

Aakash Institute Student Sarthak Thakare from Akola Tops Maharashtra by securing State Rank 1 in NTSE (Stage-I)

**** Two more students of Aakash Institute, also from Akola, Bag Top Ranks in NTSE (Stage-I) in Maharashtra***

- ***NTSE is a national level scholarship program to identify and nurture talented students for pursuing courses in sciences and social sciences as well as professional courses like medicine and engineering***

MAHARASHTRA / June 15, 2021: Sarthak Thakare, a student of Aakash Institute in Akola has bagged Rank 1 in the National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Stage-I across Maharashtra. Sarthak emerged as a topper amongst students and cleared the renowned national-level scholarship exam that aims to identify and nurture talented students. He bagged an impressive score of 178 out of 200 marks and qualified for the next stage of the national exam.

A total of three students of Aakash Institute, including Sarthak, scored more than 170 marks in the NTSE Stage-I examination in the general category across Maharashtra.

Other notable Aakashians who also secured Top Ranks in NTSE Stage-I exam results in the general category are Aditya Jungade and Shreeraj Kalbande, also from Akola, who secured Rank 3 and Rank 4 by scoring 177 marks each.

Congratulating the students, **Mr Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL)**, said, *“We are proud that our students Sarthak, Aditya and Shreeraj have secured top position in the state. It is the result of the hard work put by them, the support of their parents and the quality test preparation imparted at Aakash. Many congratulations to all the students for performing well in the examination. We are certain that after having secured impressive results in NTSE Stage- I, our students are ready for NTSE Stage- II. We wish them all the best.”*

The NTSE scholarship under the present scheme is awarded to candidates for pursuing courses in science and social science up to doctoral level and in professional courses like medicine and engineering up to second-degree level. As on date, 2,000 scholarships are awarded in the country with reservation of 15 percent for SC, 7.5 percent for ST and 27 percent for other backward classes and 4 percent for a group of students with benchmark disabilities.

Identification of talent comprises a two-stage selection process. While the individual State/UT conducts the first stage selection, the second stage selection at the national level is carried out by the NCERT.

Aakash Institute aims to help students in their quest to achieve academic success. It has a centralized in-house process for curriculum and content development and faculty training and monitoring, led by its

National Academic Team. Over the years, students from Aakash have shown a proven selection track record in various Medical & Engineering entrance exams and competitive exams such as NTSE, KVPY, and Olympiads.

About Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL)

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) provides comprehensive test preparatory services for students preparing for Medical and Engineering Entrance Examinations, School/Board Exams and Competitive Exams such as NTSE, KVPY, and Olympiads. AESL believes that the “Aakash” brand is associated with quality coaching and a proven student selection track record in various Medical and Engineering Entrance Examinations, Scholarship exams & Olympiads.

With over 33 years of operational experience in the test preparatory industry, the company has a large number of selections in Medical & Engineering Entrance Exams and several Foundation level Scholarship exams/Olympiads, a pan India network of 200+ Aakash Centers (including franchisee), and a student count of more than 250,000.

The Aakash group also owns famous K-12 EdTech brand, Meritnation.com as well.

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