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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**10.10.2025**

### Inviting Online Application for National Entrance Test for Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Classes in Targeted Areas [SHRESHTA (NETS)]-2026

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has entrusted the responsibility of conducting National Entrance Test for Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Higher Classes in Targeted Areas [SHRESHTA (NETS)]-2026. This scheme for Residential Education for Students in Higher Classes in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) provides for high quality education for meritorious Scheduled Castes (SCs) students only, in CBSE-affiliated reputed residential schools. Approximately 3,000 seats would be provided in class 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fully funded by the Central Government.

The schedule of Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Classes in Targeted Areas [SHRESHTA (NETS)]-2026 is as follows:

Online Submission of Application Form	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 (Upto 05:00 PM)
Correction in Particulars	01 <sup>st</sup> November 2025 to 02 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025
Exam Fee	NIL
Pattern of Test	Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)
Mode of Test	Pen & Paper (OMR Sheet based)
Duration of Test & Medium	03 Hours (180 minutes) - Bilingual (Hindi and English)
Date of Test	In the month of December, 2025
Downloading of Admit Cards from NTA website	To be announced later on the website
Website (s)	<a href="https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/">https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/</a> <a href="https://www.nta.ac.in/">https://www.nta.ac.in/</a>
Declaration of Result	Within 04 to 06 weeks after the exam

The Scheme/duration/medium/syllabus of examination, eligibility criteria and their tentative intake, reservation of seats, exam cities, passing requirements, important dates etc., relating to the exam are contained in the Information Bulletin hosted on <https://nta.ac.in/> and/or <https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/>.

**The candidates and their parents are advised to keep visiting the NTA website for latest updates.**

Candidates are requested to fill the application form carefully and may read the detailed Information Bulletin for **SHRESHTA 2026** before applying. Candidate should apply online only at <https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/> between **10.10.2025 to 30.10.2025**.

For any query or clarification, candidates can call NTA Help Desk at 011-40759000 (Call) or write to NTA at [shreshta@nta.ac.in](mailto:shreshta@nta.ac.in) (Email).

Director Exam (NTA)



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