile Number is mandatory for the registration of your Online Application. The Email 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 Email/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.
- Before applying online, the candidate must have a soft copy/scanned (digital) image (in JPG/JPEG format) of his/her recent Passport Size Photograph (*Maximum size : Between 40 KB and 60 KB, Image Dimension : 150W X 200H px, Image Type: jpg/jpeg format*) and Signature (*Maximum size :Between 40 KB and 60 KB, Image Type: jpg/jpeg format*).
- Relevant certificates like Caste Certificate for SC/ST, OBC (Non Creamy Layer as per central list), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) certificate from the competent authority, Disability Certificate from Medical Board. (*Each Certificate must be scanned in pdf format and size should not exceed more than 500 KB*).
- It is advised that the candidates must proceed to the payment during the registration process itself. 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.

- Once the registration is completed, you can login with the user ID and password and can fill the details in the application.
- 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.
- 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.
- You can submit the application and take the print out only after 24 hours (*after the verification and updation of payment status*).
- No online Registration shall be permitted after the closing date.
- After completing the online application procedure you can take the printout.

Candidates should have a valid personal Email 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 Email ID (Please ensure that Email sent to this mailbox is not redirected to your junk/spam folder).

Instructions to Principal /HM

The Principal/HM has to login using Sampoorana user ID and password **in the link available in the SCERT website** and have to **VERIFY** the application with the original documents. The Principal/HM has the provision to edit the application if required and give the **approval**.

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.

ADMIT CARD(can be downloaded 10 days before the commencement of the examination)
**THEY HAVE TO ENTER THEIR USER NAME AND PASSWORD TO GET THE ADMIT CARD FROM THE
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Visit website www.scert.kerala.gov.in
IF YOU REQUIRE ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO NTSE

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**THE PHONE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10:00 AM and 05:00 PM
Office will be closed on 2nd Saturday, Govt declared Holidays and Sundays**

25/10/2021



**Director
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