GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH & TRAINING MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

No.DERT/NMMS/2/2025/16

Dated Shillong the 16th October,2025

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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 2026 which will be held on the 6th December,2025 (Saturday) to select 231 students as per the State Quota allotted by Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The Students currently studying in Class VIII of the Academic Year 2025 in the State Government, Government Aided and Local Body Schools only.
- The Students should have scored atleast 55% i.e. for General Category and 50% for SC/ST in Class VII Promotion Examination 2024.
- The Students studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodayas, Residential Schools run by Central and State Government and students studying in Private Schools are **Not Eligible** for Scholarship under the Scheme.
- The Parental Annual Income from all sources should not exceed ₹3, 50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand) only.
- The Scholarship is provided to the students studying as **Regular Students** in Class IX in <u>Government</u>, <u>Government- Aided and Local Body Schools</u> which are renewed till Class XII subject to fulfilment of certain terms and conditions of the Scheme. The awardees must obtain a minimum of 60% marks in class X (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST) Examination or equivalent Examination for **continuation** of the Scholarship at Higher Secondary Stage.
- Selected Candidates will be awarded Scholarship of ₹12,000 per annum by Ministry of Education and the Selected Candidates will have to apply On-line through NSP, NMMS Portal.

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 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 DERT website www.megeducation.gov.in or contact the Office of the SDSEO of respective District.

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

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