



# SSRI NORTH EAST TALENT SEARCH (NETS-2026)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) & Examination Guidelines

Classes 5-10 | Online MCQ | 75 Questions | 60 Minutes | Registration Fee: Rs. 35/- only

**Purpose of this FAQ:** To provide students, parents, schools and well-wishers with clear information about registration, examination rules, fairness, result processing, prizes and communication for NETS-2026.

## A. About NETS-2026

### 1. What is NETS-2026?

SSRI North East Talent Search (NETS-2026) is an online talent-search examination organised by SSR Innovative Foundation to encourage students to assess their knowledge, reasoning ability, general awareness and academic confidence.

### 2. Who can participate?

Students studying in Classes 5 to 10 are eligible. Category A: Classes 5-7. Category B: Classes 8-10.

### 3. Who can apply?

NETS-2026 is open to eligible students from across India, subject to the prescribed class and registration requirements.

### 4. Why should a student participate?

The examination gives students an opportunity to experience a competitive assessment, test knowledge beyond routine classroom work, identify areas for improvement, build confidence and receive recognition for participation and performance.

### 5. What will students gain from the examination?

Students will gain exposure to time-bound MCQ-based assessment covering multiple subjects. Eligible participants who complete the examination as per the rules will receive an e-certificate, while top performers will be considered for prizes and special recognition.

## B. Registration

### 6. What is the registration fee?

The registration fee is Rs. 35/- only per candidate.

### 7. What is the last date for registration?

The last date for registration is 31 October 2026.

### 8. How can students register?

Candidates must complete the official Google Form and submit the required details and payment information within the registration period.

### 9. What details are required?

Candidates should provide correct information such as full name, date of birth, class, school name, district/state, parent or guardian details, WhatsApp/mobile number, email address and payment details/proof, as applicable.

### 10. Can one mobile number be used for more than one student?

Yes, A parent or guardian's contact number may be used when necessary; however, each candidate must submit a separate registration form.

### 11. Can registration details be corrected after submission?

Yes, corrections may be considered before the registration deadline on request. But changes after the examination process begins may be restricted except in genuine cases.

### 12. Is the registration fee refundable?

Registration fee is non-refundable once registration has been successfully completed.

## C. Examination Pattern & Participation

### 13. What is the examination pattern?

The examination will contain 75 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and will be conducted online.

**14. What is the duration?**

The examination duration will be 60 minutes.

**15. What subjects will be covered?**

Questions will cover Current Affairs, Arithmetic Mathematics, General Science, Environment, Basic Computer Science, General English and Reasoning. The level will be appropriate to the respective category.

**16. Is there negative marking?**

Yes. 0.5 mark will be deducted for every incorrect answer.

**17. Can a candidate leave a question unanswered?**

Yes, subject to the examination form settings. For an unanswered question 1 mark will be deducted.

**18. Can candidates appear from anywhere?**

Yes. Candidates may appear for the exam from anywhere, provided they have a suitable device and stable internet connection.

**19. When will the examination be held?**

The examination window is planned between 15 and 30 November 2026. The specific date and time allotted to candidates will be communicated through official channels.

**20. How will exam information be communicated?**

Important instructions, examination date/time and other updates may be shared through the registered mobile/WhatsApp number, email, official WhatsApp group and/or individual message.

## **D. Fairness, AI Use & Candidate Conduct**

**21. Can candidates use AI tools, Google, books or websites during the examination?**

No. NETS-2026 is intended to assess the candidate's own knowledge and ability. Use of AI tools, search engines, books, websites or other unauthorised resources during the examination is prohibited.

**22. Can parents, teachers or another person help?**

No. Candidates are expected to complete the examination independently without assistance from parents, teachers, friends or any other person.

**23. Will AI use from the same device be automatically tracked?**

Google Forms by itself does not automatically identify or confirm the use of AI tools on the same device. However, the examination process may use available platform records, response timestamps, one-attempt controls, question randomisation and review of unusual response patterns. Shortlisted/top-ranking candidates may also be asked to undergo a verification or tie-breaker assessment before final results are confirmed.

**24. What happens if unfair assistance is suspected?**

The organising committee may review the submission and may request additional verification. If a serious violation of the examination rules is reasonably established, the candidate's ranking or candidature may be cancelled.

**25. Will candidates be required to accept a declaration?**

Yes. Candidates may be required to confirm that they will attempt the examination independently and will not use unauthorised assistance, AI tools, search engines, books or help from another person.

## **E. Ranking, Tie-Breaking & Results**

**26. How will 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions be decided?**

Ranks will primarily be based on the final score after applying the prescribed marking and negative-marking rules. In case of equal scores, the organising committee may consider fewer incorrect answers, the recorded examination submission time, and/or a short verification/tie-breaker assessment before confirming the final ranking.

**27. What if many candidates obtain the same score?**

Candidates with identical top scores may be shortlisted for further review. The recorded submission time may be considered as one of the tie-breaking factors, together with accuracy and, where required, a short verification/tie-breaker assessment. The final method will be applied consistently by the organising committee.

**28. Why may a verification round be required?**

A verification round helps confirm that top-performing candidates possess the knowledge reflected in their original examination performance and supports a fair and credible final ranking.

**29. Will all candidates have to attend a verification round?**

No. It will normally apply only to shortlisted/top-ranking candidates or where additional verification is considered necessary.

**30. When will results be announced?**

Results will be announced within 20 days after completion of the examination.

**31. Can candidates request re-evaluation?**

No, as the examination is primarily objective MCQ-based, recorded responses will normally be treated as final.

**32. Is the organising committee's decision final?**

Yes, the decision of the NETS-2026 Organising Committee/SSR Innovative Foundation will be final.

**33. Will individual marks be shared?**

Individual scores/results may be communicated through the official channel or in a format decided by the organising committee. The mode and extent of score disclosure may vary depending on the final result process and administrative requirements.

## **F. Prizes, Certificates & Recognition**

**34. What are the prizes?**

For each category: 1st Prize - Rs. 3,000; 2nd Prize - Rs. 2,000; 3rd Prize - Rs. 1,500; plus 10 exciting consolation prizes for top performers.

**35. How will the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes be paid or presented?**

Prize amounts may be paid by cheque or online transfer, or may be formally presented by authorised members of SSR Innovative Foundation at the respective schools of the winners. The mode of prize distribution will depend on the decision and feasibility assessed by the organising committee.

**36. Will every participant receive a certificate?**

Eligible candidates who successfully complete the examination in accordance with the rules will receive an e-certificate of participation.

**37. Does registration guarantee a prize?**

No. Registration confirms participation subject to eligibility and compliance with the examination rules. Prizes are based on performance and final verification, where applicable.

## **G. Technical & Administrative Questions**

**38. What device can be used?**

Candidates may use a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer that properly supports the examination form/platform.

**39. Is internet connectivity required?**

Yes. Candidates should arrange a stable internet connection before starting the examination.

**40. What happens if the internet fails?**

Candidates should immediately inform the official support contact. Genuine technical issues may be reviewed based on available records and examination rules. A re-attempt is not guaranteed automatically because fairness for all candidates must be maintained.

**41. Can a candidate submit more than once?**

No. Only the permitted attempt will be considered.

**42. What if the examination form is submitted early by mistake?**

Candidates should review answers carefully before final submission. Once submitted, responses may not be reopened or changed.

## **H. Assurance, Privacy & Official Communication**

**43. What assurance do students and parents have?**

NETS-2026 is organised by SSR Innovative Foundation, a registered Section 8 non-profit organisation. Examination rules, eligibility, marking, prizes, verification procedures and official communications will be shared transparently through authorised channels.

**44. Does participation guarantee admission, scholarship or employment?**

No. NETS-2026 is an educational talent-search and assessment initiative. Participation or ranking does not by itself guarantee admission, scholarship, employment or any government benefit unless separately announced in writing.

**45. How will candidate information be used?**

Information collected during registration will be used for examination administration, communication, result processing, certificates, verification and related NETS-2026 activities.

**46. Should candidates respond to unofficial payment requests?**

No. Candidates and parents should rely only on official communication channels announced by SSR Innovative Foundation and should not make additional payments based on unverified messages.

**47. Where can candidates contact the organisers?**

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## Declaration

I declare that I shall attempt NETS-2026 independently and shall not take assistance from parents, teachers, friends, books, search engines, AI tools or any other unauthorised source. I understand that violation of the examination rules may result in cancellation of my ranking or candidature.

**Important: Top-ranking candidates may be required to undergo a short verification/tie-breaker assessment before declaration of final results.**