

NVS Teacher Syllabus 2026

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti — Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti — PGT & TGT

Vacancies	Announced periodically for PGT and TGT posts across Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas nationwide
Age Limit	PGT: up to 40 years; TGT: up to 35 years (relaxation per government norms for SC/ST/OBC/PwD/ex-servicemen)
Qualification	PGT: Master's degree in the relevant subject with B.Ed; TGT: Graduation with relevant subject combination + B.Ed + CTET/state-TET qualified, per the current notification
Application Fee	■1,500 (General/OBC/EWS). SC/ST/PwD/women/ex-servicemen candidates are exempted.
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Overview

NVS Teacher recruitment fills Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) and Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) posts across Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas — fully residential schools that provide free, quality education primarily to talented rural students, selected via the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test. Because NVS schools are residential and often located in rural or semi-rural settings, teaching posts here carry a distinct lifestyle and responsibility profile compared to typical day-school postings. Selection combines a written examination covering general teaching aptitude, reasoning, and subject-specific knowledge, with an Interview and document verification.

What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- NVS schools are fully residential, so teaching posts often include hostel and campus-life responsibilities beyond classroom teaching.
- Written exam includes a dedicated General Awareness & Current Affairs section alongside subject-specific and teaching-aptitude content.
- CTET or an equivalent state TET is typically a mandatory eligibility requirement for TGT posts, per the current notification.
- NVS actively recruits for rural and remote postings, which can affect posting preferences and career planning for applicants.

Exam Pattern

Written Examination

Mode: Online, objective MCQ | Duration: 2 hours

Section	Questions	Marks
General English & General Hindi	—	20

Reasoning & Numerical Ability	—	20
General Awareness & Current Affairs	—	20
Teaching Aptitude/Pedagogy	—	20
Subject-Specific Knowledge (relevant to the post applied for)	—	120

Negative marking: As per the current notification (verify against the official notice) | **Nature:** Merit-determining for shortlisting to the Interview.

Interview

Mode: Board interview | Duration: —

Section	Questions	Marks
Interview	—	Qualifying

Negative marking: Not applicable | **Nature:** Counted for final merit alongside the written exam.

NVS Teacher — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

General English & General Hindi

A comparatively smaller-weightage section — basic grammar and comprehension practice is sufficient.

- Grammar & comprehension in both languages
- Vocabulary & basic communication skills

Reasoning & Numerical Ability

Standard competitive-exam difficulty — consistent timed practice closes most gaps quickly.

- Verbal & non-verbal reasoning
- Basic arithmetic & data interpretation

General Awareness & Current Affairs

Include NVS-specific awareness in your prep — Interview questions often probe your understanding of the residential-school mission.

- Current events — national & international
- Static GK relevant to Indian education & governance
- Awareness of NVS and its mandate

Teaching Aptitude/Pedagogy

Tests applied classroom scenarios — practice case-based questions alongside theory.

- Child development & learning theories
- Classroom management
- Assessment & evaluation methods
- Educational psychology basics

Subject-Specific Knowledge (post-dependent)

The largest-weightage section by far — deep subject revision at the appropriate academic level is the highest-leverage preparation activity.

- Deep subject knowledge at the relevant academic level (Post-Graduate for PGT, Graduate level for TGT), based on the specific subject applied for

Selection Process

- 1 Written Examination.
- 2 Interview.
- 3 Document Verification.
- 4 Final merit based on combined written exam and Interview scores.

Salary & Job Profile

TGT posts are typically placed around Pay Level 7, and PGT around Pay Level 8 of the 7th CPC matrix, plus Dearness Allowance, HRA, Transport Allowance, and residential-school-specific allowances given the campus-living nature of most NVS postings.

Best Books for Preparation

- NCERT textbooks relevant to the subject and level applied for
- NVS PGT/TGT Previous Year Solved Papers — Arihant/Disha Publications
- Educational Psychology & Pedagogy Guide
- Lucent's General Knowledge (for the General Awareness section)

Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

NVS written exam cut-offs vary by post (PGT/TGT), subject and category, given differing vacancy counts and applicant pools per subject. Always check the post-wise and subject-wise official cut-off release rather than a single combined figure.

Preparation Tips

- Since Subject-Specific Knowledge carries the largest weight, prioritise deep revision of your subject at the relevant academic level.
- Familiarise yourself with NVS's specific mission (rural talent, residential education) for the General Awareness and Interview stages.
- Practise teaching-aptitude and pedagogy questions specifically, since this section tests applied understanding, not just theory recall.
- Consider your comfort with residential/rural postings early, since this is a genuine and common feature of NVS teaching roles.

Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID to the exam centre.
- Confirm your CTET/state-TET eligibility documentation is valid and ready before applying, if required for your post.
- No electronic devices are allowed inside the exam hall.
- Research NVS's residential-school structure and mandate beforehand, since Interview questions may probe your understanding of and fit for this environment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are NVS teaching posts residential?

Yes, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are fully residential schools, so NVS teaching posts often include hostel and campus-life responsibilities beyond regular classroom duties.

Is CTET required for NVS TGT posts?

Typically yes, CTET or an equivalent recognised state TET is a mandatory eligibility requirement for TGT posts, as specified in the current notification.

What is the difference between NVS and KVS?

Both are central government school networks, but NVS (Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti) focuses on residential schools primarily serving talented rural students, while KVS (Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan) primarily serves children of transferable central government and defence employees in day schools.

Is there an Interview in NVS Teacher selection?

Yes, shortlisted candidates from the written exam are called for an Interview, and final merit is based on combined written and Interview scores.