

## **POLICY FOR APPROVAL OF SAINIK SCHOOLS BY SAINIK SCHOOLS SOCIETY.**

### **Introduction**

1. Cabinet has approved setting up of 100 New Sainik Schools in the Country in partnership with NGOs/Private Schools and States in October 2021.
2. The proposal aims to create an academically strong, culturally aware, intellectually adept, confident, highly skilled, multi-dimensional, patriotic self-reliant, youth community with leadership qualities focussed on providing utmost priority to the nation.
3. It is proposed to set up 1000 schools in the country in partnership with NGOs/Private sector who are working in educational sector and Governments (at least one such school in each district) on the pattern of existing Sainik Schools). The scheme is proposed to be implemented in two phases i.e. first phase followed by second phase which will involve full scale implementation after review of the pilot phase.
4. In the first phase, it is proposed to have 100 Sainik Schools in a graded manner class-wise, starting from Class 6 onwards, with an effort to cover as many States and UTs as possible. These schools will be approved to partner with Sainik Schools Society (SSS) of Ministry of Defence (MoD)
5. The Scheme will be suitably advertised in all States/UTs/public domain for wide publicity to invite proposals from Government/Private schools to apply for approval to the Sainik Schools Society. In cases where the State Government is willing to contribute to the efforts of the approved partners, a tripartite agreement involving the state government may be executed. There will not be more than 1 Sainik School in each district. Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) will be signed with such willing partner schools, who are meeting the qualifying criteria.
6. There will be no mandatory boarding school requirement to the Sainik Schools. Day scholars will be allowed. Day scholars will have early morning to late evening school so that all activities as envisaged are completed. The schools will provide necessary amenities including messing, change rooms and other infrastructure as required for undertaking the CBSE plus Curriculum laid down by Sainik School Society for the schools. To enable day scholars and local students to benefit from Sainik Schools, suitable merit based selection criteria will be laid down.
7. While there shall be no limits put on the class strength of individual schools proposed under the scheme, for the purposes of estimation, 50 students per class per school has been taken. Schools which start at Kindergarten or any other level below class 6 may also choose to migrate to Sainik School model from Class VI onwards to all or a segment of their students.

8 The approved school is expected to bring infrastructure, facilities, teachers, and fulfil all requirements as laid down under the approval criteria. No financial assistance for the purpose is proposed by MoD for the purpose. Government of India will provide, through SSS, an Annual Fee Support of 50% of fee (subject to an upper limit of Rs.40000/- per annum for 50% of the class strength (subject to an upper limit of 50 students) per year from Class 6 onwards till class 12, on Merit-cum-Means basis.

9 It is proposed to incentivize the approved Sainik Schools with an amount of Rs.10 lakhs as training grant given annually based on academic performance of the students in class 12.

10 It is proposed to provide automatic allotment/affiliation to Junior Division/Junior Wing (JD/JW) of National Cadet Corps (NCC) to the approved Sainik Schools under Fully Self Finance Scheme. However, for Government Sainik schools the scheme will be offered from the Government quota.

11 To strengthen teacher education which is marked and defined by value-education, global outlook, and inter disciplinary approach, the teachers of approved Sainik Schools will be mandatorily required to undergo training from suitable qualified training institution/s. A suitable mechanism will be instituted by the SSS for intensive training (6 months to one year) of teachers of these schools. If necessary, suitable agreements(s) for collaboration will be entered into with existing teacher training institutes like Indian Institute of Teacher Education in Gandhinagar.

12 A system of 'One School-One Sport' will be instituted for encouraging excellence in sports. The selection of a game/sport for a Sainik School may be based upon local conditions as well as mapping of geographies with inherent strengths in certain sports.

13 For the medium of education, the scheme shall be open to subscription to affiliate partners imparting education in any of the languages supported by CBSE education system. Further it is expected that they shall also provide opportunity to learn a third language as drawn from any of the official languages prescribed under the schedule VIII of the constitution of India.

14 While granting approval, schools run by NGOs shall also be afforded equal opportunity. In addition to this, the approved schools may leverage on the resources and expertise available with the NGOs and other community organizations to enhance efforts towards furthering the objectives of Sainik Schools. In all such cases, the responsibilities of the NGOs and other community organizations need to be clearly defined and stated.

15 It shall be ensured that due focus is given to the Indian ethos and this is appropriately reflected and incorporated in the training in the proposed Sainik Schools.

16. On the basis of the above approval, SSS have prepared the Qualifying Requirements (**As in Annexure-A**) for approval of New Sainik Schools under the

aegis of Sainik Schools Society, which meets the above policy. The approval will be governed by a detailed approval guidelines termed as **Rules & Regulations for New Sainik Schools in partnership mode.**

**QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF SAINIK  
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- (i) **Affiliation with Board of Education.** Schools should be affiliated to any recognized Board of Education which could be any Central/ State or an Equivalent Recognized Education Board.
- (ii) **Medium of Education:** Schools may impart education in any of the languages supported by the National Curriculum Framework. It is expected that these schools shall provide opportunity to the students to learn third language as drawn from any of the official languages prescribed under the schedule VIII of the Constitution of India.
- (iii) **Requirement of Land & Infrastructure:** The Schools seeking approval should have adequate land area and suitable academic and administrative buildings to include Classrooms, Library, Laboratories, and Changing Room etc. Each Classroom should have space to accommodate 40 children in each class. School should have a Library and laboratories as required for the subjects offered in the school and as mandated by the Board of Education to which the school is affiliated. The School shall also provide for land and infrastructure as required by SSS for it to be approved as Sainik School
- (iv) **Dining Hall.** School should have a dining hall to cater to Breakfast, Lunch, Tea and Refreshments for staff and students within the campus.
- (v) **Infirmary.** School should have adequately equipped infirmary/first aid room with well trained staff to provide First Aid within the campus.
- (vi) **Open to Day Scholars.** There will be no mandatory boarding school requirement for such Sainik Schools. However, the schools are expected to follow a daily routine of around 10 hours. Whenever the school proposed to have boarding they shall provide for hostel facilities, separate for boys and girls.
- (vii) **NCC Activities.** All schools seeking approval to include NCC Training for Junior Division/Junior Wing (JD/JW) in their curriculum.
- (viii) **Uniform and Regimentation.** All schools approved under this scheme will follow standard common uniform for the students/ faculty which will be prescribed by the Sainik Schools Society.
- (xi) **Fee Structure.** Approved schools will be expected to devise a transparent fee structure.

(x) **Teachers.** The schools under this scheme will follow the qualification of the teachers laid down by the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) and respective Education Board. They will employ ex-servicemen as Physical Education and Drill Teachers. Also, additional Sainik School specific training will be planned from time to time by the Sainik School Society for Teachers to help them adapt to a Sainik School Model, which will be mandatory for the teachers dealing with Sainik Schools additional curriculum. Schools will be required to ensure that their teachers undergo this training at their expense.

(xi) **One School One Sport.** The schools approved shall follow One School One Sport and create necessary infrastructure and hire manpower necessary for the sports allocated. Detailed list of Sports allocated to a state are at <https://sainikschool.ncog.gov.in/apply-online#step-4>.

(xii) Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) will be signed with the willing partner schools who are meeting the qualifying criteria with the Sainik Schools Society.

(xiii) **Continuing Approval.** The school once approved will be required to adhere to the norms laid down under the qualifying requirement. These schools may be inspected by an authority authorised by the SSS for ensuring adherence to Rules & Regulations for New Sainik Schools in partnership mode. After two years from the date of approval of the first school, the overall outcomes of the first phase will be reviewed. Continuation beyond two years will be incumbent upon outcome of first review.

(xiv) **Teachers Training.** All the schools seeking approval would mandatorily require to nominate their teachers for extensive training upto 6 months to 1 year at a centrally identified training institution or any such training requirement laid down by the Sainik Schools Society time to time.

