Ministry Of Social Justice And Empowerment Opens Online Registration For National Entrance Test For SHRESHTA (NETS) 2027 To Expand Access To Quality Residential Education

SHRESHTA Scheme Aims to Provide Quality Education to Meritorious Scheduled Caste (SC) and Eligible De-notified Tribe (DNT) Students in Reputed Private Residential Schools

Online Registration to Remain Open Until November 30, 2026

Official National Testing Agency (NTA) Portal is https://Exams.Nta.Nic.In/Shreshta Official NTA Website is www.nta.ac.in

National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS) Scheduled to be Held on January 10, 2027

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In a significant step towards strengthening access to quality education and promoting inclusive educational opportunities, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, under Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with the National Testing Agency (NTA), has opened online registration for *National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA* (NETS) 2027.

The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) aims to provide quality education to meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and De-notified Tribes (DNTs) not covered under the SC, ST and OBC categories, by facilitating access to reputed private residential schools.

A Senior Official in the Ministry said the initiative seeks to strengthen educational empowerment by enabling students from targeted communities to access conducive learning environments, pursue academic excellence and realise their full potential. He said access to quality school education plays a pivotal role in advancing social mobility, strengthening academic capabilities and creating opportunities for holistic development.

He said through SHRESHTA Scheme, the Ministry seeks to bridge educational disparities and enable meritorious students from targeted communities to pursue their academic aspirations. The Scheme reflects the Ministry's sustained emphasis on education as an instrument of social transformation, empowerment and inclusive socio-economic development, Official said.

The Official informed the online registration process for SHRESHTA (NETS) 2027 commenced on November 14, 2026, and will remain open until **November 30, 2026 (up to 11:50 PM)**, he said.

He added to facilitate candidates in making necessary corrections to their submitted application forms, **a correction window will remain operational from December 2 to December 4, 2026.**

The National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS) 2027 is scheduled to be conducted on **January 10, 2027**, he further said.



The Official said the eligible candidates may submit their online applications through the official National Testing Agency (NTA) portal at https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta

The Ministry encourages all eligible candidates to complete their online registration within the prescribed timeline and take advantage of the opportunity to access quality residential education under the SHRESHTA Scheme, the Official said.

Through targeted educational interventions such as SHRESHTA, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment continues to reaffirm its commitment to promoting equal educational opportunities, empowering future generations and building an inclusive and equitable society in line with the vision of *Viksit Bharat@2047,* the Official added.

For any queries or assistance relating to the examination and application process, the candidates may contact the National Testing Agency through its official email address, shreshta@nta.ac.in, or helpline numbers 011-40759000 / 1800-180-4747. Candidates may also visit the official NTA website at www.nta.ac.in

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