

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT :
ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR



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STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NTSE), 2020-2021

Applications are invited for State Level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Stage-I, 2020-2021 **to select 259 candidates** for National Level Talent Search Examination Stage-II, 2021 from eligible students **studying in Class X in recognized schools** located in the state of Odisha. State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2020-2021 **shall be held on 13.12.2020 (Sunday)** as per the details given below.

Examination : National Talent Search Examination, 2020-2021 shall be conducted **in two stages**.

Stage - I : State Level National Talent Search Examination shall be conducted **on 13.12.2020 (Sunday)** for selection of candidates to National Talent Search Examination.

Stage - II : National Level Talent Search Examination shall be conducted by NCERT for candidates selected through Stage - I. The National Level written examination shall be conducted **on 2nd Sunday, i.e., 13th June, 2021**.

Examination Fees : The candidates **are not required to pay** any examination fee. However, they shall have to bear their own expenses for coming and going to Examination Centre to appear at the examination.

Eligibility : Students **studying in Class X during 2020-2021 in any recognized schools of Odisha are eligible** to appear National Talent Search Examination Stage-I. They must have passed Class IX Annual Examination securing **at least 60% of marks or equivalent for General, OBC and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and 55% for reserved categories (SC, ST, and PH)**. There shall be no domicile restriction.

For ODL students: Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship, provided the student is below the age of 18 years (as on 1st July of the particular year), the student is not employed and she/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.

State Quota for Odisha : **259** candidates shall be selected for National Level Talent Search Examination. Within this quota, there shall be **27%** reservation for **OBC**, **15%** reservation for **SC**, **7.5%** for **ST**, **10%** for **Economically Weaker Section (EWS)** those who have not covered under the reservation scheme for SCs/STs/OBCs and **4%** for physically challenged candidates.

Examination Subjects : The State Level NTSE, 2020-2021 consists of Mental Ability Test (MAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The distribution of No of items, marks and duration (time) shall be as follows :

Test Type	Total Marks	No. of Items	Duration (in minutes)
Mental Ability Test	100	100	120
Scholastic Aptitude Test	100	100	120

1. **Mental Ability Test (MAT)** consists of **100 multiple choice items** on reasoning and critical thinking to be answered in **120 minutes**. The questions may be **on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figures etc.**
2. **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** consists of **100 multiple choice items** from **Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics** to be answered in **120 minutes**.

Syllabus : There is **no syllabus** for State Level NTS Examination. However, mostly questions shall be asked based on syllabi for Classes IX and X.

Selection Procedure : To sit in Stage-II examination of NTS, the qualifying marks is **40% in each individual paper, i.e. MAT and SAT**. For **reserved category**, i.e. SC/ST/PH category the qualifying mark is **32% in each paper**. The **Merit List** shall be **prepared** on the basis of the **total marks secured** in MAT and SAT.

Stage II : The Stage II NTS Examination is conducted by NCERT, New Delhi

Scholarship : There are 2000 scholarships for the entire country. Awardees of NTS Examination shall receive scholarship **up to Ph.D. level in Basic Sciences, Social Sciences and Commerce, and Post Graduation level in Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law** subject to satisfactory academic progress. The rate of scholarship is indicated below :

- a) Scholarship of Rs.1250.00 per month for Class XI and XII
- b) Scholarship of Rs.2000.00 per month for under graduates and post- graduates
- c) Amount of scholarship for Ph.D. in accordance with the UGC norms.

Centre for State Level NTS Examination : Government Colleges and Government High Schools located at the district headquarters.

How to Apply : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging **www.scertodisha.nic.in**. **After filling up** of the Application Form online, he / she is **required to take the printout of the same and submit it in the concerned School / Institution. The head of the institution shall validate & forward it to the concerned District Education Officer.** The District Education Officer shall allot the Examination Centre, scrutinize and verify all the documents and put the auto-generated Eleven-digit roll number and validate the Online Application Form. **The Admit Card shall be prepared at TE and SCERT level which can be downloaded by the Candidate / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by candidates and submission of hard copies in schools by students	16.10.2020 to 28.10.2020
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	By 31.10.2020
Validation of Application Forms by District Education Office	By 05.11.2020
Download of Admit Cards by the Candidates	01.12.2020 to 13.12.2020
Date of Examination	13.12.2020 (2nd Sunday)

Documents to be submitted along with the hard copy of the Online Application Form :

- **Caste Certificate**, as applicable, for **OBC / SC / ST** candidate issued by the concerned Tahsildar / Additional Tahsildar.
- **Economically Weaker Section (EWS)** candidate shall submit the same certificate issued by Revenue Officer/ Tahsildar/ Additional Tahsildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped candidates** issued by the concerned District Medical Board.

Filled-in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 28.10.2020 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School shall not be accepted & it should be reached by 31.10.2020 to the DEO office.

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