Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT)

Introduction:

Ind-SAT Exams have to be held in 13 countries for giving scholarships under Study in India Programme for the Academic Year 2020 – 21. This exam will be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), The exam will be only for disbursement of scholarships for the 13 countries, and not for selection of students for providing admission to colleges under Study in India programme.

The Indian Scholastic Assessment or IND-SAT is proposed to be introduced as a common entrance standardized test for foreign students seeking scholarships under Champion Services Sector Scheme being implemented under Study in India programme by EdCIL (India) Limited. Though the programme aims at attracting students across the globe, the focus is on 35 countries – now extended to 42. In the first year the exam shall be conducted only in 13 countries identified on the basis of feasibility/ availability of logistics to conduct the exam. For the remaining countries, the scholarships will be allotted on the basis of merit of the merit in the last qualifying exam taken by the student.

An Ind-SAT Advisory Committee consisting of officials of MHRD, EdCIL, NTA, MEA was constituted to decide about the exam modalities including the syllabus, structure of exam, difficulty level of questions, marking system etc.

Details of the exam:

Particulars	Details
Exam conducting agency	National Testing Agency monitored by EdCIL (India) Limited
Date of examination	16 th May, 2020
Mode of Examination	Online Proctored via Internet Assessment
Duration of Examination	90 minutes
Type of question	Objective – Multiple-Choice Questions
Medium of question papers	English
Level of exam	For UG: Class 10 th level Maths and English
	For PG: Class 12 th level Maths and English
Number of scholarships for Admission	2000
year 2020	
Countries where exam is proposed to	India, Nepal, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Uganda, Tanzania,
be conducted (as confirmed by NTA)	Rwanda, Sri-Lanka, Kenya, Zambia, Indonesia, Mauritius
Country wise number of scholarships	Country-wise quota will be decided with approval of MHRD.

Schedule of the exam - Time Slot:

S. No.	Country	Local Time
1	India	1400 - 1530 HRS
2	Nepal	1415 - 1545 HRS
3	Ethiopia	1130 - 1300 HRS
4	Bangladesh	1430 - 1600 HRS
5	Bhutan	1430 - 1600 HRS
6	Uganda	1130 - 1300 HRS
7	Tanzania	1130 - 1300 HRS
8	Rwanda	1030 - 1200 HRS
9	Sri Lanka	1400 - 1530 HRS
10	Kenya	1130 - 1300 HRS
11	Zambia	1030 - 1200 HRS
12	Indonesia	1530 - 1700 HRS
13	Mauritius	1230 - 1400 HRS

^{*} Time for Exam is taken as 1400 - 1530 HRS IST, above mentioned time will be the corresponding timing of exam in the respective countries

Modalities of the examination:

- Candidates can take the examination from home. The exam will be internet based in view of the uncertainties posed by the Covid 19 situation across the world
- Formalities of online proctoring through camera and other networking issues will be taken care by NTA
- The final list of deserving candidates shall be shared with EdCIL
- Minimum cut-off marks is proposed by the Advisory Committee to be fixed as 27/90 (30 % of aggregate) for a student to be eligible for scholarship
- Merit ranking will be given to all the qualified students
- Merit rank of each individual student taking the examination will be taken as a basis for allotment in the preferred college by the student
- Students will get a time of 15 days to confirm the scholarship seat on SII portal else the seat will be transferred to the next eligible student in the order of merit
- EdCIL will allocate the college to the student on the basis of his choices filled by him, this will be done by running a counselling session on SII portal.