

## MTTS 2021 – A Letter from the President, MTTS TRUST

Dear Students,

Thank you for your interest in MTTS.

Best wishes for those who got selected for MTTS 2021.

If you are one of those unfortunate, we are sorry to hear that you are not selected for the programme.

Due to the pandemic, we have been conducting MTTS activities in online mode since June 2020. In fact, in this mode, we could accommodate more students than those for on-site camps.

Since June 2020, MTTS Trust has been organizing a lot of activity online throughout the year, like Online Foundation Courses in Mathematics, MTTS Follow-up courses and Online Short Courses on some specific themes.

If you are interested in attending these camps, you may visit the following page on MTTS website periodically to check if any camp is organized and you may apply for it.

[www.mtts.org.in/training-programmes/](http://www.mtts.org.in/training-programmes/)

At time some of our MTTS camps are also live streamed on YouTube as well.

Let us put forth some facts and statistics, and some guidelines that we follow.

1. We received more than 1500 applications for 300 seats (for the online summer camps)
2. A group of about twelve Professors with years' of experience with MTTS spend three days (from 9 AM to 7 PM) to scrutinize the applications. At level of each camp, we go through a minimum of 4 rounds before we finalize the selection.
3. First preference is given to former participants of MTTS, whose performance has been good in MTTS. We depend very much on the consistency in academics and on the teacher's evaluation as he/she knows you better than we do.
4. As a rule, we do not select more than two students from any institution at any level. If you find more from any institution, it is perhaps many of them are former MTTS participants or local participants (in case of physical camps) with good academic record.
5. MTTS being a national programme, we try to make sure as many regions as possible are represented. We also pay special attention to students from remote areas and from rural background, who do not get the kind of exposure or academic environment as their

counterparts elsewhere.

6. Just about a dozen of us has been working for MTTS for last 28 years with NO SUMMER Vacation. We are doing it as a service to the nation against all odds.
7. MTTS faculty is present during ALL the lectures. They do not deliver their session and go away. This ensures individual attention to students.
8. Many mathematicians/teachers are not ready for this kind of selfless hard work as either it is physically and mentally demanding or they do not agree with our pedagogical model.
9. We are also aware that some of the selected students have a very genuine problem, namely the clash of dates of examinations, ill-health etc. Such students may not confirm of their participation or cancel it at the last minute. To avoid vacancies created by such incidents, we offer admission to 20% to 25% more than what we would like to have in a camp. Our experience shows that we rarely end up with vacancies, more often than not, more than our planned intake.
10. Note that there are about 6000+ autonomous institutions such as universities, colleges and institutes in our country. It would be impossible to find EVEN A SINGLE DAY which will be convenient to students of all these institutions.

While we do understand your desire to participate, we cannot attend to each one of your requests. We are already spending too much time for this activity. If we have to keep answering hundreds of questions from students who were not selected, we would be too exhausted to continue with the Programme.

We hope you would understand, apply for future MTTS camps of your interest and benefit from its methodology.

With best wishes,

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on behalf of MTTS Trust.

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