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सत्यमेव जयते (An Autonomous Organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

14.11.2026

Subject : Inviting Online Applications for SHRESHTA (NETS) - 2027

The National Testing Agency (NTA), on behalf of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, invites online applications for SHRESHTA (NETS) 2027 [Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas] examination. The SHRESHTA scheme aims to provide high-quality education to meritorious Scheduled Caste (SC) and De-notified Tribes {DNT (not covered under SCs, STS and OBCs} students both Boys & Girls in reputed Private Residential Schools. About 2400 (2160 SCS + 240 DNTs) students would be selected for admission in Class 9 and Class 11 under the scheme with the entire cost of education funded by the Central Government.

2. The examination for the Academic Session 2027—28 is proposed to be conducted in 192 cities across India through Pen-and-Paper Based Test (PBT) mode.

3. The schedule of Examination activities:

Online Submission of Application Form	14th November 2026 to 30th November 2026 (Upto 11:50 PM)
Correction in Particulars of Application Form on the website only	02nd December 2026 to 04th December 2026 (Upto 11:50 PM)
Exam Fee	Nil
Date of intimation of the City of Examination	20th December 2026
Date of downloading of Admit cards from NTA website	3rd January 2027
Date of Examination	10th January 2027 (Sunday)
Timing of Examination	02:00 PM to 05:00 PM
Medium of Paper	Bilingual (Hindi & English)
Pattern of Test	Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)
Mode of Test	Pen & Paper (OMR Sheet based)
Website	https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/, https:/nta.ac.in/
Declaration of Result on the NTA website	Will be intimated later on website

4. The Scheme/duration/medium/syllabus of examination, eligibility criteria and their tentative intake, 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/.

5. Candidates are requested to fill the application form carefully and may read the detailed Information Bulletin for SHRESHTA 2027 before applying. Candidate should apply online only at https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/ between 14.11.2026 to 30.11.2026.

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

For any query or clarification, candidates can call NTA Help Desk at 011-40759000/ 69227700 (Call) or write to NTA at shreshta@nta.ac.in (Email).

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