

SHRESHTA SCHEME

- SHRESHTA is a scheme for Residential Education for students in high schools in targeted areas.
- Each year a specified number of meritorious SC students in States/UTs are selected through the National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA conducted by the NTA and admitted in the best private residential schools identified based on the database of the CBSE.
- The PE unit also facilitates & coordinate, the SHRESHTA Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) on behalf of CBSE.
- It is centrally funded Scheme of MoSJE, Govt. of India (Meant for SC Boys and Girls extending them admission opportunities in Class 9 and 11 in private residential schools affiliated with the CBSE & other Boards).
- The CBSE provides data of schools to MoSJE on pre-defined criteria for further action. In 2025, the data of 807 CBSE schools was shared with MoSJE.
- Admission modalities & fees are prescribed by the MoSJE.
- No. of seats & scholarship available are:

Sessions	Class 9 th	Class 11 th	Total
2023-24	1500 seats	1500 seats	3000
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