



NOTIFICATION FOR NVS COE SELECTION TEST (NCST) 2026

The NCST is scheduled to be held on December 14 & 15, 2025

NCST for the selection of students for all NVS Centre of Excellence (COE) associated with three knowledge partners i.e., Dakshana Foundation, Avanti Fellows, and Ex-Navodaya Foundation.

Selection Process for the NCST 2026:

Step 1: Schools must upload the Class IX Annual Exam and Class X First Term scores (for Maths and Science) along with the basic details of all Class X students by ~~November 05, 2025~~ extended to November 10, 2025 on the NVS Lakshya Portal: <https://www.nvslakshya.org/ncst-registration> or <https://school.scholarship.dakshana.org/login>

Step 2: A Mock Test will be conducted on November 30, 2025, and all students must participate in this test.

Step 3: The list of students with their respective exam dates—either December 14 or December 15, 2025—will be shared with all JNVs by December 7, 2025.

Step 4: Students will appear for the NCST 2026 examination online at the assigned test centers in all the JNV using tablets or laptop or mobile phones.

Step 5: Students who qualify in the NCST 2026 exam will receive free JEE/NEET coaching at the NVS Centres of Excellence (COEs).

Mock Test is scheduled on November 30, 2025

Mock Test & NCST 2026 Format:

The duration of the tests will be 3-hrs. The test will consist of MCQ format questions in each of the following sections. There are a total of 25 questions each in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Logical Reasoning, and 50 questions in Biology:

Section 1: Logical Reasoning | Section 2: Mathematics/Biology | Section 3: Physics | Section 4: Chemistry

Each right answer is awarded 5 marks, and 2 marks is deducted for every wrong answer. Engineering Aspirants to attempt Mathematics and Medical aspirants to attempt Biology. **A candidate is required to attain positive marks in each subject.**

Mock Test & NCST 2026 Syllabus:

Physics	Mathematics	Logical Reasoning
Light - Reflection and Refraction	Real Numbers	Verbal: Number Series, Letter Series, Analogies, Cause & Effect, Verbal Classification, Blood Relations, Logical Sequence of Words, Direction Sense Test, Logical Venn Diagram, Data Sufficiency, Coding-Decoding, Assertion, and Reason, Analysing Arguments, Logical Problems, Course of Action, Matching Definition, Syllogism, Statement and Assumptions Non-Verbal: Image Series, Construction of Shapes, Classification, Picture Analogies, Rule Detection
Human Eye and Colourful World	Polynomials	
Electricity	Quadratic Equations	
Magnetic Effects of Electric Current	Arithmetic Progressions	
Chemistry	Triangles	
Chemical Reactions and Equations	Coordinate Geometry	
Acids, bases, and salts	Introduction to Trigonometry	
Metals and Non-Metals	Some Applications of Trigonometry	
Carbon and it's Compounds	Circles	
Biology	Areas Related to Circles	
Life Processes	Surface Areas and Volumes	
Control and Coordination	Statistics	
How do Organism Reproduce? Heredity and Evolution	Probability	

Aspirants can watch video lectures, on the above topics on the Dakshana YouTube Channel. Click on the name of the topic for each subject given above, to watch the video lectures. Questions will be based on the lectures.

UNFAIR MEANS PRACTICES AND BREACH OF EXAMINATION RULES

I. **Definition: Unfair Means practice is an activity that allows a candidate to gain an unfair advantage over other candidates. It includes, but is not limited to:**

- a) In the examination hall, only the following items are allowed:
 - i. Pen and I'd card.
 - ii. For online exams: One laptop or one mobile phone or one tablet.All other items will be considered unauthorized (UFM).
- b) Breaching examination rules or any direction issued by Dakshana in connection with NCST examination from time to time.
- c) Assisting other candidates to engage in malpractices, giving or receiving assistance of any kind directly or indirectly or attempting to do so.
- d) Receiving assistance of any kind directly or indirectly from any person (friends/parents/invigilator etc.) in question-solving.

II. **Punishment for using unfair Means practices**

During the course of, before, or after the examination if a candidate indulges in any of the above or similar practices, he/she shall be deemed to have used unfair practices and booked under the UNFAIR MEANS (U.F.M.) case. The candidate may be debarred for JEE/NEET Training or any other action as deemed fit.

III. **Cancellation of Result**

The result of NCST 2026 of the candidate(s) who indulge in Unfair means Practices will be cancelled and will not be declared.

Special Note for the NEET aspirants from the following states: Assam, Delhi. If you are selected for JNV Pune CoE, you will remain eligible only for AIIMS, 15% All India Quota seats in GMC, and Open seats. And will not be eligible for 85% Home state quota because your Class-XII passing state will change to Maharashtra. So, you MUST check the eligibility criteria and rethink your decision for JEE/NEET Coaching.

If you have any queries, please email at scholarship@dakshana.org

All clarifications related to the NCST will be addressed on the above email address ONLY. Kindly do not call or write to any other Dakshana email address.

NCST 2025: CoE Intake details

S No	Knowledge Partner	JNV District	State	Program	Intake
1	Dakshana	Bangaluru Urban	Karnataka	JEE	All India
2	Dakshana	Pune	Maharashtra	NEET	All India
3	Avanti Fellow	Cuttack	Odisha	JEE	Regional
4	Avanti Fellow	Badwani	Madhya Pradesh	JEE	Regional
5	Avanti Fellow	Chandigarh	Chandigarh UT	JEE / NEET	Regional
6	Avanti Fellow	Kottayam	Kerala	JEE	Regional
7	Avanti Fellow	Puducherry	Puduchery, UT	JEE	Regional
8	Avanti Fellow	Bundi	Rajasthan	JEE	Regional
9	Avanti Fellow	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	JEE	Regional
10	Avanti Fellow	Durgapur	West Bengal	JEE	Regional
11	Avanti Fellow	Kokrajhar	Assam	JEE / NEET	Regional
12	Avanti Fellow	Kohima	Nagaland	JEE / NEET	Regional
13	Avanti Fellow	Hassan	Karnataka	JEE	State Only
14	Avanti Fellow	Adilabad	Telangana	JEE	State Only
15	Avanti Fellow	Trivandrum	Kerala	JEE	State Only
16	Avanti Fellow	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	JEE	State Only
17	Avanti Fellow	Medak	Telangana	JEE	State Only
18	Avanti Fellow	Palghar	Maharashtra	JEE	State Only
19	Avanti Fellow	Kohlapur	Maharashtra	JEE	State Only
20	Avanti Fellow	Mahisagar	Gujrat	JEE	State Only
21	ENF	Rewari	Haryana	JEE / NEET	Regional
22	ENF	Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh	JEE / NEET	Regional
23	ENF	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	JEE / NEET	Regional
24	ENF	Rajgir	Bihar	JEE / NEET	Regional
25	ENF	Ranchi	Jharkhand	JEE / NEET	Regional
26	ENF	Dimapur	Nagaland	JEE	Regional
27	ENF	Raipur	Chattisgarh	JEE / NEET	State Only
28	ENF	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	JEE	State Only
29	ENF	Jalgaon	Maharashtra	NEET	State Only