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PROSPECTUS

N-CET 2025
NIN-COMMON ENTRANCE TEST
ONLINE (CBT)

FOR ADMISSION INTO – 2 YEAR POST-GRADUATION IN

M.Sc. (APPLIED NUTRITION)

&

M.Sc. (SPORTS NUTRITION)

FOR THE ACADEMIC BATCH 2025-2027

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1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES AT A GLANCE

Affiliation	Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research, Ghaziabad
Duration	Two Years
Mode of Selection	All India-NIN Common Entrance Test (N-CET) & Counseling
Tuition fee	APPLIED NUTRITION: Rs.1,60,000 (1st year); Rs. 1,60,000 (2nd year) SPORTS NUTRITION : Rs.1,60,000 (1st year); Rs.1,60,000 (2nd year)
Eligible qualification*	<p>i) B.Sc with any one of the following subjects as a major discipline in all the 3/4 years or 6/8 Semesters</p> <p>Applied Nutrition Applied Nutrition & Public Health Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics Exercise Physiology & Nutrition Food & Nutrition Food Science & Quality Control Home Science Human Nutrition Nutrition Biochemistry Nutrition & Dietetics Nursing Sports & Exercise Nutrition Sports Nutrition Sports Science</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ii) MBBS iii) BDS</p>

* Candidates who are appearing for the final year/SEM exam are also eligible for N-CET. However, they should submit all the original certificates of the qualifying exams **at the time of counseling for admission**. For General(UR),General(EWS) 55% and for OBC/SC/ST/PWD candidates a minimum of 50% aggregate marks is required in the qualifying examination. Candidates though qualified in the Entrance Test, are not entitled to participate in the counseling for admission if the requisite certificates are not submitted.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sl.No	Particulars	Important Dates and Details (Tentative)
1.	Availability of the link for Application form on the website	6 th May,2025 - www.nin.res.in
2.	Last date for Online Submission of Application Form (through the link provided)	2 nd June, 2025 11.59pm
3.	Application Fee Payable by Candidate	
	General/OBC	Rs. 3000.00
	SC/ST/PwD/EWS	Rs. 1500.00
4.	Hall Tickets (will be generated online)	From June 1 st week onwards
5.	Date of Entrance Test	6 th July,2025 (Sunday)
6.	Duration of Examination	90 minutes
7.	Centre of NCET	As indicated in Admit Card
8.	Website	www.nin.res.in , (link provided for online application)
9.	Declaration of Results	14 th July, 2025
10.	Counseling for admission	19 th August, 2025
11.	Commencement of classes	20 th August, 2025

- Applications by email/physical submission are **not** accepted.
- Applications **submitted only through the link** on the website are accepted.
- The Last date for submission of the application form, date of the entrance examination, and other important dates if changed will be **updated on the NIN website** from time to time. Candidates are requested to check the **website (www.nin.res.in)** frequently for updates.
- No individual intimations will be sent .**

2. ABOUT M.Sc. (APPLIED NUTRITION) & M.Sc. (SPORTS NUTRITION)

Vision

To create scientifically trained human resources in the area of Applied Nutrition and Sports Science who will make a positive contribution to society.

Mission

To equip post-graduate students with knowledge and skills in multi-disciplinary area of Applied Nutrition and Sports Nutrition, thereby enabling them to contribute in the field of nutrition and/or sports nutrition.

M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition)

The ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) has reached a remarkable milestone of completing 107 years of exemplary service to the nation with special emphasis on overcoming the nutritional deficiency disorders. The NIN looks forward to recast its focus with a renewed commitment not just to nutritional science, but also for building a healthy nation. Systematic training programmes have been initiated to impart training in the current concepts of nutritional science and their application for promoting public health. This was initiated by introducing training programmes and certificate courses. A nine-month M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition) Postgraduate Programme was initiated in 1968 to create skilled human resources in nutritional sciences to address the nutritional problems in India. This course was initially open to sponsored candidates, and later considering the usefulness of this programme and demand in the market, it was upgraded to a Full-time Two-year M.Sc. programme in Applied Nutrition in the year 2009. The students who passed out from the course are employed in teaching and research positions across the globe and continue to contribute in disseminating knowledge about nutritional sciences as young ambassadors of the National Institute of Nutrition. From the academic year 2024-25 onwards, this course runs is affiliated to Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

M.Sc. (Sports Nutrition)

Research in the area of Sports Nutrition was initiated in 1983 under the Energy Metabolism Division, which was subsequently developed as the Department of Work Physiology and Sports Nutrition at ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN). After three decades of research, consultancy, and extension in the specialized area of Sports Nutrition, viewing the importance of sports science for performance and growth, the department started the Two-year M.Sc. (Sports Nutrition) course supported by the Indian Institute of Sports Science & Research (IISIR), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Govt. of India and established MYAS - NIN Department of Sports Science in the year 2017. This course is the first ever course of its kind in the country. From the academic year 2024-25 onwards, this course is affiliated to Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition): The M.Sc. Applied Nutrition course follows Semester System and Choice Based Credit System as per the guidelines issued by University Grants Commission (UGC). The curriculum has been planned in consultation with renowned academicians, researchers, and clinicians in various specialties of nutritional sciences and is designed with an application-oriented approach.

M.Sc. (Sports Nutrition): The M.Sc. Sports Nutrition course follows the Semester System and Choice Based Credit System as per the guidelines issued by UGC. The curriculum has been planned in consultation with MYAS, International and National experts in the area of sports-specific nutrition and is executed with an application-oriented approach.

Objectives of the M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition) Programme

- To develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of the various applications of nutritional sciences in public health and clinical settings to address nutritional deficiencies.
- To gain knowledge and skills needed for planning and management of community and public health nutrition programmes implemented by the Government and NGOs.
- To acquire skills in nutritional assessment and nutritional planning for the application of theoretical concepts in field settings.
- To acquire research, , academic skills, paper publication/presentation and scholarly skills or specific skills needed for entrepreneurship to increase employability.

Objectives of the M.Sc. (Sports Nutrition) Programme

- To develop in-depth knowledge and practical skill sets to ensure planning and implementation of sport-specific nutritional support to Indian athletes/sports persons.
- To develop a team approach, display adequate team building and soft skills to ensure implementation and monitoring of sport-specific nutritional support.
- To develop research, academic skills, paper publication/presentation skills or specific skills needed for entrepreneurship or gain job experience to improve employability. To develop day-to-day support requirements of athletes, critical analysis of situations and problem-solving within a team, with specific reference to providing support to elite athletes during training and during international and national events.

CAREER OPTIONS

Applied Nutrition

After completion of this course, candidates will be able to take up careers in the following areas:

1. As Teaching faculty, teaching the science of nutrition and dietetics in colleges and universities.
2. Nutritionists in government's health departments, schools, colleges and office cafeterias for planning nutritional regimens.
3. Researchers in Government established Laboratories and Institutes.
4. Clinical Dietitians/Nutritionists in Hospitals, outpatient clinics and as private consultants.
5. Nutritionists in Food Industries and Pharmacy companies.
6. Nutrition educators/Patient Educators/Health Educators/counselors/advisors and extension workers in schools/institutes or corporate sectors.
7. Nutritionists in gymnasiums and sports facilities.
8. As Food Safety Officers/Child Development Project Officers in State Government Departments

Sports Nutrition:

After completion of this course, candidates will be able to take up careers in the following areas:

1. Sports Nutritionist as part of high-performance team to support elite athletes.
2. Sports Nutritionist in State and Central Government / Private owned sports academies/agencies/federations.
3. Sports nutrition educators/counselors/diet planners/advisors/extension workers.
4. Sports Nutrition teachers/professors/researchers.
5. Sports Nutrition product/supplement developers.
6. Nutritionists in gymnasiums and sports facilities.

2.1 TUITION FEES STRUCTURE FOR M.SC. APPLIED NUTRITION & SPORTS NUTRITION

		1 st Year		2 nd Year	
Fee particulars		SEM I (In Rs.)	SEM II (In Rs.)	SEM III (In Rs.)	SEM IV (In Rs.)
Semester Fee #		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
ICMR-NIN (Admin. Fee)		36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
Other Fee (Includes Library, Lab fee, Sports & Games , ID Card etc.)		9000	9000	9000	9000
Caution / Security Deposit*		10,000	-	-	-
Mini Project / Internship fee**		-	-	10,000	
Fee per SEM		85,000	75,000	85,000	75,000
Fee per year		1,60,000		1,60,000	

Semester Fee: Online payment to AcSIR.

* Caution Deposit: To be refunded to the student after completion of the course

** Mini Project/Internship fee: Reimbursement of expenditure during internship/mini project work subject to conditions.



2.2

STUDY SCHEME OF M.Sc. (APPLIED NUTRITION)

M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition)				
ICMR – National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN), Hyderabad				
Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	L-T-P-C	Course Nature
I	AcSIR - - - 001	Applied Nutrition Biochemistry	3-0-4-5	Compulsory
I	AcSIR - - - 002	Human Physiology	3-0-4-5	
I	AcSIR - - - 003	Clinical Nutrition	3-0-4-5	
I	AcSIR - - - 004	Public Health and Community Nutrition	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - - 005	Advanced Biochemistry	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - - 006	Advanced Clinical Nutrition	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - - 007	Assessment of Nutrient Requirements	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - - 008	Research Methodology and Biostatistics-I	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - - 009	Food Science	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - - 010	Therapeutic Nutrition	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - - 011	Food Microbiology and Food Safety	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - - 012	Research Methodology and Biostatistics-II	3-0-4-5	
IV	AcSIR - - - 013	Internship/Mini project (Hospital/Industry/Research Institution)	0-0-8-4	
IV	AcSIR - - - 014	Dissertation (In-House/Hospital/Industry/Research Institution)	0-0-48-24	

Note: The internship/mini-project will be done after the III SEM's completion and before the IV SEM's start. However, the credits would be added to the IV SEM.

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STUDY SCHEME OF M.Sc. (SPORTS NUTRITION)

M.Sc. (Sports Nutrition)				
ICMR – National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN), Hyderabad				
Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	L-T-P-C	Course Nature
I	AcSIR - - 001	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	3-0-4-5	Compulsory
I	AcSIR - - 002	Basic Physiology and Metabolism	3-0-4-5	
I	AcSIR - - 003	Exercise Nutrition and Metabolism	3-0-4-5	
I	AcSIR - - 004	Assessment of Health and Fitness of Athletes	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - 005	Sport Specific Nutrition	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - 006	Exercise Physiology and Metabolism	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - 007	Nutritional Biochemistry and Exercise	3-0-4-5	
II	AcSIR - - 008	Research Methodology and Biostatistics-I	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - 009	Clinical Sports Nutrition	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - 010	Dietary Supplements and Ergogenic Aids	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - 011	Food Service Management and Entrepreneurship	3-0-4-5	
III	AcSIR - - 012	Research Methodology and Biostatistics-II	3-0-4-5	
IV	AcSIR - - 013	Internship/Mini project (SAI Centers/Sports Academies)	0-0-8-4	
IV	AcSIR - - 014	Dissertation (In-House/SAI Centers/Sports Academies)	0-0-48-24	

Note: The internship/mini-project will be done after the III SEM's completion and before the IV SEM's start. However, the credits would be added to the IV SEM.

2.4 EXAMINATION & EVALUATION PROCEDURE FOR COURSE-WORK

Continuous evaluation procedure will be carried-out throughout the semester through class-tests, assignments, seminars, mid-term and end-semester examinations, etc.

- End-semester examination shall have maximum weightage of 40%.
- For laboratory courses, the students shall have to submit laboratory reports to the course coordinator.

Depending on nature of the laboratory work, the coordinator can opt for a viva-voce at the end.

Grading System to be followed for the course work:

Letter Grade	Performance	Numerical Value
A+	Outstanding	10
A	Excellent	9
B+	Very Good	8
B	Good	7
C+	Fair	6
C	Poor	4
F	Very Poor	2
I*	Incomplete*	0
S	Satisfactory (for audit course)	Not Applicable
X	Un-Satisfactory (for audit course)	Not Applicable

* “I” grade shall be given to students who have (i) Not Attended Classes; and/or (ii) Not been evaluated. This implies repeating the full course and appearing in the examination so that it could be considered towards final grade calculation.

SGPA (Semester Grade Point Average) = {Sum of (Course credit x Numerical value of course grade)} / Total course credits earned in the semester

CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) = {Sum of (Course credit in all passed courses x Numerical value of course grade)} / Cumulative credits earned

A brief philosophy of AcSIR indicating the “Award of Grades in Courses” is given as

Annexure – I

For Masters’ and PG-Diploma programs a student needs to have a SGPA ≥ 6.0 in each semester and a CGPA ≥ 6.5 from second semester onwards for continuation.

- The minimum grade point to be earned to pass any individual subject is 6.0.
- The SGPA and CGPA shall be calculated to two decimal places.
- Distinction# ≥ 8.00 CGPA; First Class ≥ 7.00 CGPA; Pass Marks ≥ 6.50 CGPA
- CGPA to %age conversion formula: %age of marks = (CGPA – 0.5) x 10 (Master’s program)

The award of Distinction would be considered only if all the courses are passed in one attempt.

Conducting a “Re-test”:

A re-test can only be taken once for:

- a) Passing a course i.e. when the student has failed
- b) Improvement in SGPA/CGPA

Final grades obtained after taking the re-test shall only be considered valid and mentioned on the final grade card. The re-test can be taken on payment of any additional examination fee as prescribed by the administration.

Students desirous of taking a re-test shall have to give their request in writing.

2.5 EXAMINATION & EVALUATION OF DISSERTATION

Dissertation

- a. The **Oral Examination Board (OEB)** for each student shall be constituted by the Director of the laboratory on the recommendation of the Institute Coordinator and the dissertation supervisor.

The OEB shall have a minimum of three members:

- One examiner from same field of research,
 - One examiner from areas other than the candidate's field of research and
 - The dissertation supervisor(s).
- b. The candidate, at the earliest, would be allowed to submit the thesis two weeks before the completion of the fourth semester (middle of April) with recommendation of the dissertation supervisor.
 - c. The last date for submission of the Master's Dissertation is 15th May of every calendar year.
 - d. The candidate shall present his dissertation work in the colloquium in presence of the OEB members.
 - e. The notification of the open seminar would be circulated by the dissertation supervisor in consultation with members of the OEB.
 - f. The candidate is considered to have passed the oral examination if all the OEB members consider that the performance of the candidate is satisfactory with award of grades C+ or above.
 - g. Based on the presentation and responses to the questions raised during oral examination, the OEB can even recommend the resubmission of the dissertation (only once) after incorporating the suggestions made by the OEB.
 - h. In the rescheduled oral examination, the OEB must declare the candidate either to have passed or failed with award of appropriate grades. There shall not be any recommendation for further oral examination.

- i. The grading system to be followed during evaluation of thesis work for Masters is illustrated below:

Letter Grade	Performance	Numerical Value
A+	Outstanding	10
A	Excellent	9
B+	Very Good	8
B	Good	7
C+	Fair	6
X	Unsatisfactory	

2.6 AWARD OF DEGREE, PROVISION OF REAPPEARING & ATTENDANCE

A student shall be awarded the degree on the following conditions:

- 2.6.1 He/she must have registered himself/herself to undergo the chosen course of study, completed the internship and project report specified in the curriculum of his/her program within the stipulated time, and secured the minimum credits and CGPA prescribed for the award of the concerned degree.
- (i) There are no dues outstanding in the student's name to be paid to the Institute/University.
 - (ii) No disciplinary action should be pending against the student.
 - (iii) The student should have earned minimum credits (i.e., total credits offered in the Program - number of credits, not exceeding six credits).
 - (iv) Distinction ≥ 8.00 CGPA; First class ≥ 7.00 CGPA and Pass marks ≥ 6.50 CGPA

The above degree will be awarded with distinction, if a student has earned a minimum CGPA of ≥ 8 with a pass in all subjects in the first attempt.

The maximum permissible period for completing the program is minimum 2 years and maximum 3 years from the date of admission. However, if a student fails to do so, he/she may be permitted to register again for the program after obtaining the requisite approval from the concerned authorities of NIN and AcSIR.

Attendance

Candidates, once admitted, are required to have not less than 75% of attendance in lectures (and practical wherever applicable). The Director, ICMR-NIN on the specific recommendation of the Course Coordinator, may condone the deficiency in attendance to the extent of 10% on medical grounds, subject to production of satisfactory Medical Certificate and on payment of the prescribed condonation fee. No admission will be made after the expiry of four (4) weeks from the date of commencement of instructions.

2.7 CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

If any candidate is found to secure admission on the basis of false information with respect to age, subject, percentage of marks, false claims on special/reservation categories etc., his/her admission will be cancelled, and punitive action will be initiated.

IMPORTANT

It may be noted that all those who will appear entrance examination and qualify for provisional admission will not entitle for any claim on admission if she/he does not fulfill the required eligibility conditions for admission as prescribed in the Prospectus-cum-application form 2025-27 which will be verified at the time of counseling for admission. In addition, at any stage (during the pursuance of the course/program if it is found that any candidate does not fulfill the minimum eligibility requirements or had submitted a fake educational or caste certificate, the provisional admission that was granted, shall be cancelled forthwith. Bringing in political pressure/ influence in any manner at any stage i.e. entrance examination, admission that was granted, shall be cancelled forthwith.

3. ABOUT N-CET (NIN-COMMON ENTRANCE TEST)

N-CET is an All-India Common Entrance Test and counseling for admission into the M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition) and M.Sc. (Sports Nutrition) Courses conducted by ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, Telangana State. ICMR-NIN, in association with M/s Scope Testing Services Pvt. Ltd., will conduct computer-based test (online examination) at multi-centres across India. It is mandatory for candidates to appear for the entrance test and the marks of the entrance test will be considered for admission, along with the marks of qualifying degree (in case of tie in Entrance Test marks) and reservation policy given in 'seat matrix' – page No. 13.

4. EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

4.1 SYLLABUS

The syllabus for the entrance examination is the basic understanding of nutrition, biochemistry and physiology taught at the graduation level, general knowledge & aptitude.

4.2 PATTERN OF THE ENTRANCE TEST & NEGATIVE MARKING

The candidates need to appear for the entrance test, which will be based on the multiple-choice questions (MCQs) format. The Entrance Test will be for 100 marks. The test will cover the following four subjects, and the marks will be allotted as shown below.

Sl.No.	Subject	Questions	Marks (each question)	Total Marks
1.	Nutrition	50	1	50
2.	Biochemistry	20	1	20
3.	Physiology	20	1	20
4.	General Knowledge and Aptitude	10	1	10

Note: NEGATIVE MARKS FOR WRONG ANSWERS

- 4.2.1 **Negative marks are applicable.** 1/3rd (0.33) mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer i.e., for every three wrong answers, one mark will be deducted. A merit list shall be prepared based on marks obtained (after deduction of negative marks) in the Entrance Test.

- 4.2.2 In case of a tie of marks in the Entrance Test, the total percentage of the marks in the qualifying examination (up to two decimal places) will be taken into consideration for fixing the merit of candidates.
- 4.2.3 If the entrance test marks and the percentage of marks in the qualifying examination are equal, the age of the candidate will be taken into consideration, and older candidates will be placed higher in the merit list.

4.3 MODE OF EXAMINATION

N-CET exam will be computer-based and the candidate is required to answer the MCQs on the system allotted to them in their respective exam center.

4.4 DURATION OF EXAMINATION

The duration of the exam will be ninety (90) minutes

4.5 MEDIUM OF QUESTION PAPER & MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: **ENGLISH**

4.6 CENTER PREFERENCES FOR N-CET 2025

The centers for the Entrance exam are **HYDERABAD, NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, MUMBAI, CHENNAI, BENGALURU and VISAKHAPATNAM**. However, candidates need to provide their order of preferences of Exam center in the online application. Candidates may choose their own city or select the neighboring city based on their convenience and the center options.

In case, the number of candidates opting for a city/ center is less than a certain minimum required, candidates may be allotted to a center in another city, irrespective of the center preferences provided by the candidates for appearing for the examination.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

As given in Page No. 1.

In addition, the candidate should possess a minimum of 55% aggregate marks in the qualifying examination for General (UR), General (EWS).

General (UR), General (EWS) candidates should possess 55% and OBC/SC/ST/PWD candidates should possess a minimum of 50% aggregate marks in the qualifying examination. Candidates who are appearing for the final B.Sc. exam are also eligible for N-CET. However, they should submit all the original certificates of the qualifying exams **at the time of counseling for admission**. Candidates though qualified in the Entrance Test, are not entitled to participate in the counseling for admission if the requisite certificates are not submitted.

Note: If a candidate is found to have concealed any information regarding the eligibility criteria, the registration will be cancelled. Further, disciplinary action will be taken by the concerned authorities against the candidate.

6. NUMBER OF SEATS & ADMISSION PROCEDURE

6.1 SEAT MATRIX

Break up of seats								PWD @ 5% of Total seats
Name of the course	Usual seats	Seats (Usual + EWS)	SC	ST	OBC	UR	EWS	
M.Sc.(Applied Nutrition)	22	24	3	1	6	12	2	1
M.Sc.(Sports Nutrition)	17	18	2	1	4	10	1	0

6.2 SCRUTINY OF CERTIFICATES

After the N-CET examination, the results with marks obtained by each candidate will be uploaded on the NIN website.

After scrutiny of certificates, the list of eligible candidates for counseling will be displayed on the NIN website (www.nin.res.in).

Based on the entrance test marks/rank and submission of requisite certificates, admissions will be made through Spot/ Physical Counseling at NIN, Hyderabad. Date and time will be notified along with the list of eligible candidates.

6.3 QUALIFYING CRITERIA

The Merit List will be prepared on the basis of the marks scored by the candidates in the N-CET examination. Reservation policy will be followed for OBC, SC/ST/EWS candidates as per reservation policy of Government of India.

6.4 SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The selected candidates, who have qualified for the entrance exam and fulfilled the criteria, will be uploaded on the NIN website and individual email **will not** be sent.

After the admission procedure is completed, the final list of selected candidates (who have submitted all original certificates and paid the stipulated fee) will be displayed on the website. **Seat confirmation/ allotment are confirmed only on payment of fees immediately i.e. the same day of seat allotment.**

6.5 HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

The students who secure admission at NIN will be eligible for hostel accommodation. The hostel rooms are reserved as per the government rules for SC/ST/OBC/EWS.

The hostel is well equipped with furniture, Wi-Fi and has LCD television besides other facilities. The hostel rooms are spacious and well furnished. The hostel also includes a dining facility, and students are not allowed to cook in their hostel rooms. It provides all the students a safe and comfortable environment. It is a “zero tolerance for ragging” and a “No Smoking Zone.”

Admission to the hostel will be given as per the merit and the following categorization:

Category A: 95% of seats will consist of those students whose parents are not residing in or around Hyderabad. Proof of residence has to be submitted for the same.

Category B: 5% of the seats will consist of those students whose parents are not residing in Hyderabad but 20 km or more from the NIN. Proof of residence has to be submitted for the same.

A candidate may apply for Hostel Accommodation on a prescribed form only after confirmation of his/her seat.

Any candidate not fulfilling the attendance requirement during the current academic year will be denied the hostel seat in the next academic session.

6.6 ANTI-RAGGING REGULATIONS

The Anti-Ragging cell of ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition includes the Anti-Ragging Committee and the Anti-Ragging Squad. This committee will ensure compliance with the provisions of the Anti-ragging regulations prescribed by the UGC. The students (along with their parents signature) have to register on the portal and submit an Anti-ragging related undertaking (online) at the time of admission stating that they will not indulge in any form of ragging. ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition and its hostel facilities for students have zero tolerance for Ragging and will take all measures to ensure a Ragging-free campus.

Students found to indulge in any form of ragging during any time of the Two-year M.Sc. course are liable to have their admission cancelled and their candidature may be withdrawn from the course.

UGC has issued an advisory regarding the revised procedure of Anti-Ragging undertaking & Compliance Submission. The students are instructed to fill online undertaking and also submit Anti-Ragging compliance form on www.antiragging.in. The following is the link for undertaking and compliance submission by students

https://antiragging.in/affidavit_registration_disclaimer.html

7. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM/ PAYMENT OF FEES

7.1 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Online Application link given on the NIN website will enable the candidate to complete the registration and online application process. On clicking the link, the candidate will be first directed to the registration process. Under the Registration process, the candidate will be required to enter basic details like his/her name, social status, mobile number, email id, educational qualification. Candidate has to choose his/her basic eligible degree from the drop down box at the time of registration process.

7.2 INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

After paying the registration fees online and entering the payment reference number, the candidate can start entering all details in the online application form. After filling the online application form, the candidate has to upload a photograph (<50kb jpg, jpeg format) and click on save and submit button. The candidate can download a PDF of the filled-in application form after submission is completed.

Note: Incomplete applications and applications not in accordance with the instructions are liable to be rejected without any further intimation.

8. PREPARATION OF MERIT LIST OF ENTRANCE TEST

The Merit list shall be prepared on the basis of the marks obtained in the Entrance Test. In case of a tie of marks in the Entrance Test, the total percentage of the marks in the qualifying examination (up to two decimal places) will be taken into consideration for fixing the merit of candidates. If the entrance test marks and the percentage of marks in the qualifying examination are equal, the age of the candidate will be taken into consideration and older candidates will be placed higher in the merit list.

9. RESERVATION OF SEATS

Reservation of seats is as per AcSIR guidelines (please refer 6.1 Page No.13)

Note: Every candidate who claims to belong to SC or ST or OBC (non-creamy layer) or EWS has to produce a certificate to ICMR-NIN, before her/his admission as sufficient proof in support of the claim, to make her/him eligible for various relaxations and concessions granted to such candidates.

The certificate should strictly be in prescribed format issued by one of the competent authorities empowered for the purpose. No other certificate will be accepted as sufficient proof of the claim belonging to any reserved category for availing the benefits of reservations.

The admission granted to all such reserved candidates is provisional and subject to the certificates being verified through proper channels as per rules and if the verification reveals that the claim of a candidate who belongs to SC/ST/OBC/EWS as the case may be, is false the admission will be cancelled forthwith without assigning any further reasons without prejudice to such further action as may be taken under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code for production of false certificates.

Candidates producing SC/ST certificates issued by the competent authority of the respective State Governments should also produce a certificate of valid duration at the time of admission.

The Other Backward Classes (OBC) **non-creamy layer** certificate should be issued in the format as prescribed by the Govt. of India time-to-time issued by the competent authority on or after 1.4.2024. It may please be noted that state Backward Classes (BC) certificate will not be accepted as a claim for reservation under OBC.

If it is brought to the notice of ICMR-NIN at any stage i.e. while pursuing a course or after the degree is awarded that the candidate got admission based on false certificate and is proved, then University reserves the right to cancel the admission/degree awarded as the case may be and also take action as per the provisions of the Indian Penal Code for production of a false certificate. The university also reserves the right to send any or all caste certificates for verification as per the Government of India rules.

10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10.1 HELP DESK

Candidates who have any queries regarding the eligibility and admission procedure may contact the Help desk staff on weekdays (Monday-Friday) .In addition, they can also contact by E-mail given below.

Timing 09:30 AM to 5:30 PM)
(Except Public Holidays)

For Technical Queries

Phone No. : 9103514108

Email Id : icmrhelpdesk2025@gmail.com

For Admission Related Queries

ICMR NIN- 040-27197489/040-27197247/040-27197311

Email Id : icmrnin.cet@gmail.com

Candidates should read the instruction manual provided in the link before filling the online application. For any further queries, the candidate may contact the helpline numbers given above.

11. ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION /COUNSELLING

1. Study/ Bonafide Certificates from 9th Class to qualifying (Graduation/ Degree) examination.
2. X class or equivalent certificate as proof of age.
3. Intermediate marks Memo/11th &12th Qualifying Examination Board Marks Memo.
4. Memoranda of Marks (Year-wise or Semester-wise) of the qualifying degree examination.
5. Provisional or Original Degree Certificate of qualifying exam
6. Social Status (Caste/ Community) Certificate, if applicable for SC/ST/OBC candidates.
7. Income and Asset certificate under Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
8. Original Migration Certificate issued by the concerned university where last studied.
9. Service Certificate and No-objection Certificate from the employer, in case of employed candidates.
10. Photocopy of Aadhar Card
11. Two passport size photographs.

Note: Two sets of photocopies of documents from S. No. 1 to 10 to be submitted



AWARD OF GRADES IN COURSES

Brief philosophy of awarding the academic letter grades in courses

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Summation of } C_i G_i}{\text{Summation of } C_i}$$

Where C_i represents credit points and G_i represents grade points.

Based on the philosophy, letter grade does not allow the fractions. The grades have to be within the ranges of A+, A, B+, B, C+ in order to pass the course. Please note that at AcSIR “C” is a fail grade. Therefore, while mapping the absolute marks onto the letter grades the investigator in-charge has to be sure what grade he wants to award. One student may get 55 or 58 (out of 100) as his/ her actual marks, but the onus is on the Instructor to declare whether the candidate is C+ or C. The Instructor has the liberty to declare 58 as C+ and he has to be convinced that the candidate deserves a C+ grade. Likewise, the investigator in-charge has to assign A+, A etc based on the performance of the students in the course. Ideally, the instructor has to draw a histogram based on the performance (absolute marks) of the students in the course. Then he has to decide what should be the minimum pass mark for that course. He/ she has to then decide on a range (say minimum + X marks, X being 6 or 7 or 8 marks) and assign that range as C+, the immediate upper range (again he/she has to decide the range based on the trend of the histogram) should be assigned a letter grade of B and so on. If the instructor sees that nobody is truly outstanding in the histogram, he need not even award A+ in that course for that particular batch of students. The Instructor is free to choose the minimum pass marks (and hence the pass grade is mapped there) depending on the standard of the examinations/ assignments and the standard of performance of the students in the course.

The numerical interpretation of the letter grade has only relation to the calculation of SGPA and CGPA. But letter grade cannot be interpreted as a fractional number. For example, if an Instructor has awarded B+ grade to somebody, then the student earns full 8.0 grade point on that course. The grade point cannot be 8.2 or 7.8. The grade point will be multiplied by the corresponding credit of the course and then SGPA or CGPA will be calculated based on the formula given above.

Whenever a large number of student's grades in a course fall on either extreme of the spectrum, they shall be discussed/reviewed by the concerned course coordinator and AcSIR Laboratory Coordinator in consultation with the Laboratory Director, if required.

ANNEXURE-II

Government of _____
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS (EWS)

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

This is to certify that Shri / Smt./ Kumari _____
son/daughter/wife of _____ permanent resident of _____,
Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____
in the State/Union Territory _____ Pin Code _____
whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the
gross annual income* of his/her "family" is below Rs. 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for
the financial year _____. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following
assets***:

- I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
- II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
- III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
- IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in. areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the
caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward
Classes (Central List).

Recent Passport size
Attested Photograph of
the Applicant

Signature with seal of
Office _____
Name _____
Designation _____

***Note 1:** Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

****Note 2:** The term 'Family' for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.

*****Note 3:** The property held by a 'Family' in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

OBC Certificate Format**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSTS / ADMISSION TO CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (CEIs), UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

This is to certify that Shri / Smt. / Kum^{rs} _____ Son / Daughter* of Shri / Smt.* _____ of Village/Town* _____ District/Division* _____ in the _____ State belongs to the _____

community which is recognized as a backward class under:

- (i) Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(C) dated 10/09/93 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 186 dated 13/09/93.
- (ii) Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BCC dated 19/10/94 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 163 dated 20/10/94.
- (iii) Resolution No. 12011/1/95-BCC dated 24/05/95 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 80 dated 25/05/95.
- (iv) Resolution No. 12011/96/94-BCC dated 9/03/96.
- (v) Resolution No. 12011/44/95-BCC dated 6/12/95 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 11/12/95.
- (vi) Resolution No. 12011/13/97-BCC dated 03/12/97.
- (vii) Resolution No. 12011/99/94-BCC dated 11/12/97.
- (viii) Resolution No. 12011/68/98-BCC dated 27/10/99.
- (ix) Resolution No. 12011/88/98-BCC dated 6/12/99 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 270 dated 06/12/99.
- (x) Resolution No. 12011/36/99-BCC dated 04/04/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 71 dated 04/04/2000.
- (xi) Resolution No. 12011/44/99-BCC dated 21/09/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 21/09/2000.
- (xii) Resolution No. 12015/9/2000-BCC dated 06/09/2001.
- (xiii) Resolution No. 12011/1/2001-BCC dated 19/06/2003.
- (xiv) Resolution No. 12011/4/2002-BCC dated 13/01/2004.
- (xv) Resolution No. 12011/9/2004-BCC dated 16/01/2006 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 16/01/2006.
- (xvi) Resolution No. 12011/14/2004-BCC dated 12/03/2007 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 67 dated 12/03/2007.
- (xvii) Resolution No. 12015/2/2007-BCC dated 18/08/2010.
- (xviii) Resolution No. 12015/13/2010-BCC dated 08/12/2011.

Shri / Smt. / Kum. _____ and / or his family ordinarily reside(s) in the _____ District / Division of _____ State. This is also to certify that he/she does not belong to the persons/sections (Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt.(SCT) dated 08/08/93 which is modified vide OM No. 36033/3/2004 Estt.(Res.) dated 09/03/2004, further modified vide OM No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res.) dated 14/10/2008 or the latest notification of the Government of India.

Dated: _____

District Magistrate /
Deputy Commissioner /
Competent Authority

Seal

* Please delete the word(s) which are not applicable.

NOTE:

- (a) The term 'Ordinarily resides' used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
- (b) The authorities competent to issue Caste Certificates are indicated below:
 - (i) District Magistrate / Additional Magistrate / Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Additional Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Collector / 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate / Sub-Divisional Magistrate / Taluka Magistrate / Executive Magistrate / Extra Assistant Commissioner (not below the rank of 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate).
 - (ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate / Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate / Presidency Magistrate.
 - (iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and
 - (iv) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and / or his family resides.

FORM OF CASTE CERTIFICATE FOR SC/ST

This is to certify that Shri*/Shrimati/Kumari _____ Son/Daughter of
 _____ Village/Town _____ /District/Division*
 _____ of the _____ State/Union Territory belongs to the
 _____ Caste*/Tribe which is recognised as a Scheduled Caste/Tribe under :

- *The Constitution Scheduled Castes Order, 1950.
- *The Constitution Scheduled Tribes Order, 1950.
- *The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) (Part C States) Order, 1951;
- *The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Union Territories) (Part C States) Order, 1951;
- [As amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes List (Modification Order, 1956, the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960, the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970, the North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976.]
- *The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir)* Scheduled Castes Orders, 1956.
- *The Constitution (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)* Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959, as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976
- *The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli)* Scheduled Castes Order, 1962.
- *The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli)* Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962.
- *The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964.
- *The Constitution (Uttar Pradesh) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1967.
- *The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Castes Order, 1968.
- *The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1968.
- *The Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1970.
- *The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978
- *The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978
- *The Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1989.
- *The Constitution (SC) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990.
- *The Constitution (ST) Orders (Amendment) Ordinance Act, 1991.
- *The Constitution (ST) Orders (Amendment) Ordinance Act, 1996.
- *The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002.
- *The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Second Amendment) Act, 2002.
- *The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002.

2. Applicable in the case of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes persons who have migrated from one State/Union Territory Administration.

This certificate is issued on the basis of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Certificate issued to Shri/Shrimati* _____ father/mother* _____ of Shri/Shrimati/Kumari _____ of Village/Town* _____ in /District/Division* _____ of the State/Union Territory* _____ who belongs to the _____ Caste*/Tribe which is recognised as a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe in the State/Union Territory* issued by the _____ dated _____.

3. Shri/Shrimati/Kumari* and /or* his/her* family ordinarily reside(s) in Village/Town* _____ District/Division* of the State/Union Territory * of _____.

Place _____
 Date _____

Signature _____
 Designation _____
 (with seal of Office)

State/Union Territory _____

- * Please delete the words, which are not applicable.
- @ Please quote specific Presidential Order
- % Delete the Paragraph, which is not applicable

Note : (a) The term 'ordinarily reside'(s) used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

The following Officers are authorised to issue caste certificates :

1. District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/Collector/Deputy Commissioner/Additional Deputy Commissioner/Deputy Collector/1st Class Stipendary Magistrate/Sub Divisional Magistrate/Taluka Magistrate/Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner.
2. Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/Presidency Magistrate.
3. Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
4. Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.
5. Certificates issued by Gazetted Officers of the Central or of a State Government countersigned by the District Magistrate concerned.
6. Administrator/Secretary to Administrator (Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands).