

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**I. NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME EXAMINATION  
-2020.**

(For the students studying in Class VIII in State Govt. / Govt. Aided Schools only in the UT of Puducherry)

**INFORMATION BROCHURE**

**A. Scheme:**

The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Written Examination is conducted by the Directorate of School Education launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), New Delhi for the Economically weaker section students to arrest their drop-outs. As per the State Quota, students will be selected for the award of scholarship on the basis of the Merit List.

For the Union Territory of Puducherry, 125 Scholarships are allotted by the MHRD, New Delhi. The region- wise and category wise allocation of scholarship is detailed below:

Region	Castewise Category					Total
	GEN	PH	OBC	MBC	SC(Origin)	
Puducherry	44	03	12	19	15	93
Karaikal	11	01	03	04	04	23
Mahe	02	-	-	01	-	03
Yanam	03	-	01	01	01	06

The selected students will be awarded a scholarship of ` 12,000/- per annum for classes from IX to XII based on the criteria prescribed by the MHRD, New Delhi.

**B. Eligibility to Appear:**

1. Students should be studying in class VIII in State Government/ Government Aided Schools only. (Residential school students viz, Jawahar Navodhaya Vidhyalaya are not eligible to appear)
2. Students should have scored atleast 50 % of Marks for SC / ST Category, 55 % of Marks for other Categories in VII Std Annual Examination.
3. The income of parents from all sources should not exceed Rs. 1,50,000/- per annum.

**C. How to apply for the Examination:**

1. The students can apply only through schools by online and should take a print out of the application generated.
2. The user ID and password for the schools will be provided by the Department.
3. The Heads of Schools should Retain the print outs of the applications of the students who have applied for the Examination.

**D. Syllabus:**

The whole portions of class VII and portions upto December of Class VIII in Mathematics, Science and Social Science subject of State Board Syllabus.

**E. Exam Pattern:**

This examination consists of two parts namely PART-I and PART-II. Separate question booklets will be provided for Part-I (Mental Ability Test) and Part-II (Scholastic Aptitude Test). All questions are to be answered.

**F. Distribution of Marks:**

<b>PART – I</b> MENTAL ABILITY TEST - MAT	<b>90</b>
<b>PART – II</b> SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST – SAT	
Mathematics	<b>20</b>
Science	<b>35</b>
Social Science	<b>35</b>

**G. Schedule of Exam:**

Date of Examination **28-03-2021, (Sunday)**  
**Duration of Exam:**  
Part-I (Mental Ability Test) - : 09.00 AM TO 10.30 AM  
Part-II (Scholastic Aptitude Test) : 10.45 AM TO 12.15 PM

**H. Method of Answering:**

Shade the correct answers in Optical Mark Reader (OMR Sheet) using **Black Ball point pen only**.

**I. Submission of application forms:**

The last date for applying to the examination through online is **10-03-2021**.

**J. Issue of Hall Tickets:**

Students can download the Hall Tickets from **22.03.2021** onwards.