

NFE is envisaged for organising educational programmes for marginalized and out-of-school populations to draw them into mainstream education. Special Education, Population Education & National Talent Search Examination come under this department.

**1. SPECIAL EDUCATION / INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR THE DISABLED (IED)**

IED is a centrally sponsored programme implemented in Kerala since 1975. It aims to provide equity in opportunity to the deprived groups, thus helping them to get into the mainstream of the society.

**2. POPULATION EDUCATION (POPED)**

The activities of POPED are two-fold: population education programmes supported by the Govt. of Kerala and those funded by UNFPA. It conducts several programs for teachers, students, opinion makers, administrators of school education about adolescent education, help education, AIDS education, Life-skill education etc.

**3 NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NTSE)**

SCERT plays a major role in preparing students for the NTSE (conducted by NCERT by administering the screening test at state level)