The National Eligibility Screening Test (NEST) is a compulsory test for students seeking admission in Integrated MSc. to the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar, and University of Mumbai - Department of Atomic Energy Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences (UM-DAE CEBS), Mumbai. Both NISER and UM-DAE CEBS were set up by the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, in 2007.

The candidates admitted to the program in NISER, or CEBS, are eligible to receive an annual scholarship of Rs 60,000 through the DISHA program of the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. In addition, the scholarship recipients receive a grant of Rs 20,000 per annum for the summer internship. Alumni of the program are presently pursuing Ph.D. at reputed universities and institutes in India & abroad. Besides, top performers at NISER and CEBS, securing overall grades above a certain threshold at the end of the program, are eligible to appear directly for the interview for admission to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) training school.

The application portal for NEST 2023 is open, and the exam will be conducted on 24.06.2023 in around 120 cities all over India.

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