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Admission and Job Updates

UPSC NDA & NA (II) 2026 — Exam Conducted, Result Ahead

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has successfully conducted the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination (II) 2026 across nationwide test centres. The offline, pen-and-paper examination was held for admission into the Army, Navy, and Air Force wings of the NDA as well as the Indian Naval Academy Course (INAC).

About the Programme:

- **Total Vacancies:** The entrance test was conducted to fill 394 sanctioned vacancies across the National Defence Academy (Army, Navy, and Air Force wings) and the Naval Academy (10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme).
- **Mode of Examination:** Held as an offline, OMR-based test comprising two papers: Mathematics and the General Ability Test (GAT).
- **Mandatory E-Admit Cards:** Physical admit cards were discontinued for this cycle, with UPSC requiring electronic admit cards (e-Admit Cards) for entry into all designated exam venues.
- **Next Stage (SSB Interview):** Candidates qualifying the written stage must register on the respective defence recruiting portals to receive their Service Selection Board (SSB) call letters. The 5-day SSB interview evaluates intelligence, personality, and officer-like qualities (OLQ), followed by a comprehensive medical examination.



| Important Dates

- **Date of Examination:** 13 September 2026
- **Expected Result Declaration:** October 2026
- **SSB Interview Window:** Commences a few months following the declaration of written results

| **Apply Online:** <https://upsc.gov.in>

MAT September 2026 (PBT & CBT) — Common Admission Updates

The All India Management Association (AIMA) has successfully concluded the Paper-Based Test (PBT) for the September 2026 session of the Management Aptitude Test (MAT), while the Computer-Based Test (CBT) round follows immediately for registered candidates seeking admission into MBA/PGDM programmes across participating B-schools nationwide.

| About the Programme:

- **Dual Testing Formats:** AIMA offers MAT in both Paper-Based Test (PBT) and Computer-Based Test (CBT) modes. Candidates have the flexibility to appear for either format or take both attempts to improve their composite percentile.
- **Exam Structure & Duration:** The examination consists of 150 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) divided across five core sections: Language Comprehension, Intelligence & Critical Reasoning, Mathematical Skills, Data Analysis & Sufficiency, and Economic & Business Environment. Total duration is 120 minutes (2 hours).
- **Marking Scheme:** Candidates receive +1 mark for each correct response, with a negative marking of 0.25 marks deducted for every incorrect response.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university. Final-year graduation students are also eligible to appear provisionally. There is no upper age limit.
- **Score Acceptance & Validity:** MAT scores remain valid for one full academic year and are accepted by more than 600+ business schools across India for admissions.
- **Admit Card Guidelines:** Separate admit cards are issued for PBT and CBT modes. Test takers must carry a printed hall ticket along with an original government-issued photo ID to enter the test centre.

| Important Dates

- **PBT Admit Card Released:** 10 September 2026
- **PBT Exam Conducted:** 13 September 2026
- **CBT Admit Card Release:** 17 September 2026
- **CBT Exam Date:** 20 September 2026

| **Apply Online:** <https://mat.aima.in>

SSC CGL 2026 — Tier 1 Exam Dates Announced

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has released the official Tier-1 examination schedule for the Combined Graduate Level Examination (SSC CGL 2026) to fill 12,256 tentative vacancies across Group "B" and Group "C" posts in various central ministries, departments, and constitutional offices.

About the Programme:

- **Scale & Shifts:** The Tier 1 Computer-Based Test (CBT) will be conducted across 141 examination centres nationwide in four daily shifts over a month-long window.
- **Vacancies Covered:** Recruitment aims to fill 12,256 sanctioned vacancies across approximately 60 distinct post categories, including Assistant Section Officer (CSS, MEA, Railways), Inspector of Income Tax, Central Excise Inspector, Sub-Inspector (CBI), and Auditor.
- **Exam Format:** Tier 1 consists of 100 questions (200 marks total) covering General Intelligence & Reasoning, General Awareness, Quantitative Aptitude, and English Comprehension.
- **Admit Card & City Intimation:** Official e-admit cards are released region-wise only 2 to 3 days prior to each candidate's specific exam date. Candidates should finalize travel arrangements using the advance exam-city intimation slip rather than waiting for the final hall ticket.

Important Dates

- **Exam Date Notice Released:** 12 September 2026
- **Admit Cards Release (Expected):** From 27 September 2026 onwards Tier 1 CBT
- **Exam Window:** 30 September – 30 October 2026

Apply Online: <https://ssc.gov.in>



Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has opened the online registration portal for the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE 2027) on behalf of the National Coordination Board (NCB), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE). GATE 2027 scores serve as the gateway for Master's/Direct PhD admissions with financial assistance across premier institutions (IISc, IITs, NITs) as well as recruitment into major Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

About the Programme:

- **Organizing Institute:** IIT Madras is the organizing institute for the GATE 2027 cycle. **Test Papers & Additions:** The exam will be conducted across 30 test papers in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode, including the newly added paper on Robotics and Automation (RA).
- **Mandatory DigiLocker & Facial Verification:** Registration for Indian nationals mandates verification through DigiLocker. Applicants must complete real-time live facial capture using a camera with at least 5 MP resolution in a well-lit area.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Candidates currently studying in the 3rd year or higher of any undergraduate degree programme, or who have already completed any government-approved degree programme in Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Science, Commerce, Arts, or Humanities, are eligible to apply.
- **Application Fee (Per Paper):** Female / SC / ST / PwD candidates: ₹1,000 (Regular period) | ₹1,500 (Extended period) All other candidates (including foreign nationals): ₹2,000 (Regular period) | ₹2,500 (Extended period)
- **Score Validity:** GATE 2027 scorecards remain valid for three years from the date of result announcement.

Important Dates

- **Application Portal Opened:** 2 September 2026
- **Regular Registration Deadline (Without Late Fee):** 27 September 2026
- **Extended Registration Deadline (With Late Fee):** 5 October 2026
- **Application Rectification Window:** 14 October to 21 October 2026
- **City Allotment Notification:** 4 January 2027
- **Examination Dates:** 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 February 2027
- **Announcement of Results:** 19 March 2027

■ **Apply Online:** <https://gate2027.iitm.ac.in/>





The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has released the official recruitment notification for the Central Police Organization (SSC CPO 2026) to fill 1,871 vacancies for Sub-Inspector (Executive) in Delhi Police and Sub-Inspector (GD) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) such as BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, and SSB.

About the Programme:

- **Educational Qualification:** Candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university or equivalent by the specified cut-off date.
- **Driving Licence (Delhi Police SI):** Male candidates applying for Sub-Inspector in Delhi Police must hold a valid Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) driving licence (covering Motorcycle and Car) by the date fixed for physical tests.
- **Age Limit:** Candidates must be between 20 and 25 years of age (born between 02 August 2001 and 01 August 2006). Permissible upper age relaxation applies to reserved categories (5 years for SC/ST, 3 years for OBC).
- **Physical Standards Test (PST):**
 - Height:** Minimum 170 cm for General male candidates, 165 cm for Hill Area candidates, and 162.5 cm for ST male candidates. For female candidates, the minimum height is 157 cm (General), 155 cm (Hill Areas), and 154 cm (ST).
 - Chest (Male Only):** 80 cm unexpanded with a minimum 5 cm expansion (85 cm) for General/OBC/SC, and 77 cm unexpanded (82 cm expanded) for ST candidates.
- **Selection Process:** Comprises Paper 1 (CBT) followed by the Physical Standard Test (PST) / Physical Endurance Test (PET), Paper 2 (English Language & Comprehension CBT), and Detailed Medical Examination (DME).
- **Application & Correction Charges:**
 - Application Fee:** ₹100 for General, OBC, and EWS candidates; exempted (₹0) for SC, ST, ESM, and all Female candidates.
 - Form Correction Fee:** ₹200 for the first modification window; ₹500 for a second modification.

Important Dates

- **Notification & Online Registration Starts:** 10 September 2026
- **Apply Online Last Date:** 30 September 2026 (up to 11:00 PM)
- **Online Fee Payment Last Date:** 1 October 2026 (up to 11:00 PM)
- **Application Correction Window:** 8 October to 10 October 2026
- **Admit Card & Exam Date:** To be notified on the official SSC portal

Apply Online: <https://ssc.gov.in>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bharathi Cement Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This scholarship supports students studying from Class 11 up to Post Graduation (PG) level. Applicants must fulfill the necessary academic criteria in their respective courses. Selected students can receive educational financial assistance of up to ₹40,000.

Apply: <https://bhartiairtelfoundation.org/>

Reliance Foundation UG Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 05 Oct 2026 This scholarship supports meritorious students enrolled in the 1st year of regular undergraduate (UG) degree programs. Applicants must meet the prescribed academic standards. Selected students will receive a grant of ₹2 Lakhs distributed over the course duration.

Apply: https://www.scholarships.reliancefoundation.org/UG_Scholarship

AICTE Saksham Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 31 Oct 2026 This government scholarship supports specially-abled students pursuing technical diploma or undergraduate degree programs in approved institutes. Applicants must possess an authorized disability certificate. Selected students receive up to ₹50,000 per annum.

Apply: <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

Reliance Foundation PG Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 05 Oct 2026 This scholarship supports students pursuing post-graduate degrees in engineering and technology disciplines. Applicants must demonstrate strong academic excellence and research potential. Selected scholars receive financial assistance worth up to ₹6 Lakhs.

Apply: <https://rkmfoundation.org/ScholarshipsApply.aspx>

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Apply: reliancefoundation.org

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Raman Kant Munjal Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This scholarship supports students taking admission into the 1st year of undergraduate courses like BBA, B.Com, BMS, or Law. Applicants must hold strong marks in Class 12 and need financial support. Selected students receive from ₹40,000 up to ₹5.5 Lakhs per year.

Apply: <https://rkmfoundation.org/ScholarshipsApply.aspx>

Eastman Powerup Eduskill Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This scholarship supports students enrolled in technical Diploma, Undergraduate, or Postgraduate degree programs. Applicants must belong to economically weaker sections. Selected students are awarded financial assistance of up to ₹20,000 toward fees.

Apply: <https://www.buddy4study.com/>

Mahindra Empowerher Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 21 Sep 2026 This affirmative program supports female students studying from Class 9 up to Post Graduation. Applicants must be enrolled in recognized institutions and satisfy baseline marks criteria. Selected girl scholars receive a direct financial award of ₹5,500.

Apply: <https://www.buddy4study.com/>

Malabar Charitable Trust Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This scholarship supports girl students currently pursuing higher secondary education in Class 11 and Class 12. Applicants must satisfy academic eligibility requirements. Selected students receive financial support covering their actual course fees.

Apply: <https://www.malabarcharitabletrust.org/scholarship/>

India Bulls Foundation Scholarship 2026

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This scholarship supports undergraduate (UG) students pursuing professional and general higher education degrees. Applicants must be enrolled in accredited colleges and face financial hardship. Selected candidates receive financial support covering their college course fees.

Apply: <https://www.indiabullsfoundation.com/>

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Kotak Kanya Scholarship 2026-27

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This scholarship supports meritorious girl students across India who have completed Class 12 with at least 75% marks and secured admission to the 1st year of professional undergraduate courses (such as Engineering, MBBS, Integrated LLB, Design, or Architecture) in reputed institutions. The annual family income must not exceed ₹6 lakh. Selected scholars receive financial support of up to ₹1.5 lakh per year until the completion of their degree.

Apply: <https://www.kotakeducationfoundation.org/kotak-kanya-scholarship>

Muskaan Scholarship Program 2.0 (2026-27)

Deadline: 30 Sep 2026 This CSR initiative by Valvoline Cummins supports students studying in Class 9 to Class 12 who scored at least 60% marks in their previous class. Applicants must be children of commercial drivers (LMV/HMV), children of mechanics, or belong to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category, with an annual family income not exceeding ₹8,00,000. Selected students receive up to ₹12,000 based on actual academic expenses along with dedicated mentorship.

Apply: <https://www.buddy4study.com/>



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