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52nd NATIONAL MATHEMATICS TALENT CONTEST DECEMBER 2020

Dear Colleague / Sir / Madam,

Greetings. We have been receiving hundreds of eager enquiries from schools, teachers, parents and students about dates of the next, **52nd National Mathematics Talent Contest [NMTC]**. We assure you the contest will be held before the end of 2020-on a Saturday/Sunday in December 2020.

As you may be aware the National Mathematics Talent Contest is an annual flagship programme of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of India, [Regd. No. S143/1965] and has been conducted regularly now for more than 50 years without any interruption. The number of participants has been steadily increasing over the years. Last year a total of 1,11,530 students, from 697 schools across 22 states participated.

We will be sending you the circular announcing the firm date and further details, probably by the third or fourth week of September 2020. We will also notify it on our official website <http://www.amtionline.com/>.

The preliminary tests for 52nd NMTC are planned to be held during the first or second week of December, (on a Saturday/ Sunday). The exact date will be announced later. The final tests might be scheduled in the first week of January (on a Saturday/Sunday).

The entry fee for the talent test shall be Rs.100/- per candidate, out of which the participating school will retain Rs.25 [per candidate] for its secretarial expenses and send the remaining amount to AMTI. AMTI being a non-profit, voluntary professional service organization, oldest of its kind in India, is committed to keeping the entry fee for the contest within the reach of all in the student population, true to the spirit of dedication of its founders. We look forward to your enthusiastic support and cooperation in keeping it alive.

We are considering various aspects of your promising suggestion about offering Online Orientation for NMTC. Online courses require more self-motivation; *it is yet to be seen whether they will really help at this stage for Olympiad type training.* One of the most glaring issues with online education is the lack of interpersonal communication. A big hardship to middle and high school students is the lack of one-on-one support. While logistically sound, one has to remember that students are already taking too many online courses of their own schools. There is little interaction amongst students. Online classes seem to be a matter of convenience rather than promoting critical thinking. There is also a need to train the resource persons for taking online classes. *It appears better to wait for a few more months, study the outcome of efforts taken by others and then plan a suitable strategy.*

For this 52nd session of NMTC, AMTI will provide about 5 model worksheets that could help peer-learning and problem-solving with the help of people around them. Sample solutions will also be provided.

Please feel free to contact us for any further clarification you may require in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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