

National Level Science Talent Search Examination

The National Level Science Talent Search Examination (NSTSE) is both an exam and a scholarship opportunity. It is a diagnostic test conducted by the Unified Council, designed to assess and improve students' understanding of fundamental concepts in Science and Mathematics.

What is NSTSE?

NSTSE is a national-level competitive exam for students from Classes 1 to 12. Unlike traditional exams that focus on rote memorization, NSTSE emphasizes:

- Conceptual clarity
- Logical reasoning
- Analytical thinking
- Problem-solving skills

Purpose

NSTSE aims to:

- Identify students' strengths and weaknesses
- Provide detailed feedback for improvement
- Build a strong foundation for future competitive exams like IIT-JEE, NEET, GRE, GMAT, etc.

Subjects Covered

- Classes 1–4: Mathematics and Science
- Classes 5–10: Mathematics, Science, and Critical Thinking
- Classes 11–12: PCM or PCB streams + Critical Thinking

Exam Format

- Type: Objective (Multiple Choice Questions)
- Duration: 60 to 90 minutes depending on class
- No negative marking
- Mode: Online and Offline (through schools or individual registration)

Scholarships & Awards

NSTSE offers scholarships and prizes to top performers:

- Topper (across all classes): ₹2,00,000 cash prize
- Top 3 of each class: Tablet PC, Memento, Medal

- Ranks 4–10: ₹2,000 each
- Ranks 11–25: ₹1,000 each
- Ranks 26–100: Books and online subscriptions
- All participants: Certificate of participation

Registration

- Individual: Via Unified Council website
- School-based: Schools can register students in bulk
- Fee: Around ₹300 (may vary slightly)

