Dear Alum,

Greetings from Dakshana!

First of all, we sincerely thank you for volunteering for the NCST-JDST 2026. Your support in conducting the Selection Test is truly appreciated.

Please read the exam instructions carefully (attached with the mail) and understand the process for conducting the NCST/JDST 2026. Since the exam is online, we need to remain extra vigilant.

The exam will be conducted through: https://exam.scholarship.dakshana.org/
You have already received the candidate details through the email sent to the school (with you in CC).

**Resolving Queries**

In case of any doubt, please contact the Dakshana Coordinator:

- Senior Coordinator

If you are unable to reach him, contact:

- Senior Coordinator from HQ

As we are managing around 650 centres, please use only the above contacts for faster resolution.

**Before Leaving for the Test Centre**

1. Contact the School Principal or SPOC. Introduce yourself and confirm they are aware of the test date and timings.
    - Test Date: December 14, 2025
    - Reporting Time: 10:15 AM
    - Exam Time: 10:30 AM – 01:30 PM

- If you are available only for 14 December, please share the Centre Head credentials with the School Principal and inform them to use the same for marking attendance on 15 December.
- Seating Arrangement Sheets have been emailed to the school with you in CC.
- Bring back the Answer Sheets, Scholar Forms, Rough Sheets, and Attendance Sheets after the exam.
- Take the print of

1. Full list of students of your centre (in which students NCST/JDST Roll Number & DoB is mentioned)
2. Two set of Seating Arrangement sheet, One for displaying outside the computer lab/classroom, where students will be appearing for exam. Second set to be used for getting the signature from all the PRESENT students.

   After taking the signature on seating arrangement sheet, share the pic to your senior coordinator.
3. Back Up OMR (Back to back print, count should be total students+5)
4. Blank A4 sheet for rough work of students.

**Things to Do**

Two Hours Before the Exam (14-December, 8:00 AM)

1. Ensure all students appearing at your centre have their exam credentials.
2. Log in to the Volunteer Portal: https://centerhead.scholarship.dakshana.org/ or download the DST Facilitation App from the Google Play store search 'DST Facilitation' or download from: https://tinyurl.com/dakshanarep

**Reimbursement**

- You will receive the reimbursement email within a week. Please keep all bills and expense details for your travel.
- If bills are not available, you may use the cash voucher: https://tinyurl.com/cash-Vouchuer

**WhatsApp Groups**

1. Join the WhatsApp group created for your Coordinator and ask queries there.
2. You will also be added to the central group "DST 2025 Online – 15 December", where important updates will be posted by Dakshana Office only.
    - Share your questions in the state-wise group.

**Final Advisory**

Please go through the exam instructions thoroughly.
This is our sixth year conducting the online test, so some technical issues may occur. If they do, stay calm—we are here to support you throughout.

Thank you once again for volunteering. Your 100% vigilance is crucial to prevent any unfair means and ensure that only deserving scholars receive this opportunity.

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To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti
All Regional Offices,

Sub: Conduction of NCST & JDST Exam on 14th & 15th December 2025- Reg

Sir/Madam,

It is to inform that the NCST 2026 (for Class-X students) will be conducted through the NVS Lakshya Portal on Sunday, December 14, 2025 and Monday, December 15, 2025. The JDST 2026 (for Class-XII students) will be conducted through the NVS Lakshya Portal on Sunday, December 14, 2025.

| Exam Date | 14-Dec-2025 | 15-Dec-2025 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| NCST (Class-X) Students | 15,366 | 27,985 | 43,351 |
| JDST (Class-XII) Students | 4,976 | - | 4,976 |
| JDST students other than JNV | 1,850 | - | 1,850 |
| Total Students | 22,192 | 27,985 | 50,177 |

**Test Details:**

- **Test centres:** list of JNVs assigned as Test centres along with number of appearing students is enclosed for both NCST and JDST Exam.
- **Reporting Time:** Students must enter the computer lab or exam classroom before 10:15 AM.
- **Exam Time: 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM**
- **Mode:** The test will be conducted online, and students may use a desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone.
  Exam URLs: https://www.nvslakshya.org/ Or
  https://exam.scholarship.dakshana.org/
- **Exam Credentials:** The list of students, their exam login credentials (NCST/JDST Roll Number & Date of Birth), and the assigned exam date have been emailed to all schools. Please share login credentials only with the respective student. Do not display them publicly on a notice board.
- Students must log in using their NCST/JDST Roll Number and Date of Birth, and then download the test from: https://exam.scholarship.dakshana.org/
- To begin the test, an OTP will be provided by the invigilator at 10:25 AM.
- Attendance verification must be completed between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM on: https://centerhead.scholarship.dakshana.org/
  - Students can submit the exam only after attendance is marked.
  - Students not present at the exam centre must be marked Absent.
- After completing the test, students must submit their exam either online by themselves or offline through the invigilator using the QR code.

**General Instructions:**

- There is no admit card required this year. Students must bring their school ID or Aadhaar card to the exam hall.
- Students must appear for the exam only on their assigned date. No changes or rescheduling are accepted.
- Additionally, a few Class XII students from nearby government schools in your district will appear for the JDST exam on December 14, 2025. They will bring their own mobile phones for the test.
- An NVS CoE Selection Test (NCST) representative is appointed to assist in conducting the exam. S/he will arrive at your school by 8:00 AM on December 14, 2024.

**Test Format:**

The test consists of Multiple-Choice Questions. There is a total of 25 questions each in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Logical Reasoning, and 50 questions in Biology. Engineering aspirants attempt only Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Logical Reasoning, whereas medical aspirants attempt only Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Logical Reasoning.

**Pre-Requisites**

1. Classroom & Invigilation
   - If using a computer lab: 1 student per system
   - If using regular classrooms: 20 students per classroom
   - 1 invigilator per 20 students in all cases
2. Seating Arrangement
   - Each student has a pre-defined seat number.
   - Seating will be mixed for Class X & Class XII students.
3. Internet & Devices
   - Ensure all devices are in working condition before the exam starts.
   - Continue power supply for desktop & fully charged laptop/tablets.
   - Internet is required strictly at the start and at the time of submission of the test.
   - Once the student logs in and starts the exam, they must not open any other window or browser.
   - Browser Requirements

The exam is browser-based. Supported browsers include:
Google Chrome (Recommended – latest version)
Microsoft Edge (latest version)
Mozilla Firefox (latest version)
Do not use Safari or Internet Explorer, as they may cause compatibility issues.

- Please update all browsers to the latest version before the exam day.
- If a student's browser shows "Login Successful" but does not redirect to the exam page:
  - ✓ Clear the browser cache.
  - ✓ Perform a hard refresh using Ctrl + F5.
  - ✓ Then try logging in again.

4. Single Point of Contact (SPOC)
   - Nominate one teacher/staff member handling CoE activities to coordinate for the exam.
   - They must join the NCST WhatsApp group using the link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/EWqwHsHndlW4S0pkGUzM7b

It is requested to disseminate the above information to the JNVs under region for smooth conduct of NCST & JDST Exam.

Yours faithfully,

(Satyendra Gupta)
Asstt. Commissioner (Acad-II)

Enclosed: As above