

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DIRECTORATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ASSAM
KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI -781019

No. DSE-ET-NMMS-3-2025-27

Date: 15/10/2025

From Smt. Mamata Hojai, AES
Director of Secondary Education, Assam.

To The Inspector of Schools (all)
Including sixth schedule & BTR

Sub: - Participation in the National Means Cum Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Examination, 2025 schedule to be held on 15th November 2025 (Saturday) in the state of Assam for the students studying in Class VIII during 2025-26 for scholarship session 2026-27 (XI to XII).

Ref.: 1) Ministry of Education letter No. 1-11/2024-SS dated: 04/07/2025
2) This office earlier letter No. DSE-ET-NMMS-3-2025-25 dated: 07/08/2025.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation to this office earlier letter on the subject cited above, I would like state that the National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Examination is being conducted every year by the Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam and initiated by the Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, New Delhi, in which students of Government, Provincialised (Local Body) schools studying in Class-VIII are eligible to participate. The Govt. of India has fixed a scholarship quota of 2411 Nos. for the state of Assam. The selected candidates of the examination are able to get scholarship money for Rs.12,000/- P.A. for class IX, X, XI & XII as per the norms of the Govt. of India.

The NMMS Examination for the year 2025 will be held on **15th November 2025** (tentative) in different Examination Centers of the District Headquarters, Subdivisions, and Blocks etc. across the state.

On the basis of the proposals received from your office, **161 examination centers** have been selected to conduct the NMMS Examination, 2025. Until now, question booklets have been printed only in **Assamese** and **English**. However, from this year onwards, the undersigned will also provide Question Booklets in **Hindi**, **Bengali** and **Bodo** medium.

The examination comprises of the following tests.

NMMS EXAMINATION FOR CLASS VIII (EIGHT) TO BE HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2025		
Test	Nos. Questions	Number of Questions
Mental Aptitude Test (MAT)	90 Questions 90 Marks	Verbal & Non-verbal meta-cognitive abilities like reasoning and critical thinking. The questions in the test on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figure etc.
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	90 Questions 90 Marks	Covering subjects namely, science, social studies & mathematics as taught in classes VII and VIII

The application process for the NMMS examination has already started from 25/07/2025 and it will remain open till **31/10/2025** (Final Extension of The Last Date) through the official website <https://bidyarthi.co.in>

In this regard, I would like to share the following important points pertaining to the participation of students in the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Examination 2025:

Contd.

- A) The Directorate will **exempt the Examination Fee for the Top Three (3) students of each school** whose annual parental income of up to Rs. 3.5 lakh. However, students who have already paid the Examination Fee shall not be eligible for this exemption.
- B) In case of institutions under the Sixth Schedule and Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), five (5) students from each school shall be exempted from the NMMS Examination Fee.
- C) After the submission of application forms, the Head of the Institution is required to submit the list of enrolled students, including their **Name, Application ID, and NSP OTR Number**, to the concerned Inspector of Schools on or **before 31/10/2025** for exemption of Examination Fee.
- D) The Inspector of Schools must compile and submit the final data to this Directorate on or before **07/11/2025** without fail, to ensure timely issuance of e-Admit Cards for the recommended students.

You are, therefore, requested to take all necessary steps to **create wide awareness of the NMMS Scheme** among schools and **ensure the participation** with a view to increasing student n compared to previous years, as emphasised during the workshop held on 13th June 2025 at the Assam Administrative Staff College, attended by delegates of the Ministry of Education and the Secretary to the Government of Assam.

The list of Examination Centers for the NMMS Examination 2025 is enclosed herewith.

Please treat the matter as **Top Most Priority**.

With regards,


Director

Secondary Education, Assam

Memo No. DSE-ET-NMMS-3-2025-27 -A

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Copy for information to:

1. Mrs. Hema Malini S K Deepak, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Room No. 104-D, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Department of School Education, Dispur, Guwahati- 06.
3. PS to the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Assam for appraisal of Hon'ble Minister of Education, Assam


Director

Secondary Education, Assam

DECLARATION FOR EXEMPTION OF EXAM FEE OF THE NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION, 2025

- Name of the School: _____
- UDICE Code: _____
- Name of the District: _____
- Type of Institution (Govt./Provincialised school only) _____
- Name of the Head of Institution: _____
- Contact No. _____
- E-mail ID _____

Exemption of Exam Fee of the National Means Cum Merit Scholarship Examination, 2025

Norms:

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Detail of the students proposed for exemption of Exam Fee of the National Means Cum Merit Scholarship Examination, 2025			
Sl.	Name of the Student	NMMS Application ID of Bidyarthi Portal	NSP OTR Number
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Date: _____

Place: _____

Seal & signature of the Head of the Institute