



# NTSE



Department of Education  
Government of Kerala



State Council of Educational  
Research and Training (SCERT) Kerala

## State-level National Talent Search (NTS) Examination 2018 - 2019

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

**Scholarships :** About one 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/user\\_panel/centralliststateview.aspx](http://www.ncbc.nic.in/user_panel/centralliststateview.aspx) and 4% for Physically Challenged Group of Students, with benchmark disabilities of which one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under class (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent for persons with benchmark disabilities under clause (d) and (c) namely:

- (a) blindness and low vision: (BLV)
- (b) deaf and hard of hearing: (DH)
- (c) locomotor 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 -1** examination will be eligible to appear for **Stage -II** examination, conducted by NCERT.

**Qualifying Marks :** Qualifying marks for candidates from SC/ST/PH category is **32%** in each paper and for other categories it is **40%** in each paper

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

As per new regulation there will not be a Language Test. Details of the papers, marks and time allotted are as given under:

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

### Procedure of the test - Stage I Examination

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

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

#### Syllabus

- Complete portions of std IX & portions upto II<sup>nd</sup> 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 upto II<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Part II** Mental Ability Test (MAT) comprises of 100 objective type questions

#### Syllabus

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

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

### Date of Examination is 18.11.2018

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

10 am to 12 Noon

All candidates except disabled candidates

10 am to 12.30 pm

Disabled candidates only

- (ii) **Part II:** MAT consists of 100 objective type questions.

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](http://www.scert.kerala.gov.in)*

## Stage II Examination

National Level Examination (Stage II) include 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 18 November, 2018.*

## Important Instructions to Candidates

### Eligibility

The students of Class X during this academic year (2018 - 19) in any Government/Aided/Recognised 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% for all non-language subjects in the qualifying examination of class IX of 2017-18 will be admitted for the examination.

- Applications are to be submitted only through online
- Open the website of SCERT Kerala ([www.scert.kerala.gov.in](http://www.scert.kerala.gov.in))

## Important Dates

<i>Opening Date for online Application</i>	<i>17.09.2018</i>
<i>Last Date of fee remittance</i>	<i>28.09.2018 upto 11.45 pm</i>
<i>Closing Date for submission of online application</i>	<i>30.09.2018: 5pm</i>
<i>Last Date of Verification of Application by HM</i>	<i>06.10.2018: 5pm</i>

## Instructions for Online Payment

Pupils are directed to apply **Online**. Read the following instructions carefully.

- Click on the link online payment of NTSE fee (SBI) 2018-19
- Enter the required details correctly. (*Details once entered here cannot be edited*).
- Press submit button
- Click on the options for remittance of the fee (*Credit card/Debit card, Internet banking/SBI Branch - challan mode*)  
(*Fee for General Category including OBC is Rs.250/- For SC/ST/ BPL Category is Rs.100*).
- The payment of Application fee is through online mode via Debit card, Credit card, challan or internet banking through State Bank collect System of State Bank of India.  
(*Application once submitted cannot be withdrawn and fee once paid will not be refunded in any case. Candidates are advised not to attempt for registration more than once. In case of multiple registrations, their candidature is liable for cancellation/rejection without any notice/ intimation*).
- If challan mode of payment is selected, download the challan, get a printout and remit the fee in any SBI Branch.(*click on other payment mode will get challan*)

- After remitting fee you will get a **SB collect reference number** starting with DU.....  
For internet banking also you will get the same.
- The NTSE application will be open again only after **12** hours after the payment of the fee either online or at the bank counter.
- Do not apply online more than once.
- Login to NTSE application in the SCERT website using SB collect reference number and date of birth to proceed further for filling the application form.  
In the window one can view **Online Application Entry**  
**Online Application Editing**
- After entering the details of each student logout and then enter the website again to enter the details of another student.

### **Instructions for Submitting Online application**

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

- Relevant certificates like caste certificate for SC/ST, OBC (*Non-Creamy Layer*), Disability Certificate from Medical Board, BPL Certificate (*Each Certificate must be scanned in pdf format and size should not exceed more than 2MB* ).
- Scanned photograph (size ranging 50 to 100 KB in jpg/jpeg format).

Candidates should have a valid personal e-mail ID 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 in the online application. You can edit the information before **CONFIRMATION** using application ID and application number in **Online Application Editing**.

### **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 HM/Principal with original certificate for final approval.

### **Instructions to HM/Principal**

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

### **Do not send the hard copy of the application and certificates to SCERT office**

The original application form with relevant documents have 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.

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***They have to enter their Application ID and Application Number to get the admit card from SCERT Website.***

***Visit website [www.scert.kerala.gov.in](http://www.scert.kerala.gov.in)***

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