

Sainik School Society

- Existing Sainik Schools which have been in existence since 1961, are a joint venture of the Central and State Governments, under the overall governance of Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence. It is established with the primary aim of preparing boys academically physically and 'mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy. At present, there are 33 Sainik Schools located in various parts of the country. Girls cadets have also been given admission in Sainik School, from the academic session 2021-22.
- Government of India has approved an initiative for setting up of 100 new Sainik Schools under Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence in partnership with NGOs/Private Schools and State Govt. in order to develop ethos of national spirit, indomitable courage, unfailing commitment to values of respect for the country, imbibe the importance of physical fitness and embody the national pride in the students. The initiative aims to create an academically strong, culturally aware, intellectually adept, confident, highly skilled, multi-dimensional, patriotic self-reliant youth community with leadership qualities focused on providing utmost priority to the nation. The Govt. of India will provide assistance in form of fees support on merit cum means basis. A total of 100 Schools, nationwide will be shortlisted for approval with Sainik Schools Society through a process of evaluation subject to meeting of qualifying requirements framed for the purpose coupled with willingness to agree to the approval by-laws and signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with Sainik Schools Society. There will not be more than 1 Sainik School in each district. Till the closing date of registrations, i.e. 31.01.2022, 380 applications have been received from 23 States and 3 UTs. These schools will also focus on value-based education enabling children in developing pride in the country's rich culture and heritage.