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From : Deputy Director School Education (Admin), W.B.

To : The District Inspector of Schools (S.E.), W.B.
P.O. _____ Dist. _____

Subject: **General Circular in connection with National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship for Class VIII for the year 2019.**

The Govt. of India introduced National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMS) for poor and meritorious students (regular) of class VIII of all Govt., Govt. Sponsored, Local Bodies and Govt. aided schools and Madrasahs throughout India. The **students studying in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, and State Govt. run residential schools where facilities like boarding, lodging and education are provided and students studying in private schools are not eligible to apply or get scholarship.**

Total scholarship quota for our State is 7250 out of 100000 all India quota. Scholarship will be awarded in favour of the eligible poor & meritorious students maintaining the Govt. of India guidelines strictly and a merit list of selected candidates will be prepared through **a selection test to be held on 17.11.2019.**

All the D.I/S (S.E) are requested to conduct the Examination for selection of candidates as per schedule strictly maintaining the following action plan sincerely.

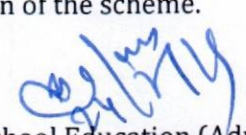
Action Plan

- Directorate of School Education, WB has already started the process of advertisement for wide circulation through leading dailies to implement the scheme.
- Candidates who have secured at least 55% marks or corresponding credit in grading system, as the case may be in class VII annual examination and whose parental annual income are below Rs 1, 50,000/- are eligible to appear at the NMMS Exam. to be held on Nov. 2019 for class VIII, 5% relaxation is given to SC/ST/Disabled candidates. **Disability of the candidate (40% or above disability) must be certified by the Competent Medical Board of the State Govt. /Central Govt. wherever it is necessary. This is mandatory.**
 1. For salaried persons, employed in Govt. Semi Govt. & Govt. Aided Organization/Institution, Employer Certificate for the period from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019 to be uploaded.
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 3. For other person, income Certificate for the period from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019 must be obtained from any competent Authority not below the rank of Jt. B.D.O / Executive Officer (In case of Corporation and Municipality area) to be obtained.
- **DI/S is also requested to give wide publicity in the Notice Boards of his office or offices of the DM, DI/S(PE), DPSC, DPO, and other public institutions and instruct all the heads of the institutions under his/her control so that a large number of students of class VIII may appear in the examination during this year to achieve the goal of the scheme. He is also requested to advise all the H.M.s to prepare the students of their schools who will appear in the Examination.**
- All the Head of the Institutions should be instructed to send at least five (5) students for enrolment. He/ She should also be instructed to help the students of his/ her school to fill up the applications on line and in uploading all the necessary documents in respect the students.
- This year a student may apply **on line** from School Education Department's website **www.scholarships.wbsed.gov.in**. He/She will fill-up the form and take a print out of the filled-in application form along with format of certificate to be filled up by the Head of Institution and get the certificate signed and sealed and upload the same to his/her account along with scanned copy of Mark sheet of last annual examination of class VII, copy of bank pass book, **Income certificate as per Govt. of India guidelines mentioned in the application form, caste certificate issued by the competent authority, disability Certificate (40% and above disability must be certified by the Competent Medical Board of the State Govt. / Central Govt.), wherever it is necessary duly signed by the concerned school authority latest by 31.08.2019. Last date of submission of application form 31.08.2019.**
- If the applicants have Aadhaar Cards, the Bank A/c which they will mention in the on line application must be seeded with their Aadhaar Card and will mention the same in the space provided in the said application.

- At the time of filling up the form on-line, a **registration number** will be generated which should be noted down by the candidate for future login to the system.

1. **If any student studies in a recognised school/ Madrasah, affiliated by any board in his/ her district which is not in the school list in 'Select option' in the On Line Application, and he/ she opts to apply for the said exam within the stipulated date, then the candidate may contact the DI/s (SE) of the concerned district. DI/s (SE) is requested to convey the Directorate necessary information regarding the said school like the Recognition no. subdivision, block/municipality, and a DISE Code of a nearby school. The Directorate of School Education will include the said school(s) in the online school list and the said student(s) will be able to apply on line.**

- A unique **login id** and **password** will be provided for each DI/S (SE). One or two DEO(s) may be engaged to scrutinise the forms and the uploaded annexures day to day under the supervision of District level Nodal Officer. There will be one **Accept, Reject and one Reject and Unlock Button**. The DEO has to verify the marks of the candidate, HOI's certificate/ all other documents like caste certificate, Disability certificate, whether the school is recognised Govt/Govt Sponsored/ Govt Aided/ Local Body/ Private aided// Private unaided or not etc. If everything in respect of the candidate is O.k., then the **Accept** button has to be pressed. Otherwise press **Reject/Reject Unlock** button has to be pressed to cancel the candidature of the said candidate.
- An extra time of 03 working days (02/03/04th September, 2019) after last date of submission of application will be given for the same work to the DI offices.
- As the e-mail id/ mobile no of the candidates has been made mandatory in filling up the on-line applications, so as soon as his/ her application is rejected temporarily a SMS / an e-mail will be sent to his/ her Id. He/ she will get an opportunity to rectify the application within 3 days and another 2 days i.e. 09th and 11th September, 2019 will be given to district offices for verification of the same. After that it will be locked for the district level.
- Descriptive Roll and the Attendance Sheet for the appearing candidates of NMMS Exam-2019 will be generated on line.
- Admit card of the candidates will be also be generated on line. Students can download their Admit cards 10 days before the examination.
- D.I/S(S.E) is further requested to submit the sealed packets of answer-sheet, attendance sheet and soft copy of Descriptive Roll of the candidates in specified Proforma with digital signature of DI/S(SE) on 25.11.2019 & 26-11-2019 positively through special messenger to The Saraswati Press Ltd., 16 B.T. Road, Kolkata -56.
- Candidates may take the question booklet and Admit Card with them.
- The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60% marks in class X or equivalent Exam. (relaxed by 5% for SC/ST/Disabled candidates) for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage. DI/S (SE) must send a report to this Directorate in this regard.
- The awardees should get clear promotion from class IX to X and from XI to XII in the first attempt with 55% marks (relaxing by 5% for SC/ST/Disabled candidates.).
- Please remember: Bank A/c details of the candidates with core banking facility are mandatory. The A/c may be operated singly by the student. Otherwise in case of a joint A/c he/she should be the first holder. Bank A/c details once submitted are final. No request regarding change in the bank A/C No. will be entertained.
- The result of this exam. will be published in the websites www.wbsed.gov.in and www.scholarships.wbsed.gov.in.
- He is also requested to depute one officer under his jurisdiction for each centre of examination as **Officer-in-Charge** on the day of examination positively.
- All the D.I/S (S.E) are requested to inform all the A.D.I./S, A.I/S and S.I/S working at the Sub-Division/block/circle level to communicate the guide line of the scheme to the junior high/high/H.S. Schools and Madrasahs for proper implementation of the scheme.


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Sub: State Level National Talent Search Exam, 2020 for Class X for the session 2019-20

With reference to the subject mentioned above, the undersigned has to inform him/her that the State level NTS Examination, 2020 will be held on **17.11.2019 (Sunday)** for students who are studying in class X presently. Following measures will be taken in conducting the said examination in this year.

1. Students of Class-X of any recognised Institution (Schools / Madrasahs / Institutions / Institute recognised by WBBSE/WBBME / CBSE / ICSE, New Delhi) in West Bengal securing 50% and above marks for General and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) [40% above marks for SC, ST, OBC (as per Central Govt. Norms) and Physically Disabled] or credited corresponding to the said marks in grading system in Final examination of Class IX or equivalent are eligible to apply for the State Level NTSE,2020.
2. The students who have registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship, provided the student is below the age of 18 years (as on 01.07.19), the student is not employed and he/she will appear at 10th standard examination for the first time. In case of Study Centres under ODL mode, the Co-ordinator or Authorised person shall authenticate the required particulars of the candidates mentioning approval number, code etc. of the Study Centre. Reservation norms will be same for the said candidates.
3. In this connection, publicity will be made through radio and newspapers in due course at an early date. DI/S is also requested to give wide publicity in the Notice Boards of his office or offices of the ADI/S(SE), DI/S(PE), DPSC, DPO, and District Magistrate, BDO, other public institutions and instruct all the heads of the institutions under his/her control so that a large number of students of class X may participate in the examination during this year to achieve the goal of the scheme. He is also requested to advise all the H.M.s to prepare the students of their schools who will appear in the Examination.
4. It is learnt from experience that students were not well aware of the procedure of filling up of on line application of both the examinations and as a result their applications were rejected. He/ She is requested to hold a meeting at district and subdivision level with HM of all schools in order to aware them regarding the said schemes and to instruct them to help the students in on - line filling up of the Application forms.
5. All the Head of the Institution should be instructed to send at least five (5) students for enrolment. He/ She should also be instructed to help the students to fill up the applications on line and in uploading all the necessary documents in respect the students. The HOI should be instructed to verify all the necessary documents of the respective students with the original certificates and to authenticate with seal before uploading.
6. This year also a student may apply **on-line** from School Education Department's website portal www.scholarships.wbsed.gov.in on and from **1.08.19** and last date of submission of application will be **31.08.19**. He/ She will have to fill-up the form **On-line** and take a print of the filled-in application form along with format of certificate to be filled up by the '**Head of Institution**' where he/ she is studying and get the certificate signed and sealed by the HOI and upload the same to his/her account along with scanned copy of SC/ ST/ OBC (as per central Govt. norms) certificate issued by the competent authority, Physical disability Certificate (40% and above disability must be certified by the Competent

Medical Board of the State Govt. / Central Govt.), wherever it is necessary, duly authenticated by the concerned school authority. Otherwise, he/she will be treated as a candidate of unreserved category (general), if selected. **E.W.S. Candidates must submit certificates of E.W.S. , otherwise they will be treated as general.**

7. At the time of filling up the form on-line, a registration number will be generated which should be noted down by the candidate for future login to the system.
8. A unique **login id** and **password** will be provided for each DI/S (SE). One or two DEO(s) may be engaged to scrutinise the forms and the uploaded annexure day to day under the supervision of District level Officer in- Charge. There will be one '**Accept**', one '**Reject**' Button and one '**Reject and unlock**' Button. The DEO has to verify the marks of the candidate, HOI's certificate/ any authorised person in case of ODL and necessary certificates, all other documents like caste certificate, Disability certificate, whether the school is recognised Govt/Govt Sponsored/ Govt Aided/ Local Body/ Private aided/ Private unaided or not etc If everything in respect of the candidate is OK, then the **Accept** Button has to be pressed. Otherwise press **Reject and unlock** Button or **Reject** Button to unlock/cancel the applications of the said candidate temporarily.
9. **An extra time of 03 working days (02/03/04th September, 2019) after last date of submission of application will be given for the same work to the DI offices.**
10. **As the e-mail id/ mobile no of the candidates has been made mandatory in filling up the on-line applications, so as soon as his/ her application is rejected temporarily a sms / an e-mail will be sent to his/ her Id. He/ she will get an opportunity to rectify the application within 3 days and another 2 days i.e 9th and 11th September , 2019 will be given to district offices for verification of the same. After that it will be locked for the district level.**
11. **If any student studies in a recognised school/ madrasah, affiliated by any board in his/ her district which is not in the school list in 'Select option' in the On Line Application, and he/ she opts to apply for the said exam within the stipulated date, then the candidate may contact the DI/S (SE) of the concerned district. DI/S (SE) is requested to convey the Directorate necessary information regarding the said school like the Recognition no, subdivision, block/municipality, and a DISE Code of a nearby school. The Directorate of School Education will include the said school(s) in the online school list and the said student(s) will be able to apply on line.**

Preparation of Descriptive Roll:-

12. Descriptive Roll and the Attendance Sheet for the appearing candidates of State Level NTS Exam-2020 will be generated on line by NIC.
13. **Admit card** of the candidates will be also be generated on line. Students may download their Admit cards 10 days before the commencement of examination.
14. All the Head of the Institution should be instructed to send at least five (5) students for enrolment. He/ She should also be instructed to help the students of his/ her school to fill up the applications on line and in uploading all the necessary documents in respect the students.

15. Eligibility criteria for Physically Disabled candidates:-

4% seats are reserved for physically challenged group of children both at the State & National Level NTS Examinations. **Students having disability of 40% and above in any category of disability will get the benefit of reservation at the state level NTS Exam, 2019 irrespective of caste.**

a) Eligibility condition for getting reservation benefit by the hearing challenged group(deaf and hard of hearing) of candidates:

- i. The percentage of disability should be 40% or more.
- ii. They are required to submit the P.H. certificate in the prescribed form issued in their favour signed by 3 specialised doctors including the specialist of the concerned disability. The medical certificates should be countersigned by the C.D.M.O. / C.M.O.H. concerned. Candidates in possession of temporary disability Certificate have to renew it within 3 years from the date of commencement of the NTS Exam.

iii. **Physical facilities:**

- A) The candidate can use Hearing aid in the examination centre.
- B) Separate room will be arranged for the candidate to appear at the test.
- C) No extra time is allotted for them.

b) **Eligibility condition for getting reservation benefit by the loco motor disabled students including cerebral palsy, leprosy, cured dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy:-**

- i. Loco motor disability means inability to execute distinctive activities associated with moving both personally and object from one place to another and such disability results from afflictions of muscular – skeletal and / or nervous system. Some of the common condition of loco motor disabilities are poliomyelitis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophies, arthritis, stroke, spinal cord injury, amputation, cancer, AIDS, leprosy, T.B. of bones and joints, Lathyrism (due to khesari dal consumption).
- ii. The percentage of disability should be 40% or more. In case of P.H certificate, same procedure will be followed.

iii. **Physical facilities for locomotors disabled candidates**

- A) Spacious room will be provided for loco motor disabled candidates at the examination centres. The seating arrangements for the candidates will be on the ground floor.
- B) Loco motor disabled candidates will be permitted to bring essential equipments and stationery used by them to the examination hall and uses the same.
- C) No extra time is allotted for them.

c) **Eligibility criteria for getting reservation benefit by visually challenged group (blindness and Low vision) of candidate.**

- i. The visually challenged group of candidates must produce a medical certificate from the Competent Medical Board of State Govt./ Central Govt. stating that the child suffers from 40% or more disability as per PWD Act 1995 and that the disability is of the permanent / temporary in nature. After this in case of Temporary visual disability, the certificate needs to be renewed within 3 years.
- ii. The visually challenged group will have to arrange for transport, wheel chair, crutches, magnifying glasses, Taylor frame, Braille, writing equipments, writer scribe abacus themselves.
- iii. In case of physical facilities to be arranged by the exam. centres include accessibility for the visually handicapped to the building ground floor, appropriate seating arrangements including furniture as per needs, separate room (well lit), **30 minutes extra time for each test.**
- iv. In case of visually impaired children belonging to the category of low vision, magnification devices may be allowed for taking test, use assistive devices such as Abacus, Braille Slates, Taylor frame, Scribes/Readers for taking the talent search test, **Extra time of 30 minutes per Test may be provided for children with visually impairment.**
- v. As per new guide lines, in case of Scribe, different people would be used as Scribe for different paper But the invigilation must strict enough so that the Scribe does not provide any academic help in answering the questions.

d) **Eligibility criteria for Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness**

- i. The percentage of disability should be 40% or more.
- ii. They are required to submit the P.H. certificate in the prescribed form issued in their favour signed by 3 specialised doctors including the specialist of the concerned disability. The medical certificates should be countersigned by the C.D.M.O. / C.M.O.H. concerned. Candidates in possession of temporary disability Certificate have to renew it within 3 years from the date of commencement of the NTS Exam.

e) Eligibility criteria for Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities.

The percentage of disability should be 40% or more. They are required to submit the P.H. certificate in the prescribed form issued in their favour signed by 3 specialised doctors including the specialist of the concerned disability. The medical certificates should be countersigned by the C.D.M.O. / C.M.O.H. concerned. Candidates in possession of temporary disability Certificate have to renew it within 3 years from the date of commencement of the NTS Exam

16. Parental Gross Annual Income certificate only in case of OBC candidates as per central Govt. norms is to be uploaded with the application form. It may be noted that OBC candidates under Non-Creamy Layer of income group (as per Central Government norms) and also belong to OBC category of Central List will be treated as OBC only for this examination. OBC candidates under Creamy layer of income group will apply as general candidate. OBC candidates not belonging to Central list will apply as general candidate. Please refer details given on www.ncbc.nic.in/user_panel/centralliststateview.aspx regarding central list of OBC.

17. As per the Constitutional (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 10% seats will be reserved for the candidates belonging to **Economical Weaker Sections(EWSS)** from the year 2019-2020, who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs. These candidates have to produce to **Economical Weaker Sections(EWSS)** certificate issued by the competent authority.

18. He is requested to instruct the **invigilators (Assistant Teachers of the Institution)** to assist the students regarding the process of darkening the circles as per instructions given in the OMR Answer-sheet to identify their choice in respect of Name, Roll Number, Gender etc.

19. He/ She is further requested to submit the sealed packets of answer-sheets of NTS Exam. and one copy of Attendance Sheet and soft copy of Descriptive Roll in the prescribed excel format with Digital Signature of the concerned D.I/S(S.E) latest by 25.11.2019 and 26.11.2019 positively through special messenger to the Saraswati press Ltd., 11 B.T. Road, Kolkata-56. **Unused question booklets need not be returned to this office. Used Question Booklets should be handed over to the candidates immediately after the exam.**

20. Examination Patten for Stage-I Examination:

State level Examination will be conducted in two session on the same day as per details given below:-

Name of the Tests	Type	Marks	No. of items	Duration (in minutes)	Remarks
Mental Ability Test	Objective/MCQ	100	100	120 min (10:30 am to 12:30 pm)	Recess (Time) 12:31 pm to 1:20 P.M
Scholastic Aptitude Test	Objective/MCQ	100	100	120 min (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm)	

21. Syllabus: Subject:

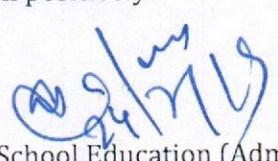
There is no prescribed syllabus for NTS Examination the standard of items shall conform to the level of class IX and X.

Scholastic Aptitude Test comprises with the subject given below:-1) Mathematics, 2) Physics, 3) Chemistry, 4) Biology, 5) History, 6) Geography, 7) Political science, 8) Economics.

All questions in the booklet for stage-I examination are objective type. Each question carries one mark. There is no negative marking in the said examination.

23. He is also requested to depute one officer under his jurisdiction for each centre of examination as **Officer-in-Charge** on the day of examination positively.

This is for his information and taking necessary action.


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