



NATIONAL TESTING SERVICE-INDIA

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The National Testing Service-India, a central scheme of the MHRD, has been initiated as a mission to evolve centralized mechanism to cater to the evaluation requirements of the country and also to advise the Government of India on academic auditing to account for the huge amount of public funds spent on education.

The NTS, as part of its consensus building endeavor, proposes to organise a **three-day National Convention on Testing and Evaluation with reference to Hindi from 18th to 20th February, 2009**. The programme is jointly organised by the NTS-India, Mysore and CHI (Central Hindi Institute) Agra through its Delhi Centre. The venue is Indian Institute of Mass Communication Auditorium, Aruna Asaf Ali Road, Near JNU Campus, New Delhi-67.

The main objective of the programme is to create awareness about the activities of NTS and also to solicit the views and suggestions on the materials and methodologies developed by the NTS so far. Around 750 to 800 Senior Scholars/ Professors/ Readers/ Lecturers representing various academic disciplines such as Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine, Statistics, Education, Psychology, Management, etc., in addition to the Hindi language, literature and linguistics, are expected to participate in the convention. The Institutions which are involved in preparing and conducting Tests of Aptitude (eg. IITs), Achievement (eg. Universities, School Boards) and Proficiency (eg. UPSC, SSC, etc.,) are also given representation in this programme.

The programme will have 3 technical (interactive) sessions (including group discussions) apart from inaugural and valedictory sessions. The Programme will commence from 10.00 am and the inaugural session will be held at 11.00 am on 18.02.09 at the IIMC auditorium.

About NTS-INDIA:

NTS-INDIA aims at fulfilling the evaluation requirements of the country as well as developing the National and Regional Norms/Standards of quality. It also proposes to develop instruments of evaluation (tools and scales) in major Indian Languages, before extending it to other areas of study. These instruments will be standardized with reference to a specified population to be identified across the country through 60 Regional Field Units (RFU) of NTS.

The NTS also proposes to train 16000 teachers of various levels and disciplines, to start with languages. It has set up three task groups viz., R&D (Research & Development), S&D (Survey & Documentation) and C&T (Consultancy & Training) to plan, formulate and execute all the basic requirements.

NTS has also established 60 Regional Field Units across the country in order to build up national consensus, disseminate information, prepare tools and scales, and administer them in the field, and collect data and to evolve standardization as well. In the mean time, a sub-scheme called Grant-in-Aid has been created within NTS to extend financial support to the individuals and institutions for developing materials and manpower in Evaluation. Apart from this, 45 Research Fellowships per annum (30 Doctoral and 15 Post doctoral) have been instituted to encourage the young researchers to take up the advance studies in this inter-disciplinary area.

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