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DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH & TRAINING
MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

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The Directorate of Educational Research & Training, (DERT) Meghalaya, Shillong invites application from Eligible Candidates for **National Means-cum- Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Examination for Class VIII** for the year 2027 which will be held on the 7th November, 2026 (Saturday) to select 231 students as per the State Quota allotted by Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi.

The Eligibility Criteria:

- The Students currently studying in Class VIII of the Academic Year 2026 in the **State Government, Government Aided and Local Body Schools only**.
- The Students should have scored at least 55% for General Category and 5% relaxation for SC/ST/OBC in Class VII Promotion Examination 2025.
- The Students studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), Jawahar Navodayas Vidyalayas (JNVs), Residential Schools run by Central and State Government and in Private Schools are **Not Eligible** to apply the Scheme.
- **The Parental Annual Income from all sources should not exceed ₹3, 50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand) only.**
- The Selected Candidates will be awarded Scholarship of ₹12,000 per annum @ ₹1000 per month by Ministry of Education Govt of India, New Delhi. The Scholarship is payable for a maximum period of four years i.e from Classes IX to XII. **The Selected Candidates will have to apply the Scholarship through On-line in the National Scholarship Portal (NSP).**
- 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 obtain a minimum of 60 per cent marks in Class X examination (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students) or equivalent examination for continuation of the scholarship at higher secondary stage.

The State Level Examination comprises of Two Papers:

Paper	Type of Test	Total No. of Questions	Total Marks	Duration of Examination	Qualifying Marks
Paper-I	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	90	90	120 mins.	40% for General Category and 32% SC/ST/OBC separately in both papers.
Paper-II	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT): comprising of Science, Social Science & Mathematics	90	90	120 mins.	

Application Forms containing instructions can also be downloaded from the Education Department website www.megeducation.gov.in or contact the **Office of the SDSEO of the respective District**.

The following Documents to be submitted along with the application form to the office of the respective SDSEO's

1. Two passport size (School uniforms)
2. Report Card (Class VII).
3. SC/ST/OBC Certificates from Competent Authority
4. Disability Status Certificate from Competent Authority (if any).
5. Parental Income Certificate from Competent Authority.

NB: Application Forms without supporting documents and incomplete information will be summarily rejected.


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