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To,
The Headmaster / Headmistress,
of all Schools in the State of Goa.

Sub:- Conduct of Examination for Selection of Students for Award of Scholarships under National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) for the A.Y. 2024 (Project Year – 2025-26)-reg.

Sir/ Madam,

State Council of Educational Research & Training, Alto-Porvorim, Goa has scheduled the State Level National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme Examination (NMMSSSE) 2024-25 for students of Std. VIII on **Sunday 05th January 2025** which will be held at 12 Taluka centers viz., (1) Bicholim, (2) Bardez, (3) Pernem, (4) Sattari, (5) Tiswadi, (6) Ponda, (7) Salcete, (8) Sanguem, (9) Canacona, (10) Quepem, (11) Dharbandora and (12) Mormugao for the academic year 2024-2025 & project year 2025-2026.

NMMSS Exam is conducted in two sessions as below:

Part	Subject	Marks	No. of Items	Duration
I	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	90	90	90 minutes
II	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	90	90	90 minutes

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Question Paper consists of 03 disciplines:

Sr. No.	Disciplines	No. of questions	Marks
1.	Science (Phy.+Chem.+ Biology)	35	35 (12 + 11 +12)
2.	Math (Arth. + Alg. + Geom.)	20	20 (6 + 8 + 6)
3.	Social Science (Hist.+Geog.+Pol. Sci.)	35	35 (12 + 12 +11)
Total		90	90

ELIGIBILITY:

- Student should have scored minimum 55 % marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination held in March/April-2024 for

appearing in the selection test conducted during class VIII for award of Scholarship (relaxable by 5 % for SC/ST Students).

- Students studying as regular student in a Government, Government-aided and Local Body Schools are eligible.
- Parental Annual Income from all sources should not exceed Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees three lakh fifty thousand).
- **Students studying in Unaided Schools, Schools with Boarding facility, Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Schools are not eligible for NMMSS.**

SYLLABUS:

1. The Questions in **MAT** shall consist of 90 multiple-choice questions testing verbal and non-verbal meta-cognitive abilities like reasoning and critical thinking. The questions in the test may be on Analogy, Classification, Hidden figures, Numerical Series, Pattern perception etc.
2. The questions in **SAT** shall consist of 90 multiple-choice questions covering subjects namely Science, Mathematics and Social Studies as taught in classes VII and Class VIII. (Syllabus of Class VII & Class VIII.)

Criteria for Qualifying NMMSS Exam:

Student must pass both the tests i.e. **MAT** and **SAT** with at least 40% marks in aggregate taken together for these tests. For the SC/ST students, this cut off will be 32 % marks.

The Heads of the Institution are requested to send only those applications whose Parent's Annual income from all sources is not more than Rs.3,50,000/-, alongwith Income certificate/Salary certificate/Salary slip/Form 16/Income Tax Return/Pension Book copy/duly notarized AFFIDAVIT regarding annual income or any other valid document must be attached with the application form for verifying annual income of the parents.

In case of **Reserve Category** appropriate valid certificate must be attached to the form. Regarding **disability status**, certificate of competent authority must be attached.

Without valid documents, application form/s will be rejected.

The seat numbers of candidates and venue of Examination will be intimated well in advance to the Headmaster/ Principal of the School/s through the Office of the A.D.E.I. of concerned taluka.

Reservation Policies:

1. The award of NMMSS Scholarship for Academic year 2024 (Project Year 2025-2026) as per terms and conditions of the NMMS Scheme and reservation policies as per State Government norms.
2. Scholarships are awarded in the categories i.e. General, OBC, Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe including Physically Disabled students as per State Government norms.

The Total number of Scholarship to be awarded are 144 and the number of Scholarship category wise is as below:

Category	Number of Scholarships
Unreserved	70
OBC	38
SC	21
ST	10
Total	144

Out of total 144 Scholarships, 05 are reserved for Physical Handicap (PH) candidates. In case if there are no eligible candidates from reserved category, then the Scholarship will be Awarded to the Students from Unreserved Category.

Candidates are advised to choose the centre of examination in the same Taluka where they are studying at present.

You are requested to give wide publicity to the Scheme i.e., National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS 2024-25) for Class VIII in your Institution. Under this Scheme, a total of 144 fresh Scholarships of Rs. 12,000/- per annum @ Rs. 1,000/- are awarded to the Meritorious Students every year from the State of Goa at Class IX level, which can be continued upto Class XII.

If selected for the scholarship, the awardee will be informed at his/her school address and the awardee will have to register himself/herself on National Scholarship Portal 2.0 (website: www.scholarships.gov.in). The awardees should get minimum 60% marks in class X for continuation of Scholarship (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST candidates) in next higher classes. For continuing the Scholarship in class X and XII, the awardees should get clear promotion from class IX to class X and from class XI to class XII in the first attempt. **The awardees must renew his/her claim every year till Class XII on NSP 2.0.**


The Heads of the Institution are requested to submit the applications of the eligible candidates for State Level (NMMSSSE 2024-25) in the prescribed proforma, and also on Google form on given link <https://forms.gle/VbWSyVWbSoBm84D38> on or before 30-11-2024 to the Director, SCERT, Porvorim-Goa.

The dully filled hard copy, endorsed by the Heads of the Institution on candidate's photograph on Application form as well as on Admission Card and same along with Caste Certificate, Income Certificate & required documents/certificate should be submitted to the Director, SCERT, Porvorim-Goa on or before 30-11-2024.

The photograph on application form as well as on Admission Card should be endorsed by the Head/s of the School.

Your whole-hearted co-operation and personal attention in this endeavor is highly solicited.

Yours faithfully,


(Smt. Meghana Shetgaonkar)
Director, SCERT,
Porvorim-Goa

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1. The Director, Directorate of Education, Alto-Porvorim-Goa.
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4. The A.D.E.I. of all Talukas.