

**DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT :
ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR**

STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NTSE), 2018-2019

Applications are invited for State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2018-2019 **to select 129 candidates** for National Level Talent Search Examination, 2019 from eligible students **studying in Class X in recognized schools** located in the state of Odisha. State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2018-2019 **shall be held on 04.11.2018 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

Examination : National Talent Search Examination, 2018-2019 shall be conducted **in two stages.**

Stage - I : State Level National Talent Search Examination shall be conducted **on 04.11.2018 (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., 12th May, 2019.**

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 2018-2019 in any recognized schools of Odisha are eligible** to appear National Talent Search Examination. They must have passed Class IX Annual Examination securing **at least 60% of marks or equivalent (relaxable by 5% for reserved categories)**. There shall be no domicile restriction.

For ODL students: All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage-I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the schools are located. The following conditions shall apply:

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 s/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.

State Quota for Odisha : **129** 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** and **4%** for **physically challenged** candidates.

Examination Subjects : The State Level NTSE, 2018-2019 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, 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 conducted by NCERT, New Delhi

Scholarship : There are **1000** 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 :

- Scholarship of Rs.1250.00 per month for Class XI and XII
- Scholarship of Rs.2000.00 per month for under graduates and post-graduates
- 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 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 twelve 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.**

For detailed instruction for filling up of Online Application Form, refer to **USER MANUAL** available in the web-site.

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by the candidates	<i>From 07.08.2018 to 25.08.2018</i>
Submission of hard copy of Online Application Form to the Headmasters / Headmistress by the candidates.	<i>By 31.08.2018</i>
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	<i>By 07.09.2018</i>
Validation of Application Forms after scrutiny by District Education Officers	<i>By 17.09.2018</i>
Download of Admit Cards by the Heads of Institution	<i>After 22.10.2018</i>
Despatch of Roll Sheets to the Centres by TE and SCERT	<i>By 27.10.2018</i>
Date of Examination	<i>04.11.2018 (Sunday)</i>

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 Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.

Filled-in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 31.08.2018 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School shall not be accepted.

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