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પ્રતિ,
આચાર્યશ્રી,
માધ્યમિક અને ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શાળાઓ તમામ
જિ.સુરત.

આ સાથે સામેલ ગુજરાત માધ્યમિક અને ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ
ગાંધીનગર નો તા.૦૬/૦૧/૨૦૨૬નાં પત્ર અન્વયે જાણ તથા અમલ કરવા સારું.


જિલ્લા શિક્ષણાધિકારી
સુરત, જિલ્લો-સુરત

બિડાણ: ઉક્ત પત્રની નકલ

ક્રમાંક:મઉમશબ/સંશોધન/2026/122-157
ગુજરાત માધ્યમિક અને
ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ,
સેક્ટર-૧૦બી, જૂના સચિવાલય પાસે,
ગાંધીનગર. તા.06/01/2026

પ્રતિ,
જિલ્લા શિક્ષણાધિકારીશ્રી(તમામ),
ગુજરાત.

વિષય : "ઇન્ટરનેશનલ અર્થ સાયન્સ ઓલિમ્પિયાડ (IESO)" બાબત.

સંદર્ભ : Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacyનો

તા.31/12/2025નો પત્ર

ઉપરોક્ત વિષય અન્વયે સંદર્ભ દર્શિત પત્રથી જણાવેલ છે કે ઇન્ટરનેશનલ અર્થ સાયન્સ ઓલિમ્પિયાડ (IESO) એ ઇન્ટરનેશનલ જીઓસાયન્સ એજ્યુકેશન ઓર્ગેનાઇઝેશન(IGEO) દ્વારા આયોજિત વિશ્વભરના માધ્યમિક શાળાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ માટે વાર્ષિક સ્પર્ધા છે. જેનો ઉદ્દેશ્ય વિદ્યાર્થીઓમાં પૃથ્વી વિજ્ઞાન (ES) પ્રત્યે રસ અને જાગૃતિને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાનો અને શાળા સ્તરે ES (વાતાવરણીય વિજ્ઞાન, સમુદ્ર વિજ્ઞાન, ભૂસ્તર વિજ્ઞાન અને ધુવીય વિજ્ઞાન)ના શિક્ષણને વધારવાનો છે તેમજ વિવિધ દેશોના યુવાઓમાં મૈત્રીપૂર્ણ સંબંધોને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાનો અને પૃથ્વી વિજ્ઞાન પર વિચારો અને સામગ્રીના આદાનપ્રદાનમાં આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સહયોગને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાનો છે.

ઇન્ટરનેશનલ અર્થ સાયન્સ ઓલિમ્પિયાડમાં 25 વિદ્યાર્થીઓની પસંદગી અખિલ ભારતીય પ્રવેશ પરીક્ષાના આધારે કરવામાં આવનાર છે. જેમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ચાર અઠવાડિયાના સમયગાળા દરમિયાન તેમના પ્રદર્શનના આધારે IESO માં ભારતનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરવા માટે ચાર વિદ્યાર્થીઓની પસંદગી કરવામાં આવશે.

જીઓલોજિકલ સોસાયટી ઓફ ઇન્ડિયા (GSI), બેંગ્લોર દ્વારા 24 જાન્યુઆરી 2026ના રોજ IESOમાં દેશનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરવા માટે વિદ્યાર્થીઓની પસંદગી કરવા માટે પ્રવેશ પરીક્ષા (NESO)નું આયોજન કરનાર છે.

ઉક્ત વિગતે આપના તાબાની તમામ માધ્યમિક અને ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શાળાઓ દ્વારા ધોરણ-૯ થી ૧૨ના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ઇન્ટરનેશનલ અર્થ સાયન્સ ઓલિમ્પિયાડમાં ભાગ લેવા માટે પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવામાં આવે તે માટે આપની કક્ષાએથી જરૂરી સૂચના આપવા જણાવવામાં આવે છે.

નોંધ: અત્રેની શાળા નોંધ પર મળેલ માન. સંયુક્ત નિયામકશ્રીની મંજૂરી અન્વયે.

જિલ્લા શિક્ષણાધિકારીશ્રી કચેરી, સુરત.

બિડાણ: સંદર્ભ દર્શિત પત્ર નંબર :- ૫૫૭

તારીખ :- ૨૧/૧

ક્રમાંક :- ૬૧૧

નકલ સવિનય રવાના :-

સંયુક્ત સચિવ

ગુજરાત માધ્યમિક અને

ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ,

ગાંધીનગર

- માન.અધ્યક્ષશ્રી, ગુ.મા. અને ઉ.મા. શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ, ગાંધીનગર
- માન.સંયુક્ત નિયામકશ્રી, ગુ.મા. અને ઉ.મા. શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ, ગાંધીનગર

F.No 1-6/2025-NAT/PPC
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
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130-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 31st December, 2025

- To
1. Additional Secretaries/ Chief Commissioners (School Education), All States & UTs. Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/
 2. The Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education.
 3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.
 4. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.
 5. Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling

Subject: Participation of students in the National Earth Science Olympiad (NESO) test to be hold in January 2026 for the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026 – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward a copy of the D.O. letter dated 3rd December, 2025 received from Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), regarding dissemination of information and facilitation of student participation in the National Earth Science Olympiad (NESO) 2026, which serves as the national-level selection process for the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026.

2. The important dates of events and the eligibility criteria for the olympiad is as below -

Event	Date / Window
Registration	Up to 7 th January, 2026
National Level Entrance Test (NSEESO / ET)	Saturday, 24 January 2026, 10:30 AM (duration 90 minutes)
Training Camp + Indian National Earth Science Olympiad (INESO)	3-week residential Training Camp during May/June 2026, followed by INESO exam at the end of camp.
Pre-departure Training Camp (for selected students)	After INESO 2026
International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026	Date to be announced (host country- Italy)

Eligibility Criteria :-

- Students currently studying in Classes IX, X, XI, or XII (as of August 2026)
 - Age: The candidate should not be older than 18 years as on 1st July of the Olympiad year. They should not be a university/college student at the time of participation.
 - Students who have already participated (or won a medal) in a previous IESO may be ineligible (as per general IESO eligibility norms).
3. In this regard, it is requested to encourage participation of students of school under your State/UT/Organisation in the above said Olympiad and also nominate a nodal officer who will coordinate with MoES for NESO/IESO. The details of the nodal Officer may please be shared with MoES.
4. Any clarification regarding the registration may be sought from Dr Jagvir Singh, Scientist-G/Adviser (011-24669536, 9868105010, jvsingh.moes@nic.in) and Dr. Mithila Verma, Scientist-E (011-24669516, mverma.moes@nic.in).
5. This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

[Signature] 31.12.2025

(Ajay Kumar)

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Dr. M. Ravichandran

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MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
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D.O.No. MoES/Secy/12/2025

Dated 03rd December, 2025

Dear Shri Sanjay Kumar,

Subject: Participation of secondary & senior secondary students in the National Earth Science Olympiad (NESO) test to be held on 24th January, 2026 for the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026- regarding.

I sincerely thank you for your support last year, which increased awareness amongst schools and students about the Earth Science Olympiad. It resulted in significant increased number of participants in the Olympiad.

The International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) founded as one of the major activities of the International Geosciences Education Organization (IGEO) is an annual competition for secondary school students across the World. The main aim of the IESO is to encourage student's interest and awareness of Earth Sciences (ES) and to enhance teaching/learning of ES (atmospheric science, ocean science, geosciences, and polar sciences) at the school level given its increasing importance and relevance to the society. The IESO aims further to foster friendly relationships among young learners from different countries and promote international cooperation in exchanging ideas and materials on Earth Sciences. About 45 countries (including U.S., Germany, Russia, Japan, UK, France, Spain, South Korea, Italy, China, etc.) participate in IESO.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) supports the National Earth Science Olympiad (NESO) and IESO in coordination with the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE). Initially, 25 students are selected based on an all-India entrance test. These students undergo advanced training for a period of about four weeks. Finally, four students are selected to represent India in the IESO based on their performance during the training period. It is my pleasure to mention that students of our country have been bringing laurels to the nation by winning medals in IESO. This year, a team of four students won 7 medals (1 Gold, 4 Silver, 2 Bronze) in different competitions among teams from countries worldwide in the 18th IESO-2025, held in Jinjing, China, from 8 to 16 August 2025.

MoES will be supporting country's students' team for the forthcoming 19th IESO-2025, to be held in Italy, in August 2026. Geological Society of India (GSI) Bangalore will be facilitating the conduct of an all-India level Entrance Test (NESO) of ninety minutes on 24th January 2026 to select students to represent the country in the IESO. Dr. Jagvir Singh, Scientist-G/Adviser (011-24669536, 9868105010, jvsingh.moes@nic.in) and Dr. Mithila Verma, Scientist-E (011-24669516, mverma.moes@nic.in) are the coordinating officers for the activity as detailed on website/s of MoES (www.moes.gov.in), and GSI (<https://gsi.manageexam.com/>)

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I shall be grateful to you for encouraging the students of CBSE schools (Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, etc) for national test (NESCO) and IESO. You are also requested to please nominate a nodal officer who can coordinate with the nodal officers from MoE S for NESCO/IESO

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(M. Ravichandran) 21/2/22

Shri Sanjay Kumar
Secretary,
D/o School Education & Literacy
Ministry of Education
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भूकंप विभाग
Ministry of Earth Sciences



INTERNATIONAL EARTH SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

- Will you be studying in IX, X, XI & XII Std. in August 2026?
- Were you born after 01-07-2007?
- Would you like to participate in the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO)?
- If your answers are YES, you should write the Entrance Test.

ENTRANCE TEST:

An entrance test has been scheduled on Saturday **24th Jan 2026** for 90 minutes at 10.30 am in English & Comprising objective type of questions spanning Geology, Geophysics, Meteorology, Oceanography, Terrestrial Astronomy and Environmental Science. For syllabus & limited reading materials, visit <https://www.geosocindia.org/index.php/ieso>

Four-stages of IESO: i. National Level Entrance Test (ET), ii. Training camp & Indian National Earth Science Olympiad (INESO) (Selection of the four-member team after 3-week training programme), iii. Pre-departure Training Camp (1 week), iv. Participation in the IESO

TRAINING CAMP: The 3-week Training Camp will be held during May/June 2026 and will comprise lectures, discussions, data mining and poster presentation. The INESO will be held at the end of the Camp. The top four students will be declared as winners of 19th INESO. The four winners of INESO will participate in the IESO (2026) to be held in Italy.

In the recently concluded IESO-2025 organized at Jining, China between 8th to 16th August 2025, 31 countries participated. Team India represented by four students: Rayansh Gupta, Charuvrat Balna, Apam Nidhi Pandey, Priyanshi Ghangas.

Rank	Student Name	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	Rayansh Gupta	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2	Charuvrat Balna	Silver	Silver	Bronze
3	Apam Nidhi Pandey	Silver	Silver	Bronze
4	Priyanshi Ghangas	Bronze		

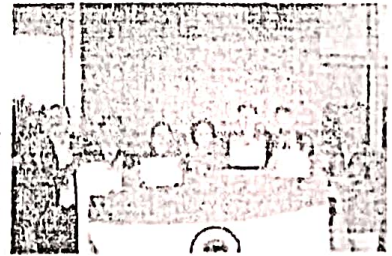
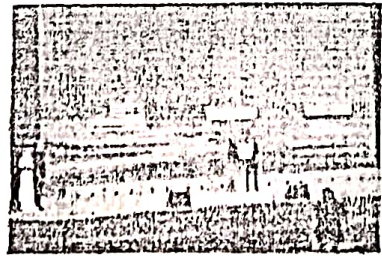
Centre registration for the Entrance Test : upto **7th Jan 2026**.

Student Registration : upto **7th Jan 2026**.

For details visit our website: <https://gsi.manageexam.com/>

Year	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
2007	South Korea	2	2	2	6
2009	Taiwan	4	4	4	12
2010	Indonesia	4	4	4	12
2011	Italy	4	4	4	12
2012	Argentina	4	4	4	12
2013	India	4	4	4	12
2014	Spain	4	4	4	12
2015	Brazil	4	4	4	12
2016	Japan	4	4	4	12
2017	France	4	4	4	12
2018	Thailand	4	4	4	12
2019	South Korea	4	4	4	12
2020	COVID lock down				
2021	COVID lock down				
2022	Italy (Virtual)	4	4	4	12
2023	Qatar (Virtual)	4	4	4	12
2024	Beijing, China	4	4	4	12
2025	Jining, China	4	4	4	12

0: Gold, 3: Silver, 4: Bronze, 5: Excellent (Gold), 6-9: Very Good (Silver) & 10-12: Good (Bronze)



For details of IESO, please contact:
 Prof. Hema Achyuthan (Mob: 09382849662) Email: hachyuthan@gmail.com, Ms. Mamatha (Mob: 7780988131) Email: gsocindia@geosocindia.org
 Dr. Jagjit Singh (Mob: 9886105010) Email: jagjitgh.mn@gmail.com, Dr. Mithila Verma (Mob: 8588657757) Email: mivernia@geosocindia.org
 Helpdesk Email: naseo2026exam@gmail.com, Mobile: 8433527850
 Last date for Centre Registration - 05.01.2026; Student Registration - 05.01.2026

Participation of secondary & senior secondary students in the National Earth Science Olympiad (NESO) test to be held on 24th January, 2026 for the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026 -reg.

Dr M Ravichandran < secretary@moes.gov.in >

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To "Ms Karwal" < secy.sel@nic.in >

Cc "Dr. Jagvir Singh" < jvsingh.moes@nic.in >, "Mithila Verma" < mverma.moes@nic.in >

2 Attachment(s)

International Earth Science Oly ... Secy-SEL.pdf

Kind Attn: PSO/ Sr. PPS to Secretary, D/o School, Education & Literacy

Sir,

Please find attached a scanned D.O. Letter along with annexures from Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES on the above-mentioned subject.

Regards,

O/o Secretary, MoES