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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 3rd SRI LANKAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (SLNSO) – 2026 FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The 3rd Sri Lankan Nuclear Science Olympiad (SLNSO) is organized by the Institute of Physics, Sri Lanka (IPSL) and is open to school students from both government and non-government schools. The competition will be conducted in Sinhala, English, and Tamil on January 11th, 2026.

Application Deadline: December 28, 2025.

Examination Centers

Students may sit for the examination at the following locations: University of Colombo, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, University of Kelaniya, Wayamba University – Kuliyapitiya, Rajarata University, University of Jaffna, Open University Regional Center – Kandy, Batticaloa, University of Ruhuna, Uva Wellassa University, Vavuniya University – Pompaimadu. If the number of students registered at a particular center is too low, they will be assigned to the nearest examination center.

Eligibility & Exam Format

Students under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2026, are eligible to apply. The Two hour paper will consist of 50 questions based on the A/L Physics syllabus provided on the IPSL website. 25% of the questions will cover topics from the Matter & Radiation section.

Awards and International Representation

Winners will be awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals along with Certificates of Merit at the national awards ceremony organized by IPSL. Top performers may be invited to participate in a selection exam for the International Nuclear Science Olympiad (INSO), to be held in September 2026. The four best contestants will represent Sri Lanka, with guidance from IPSL.

Note: Students must be under 20 years of age as of August 31, 2026, to participate in the international competition.

The INSO is an annual international competition organized under the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) technical cooperation project: "Supporting Nuclear Science and Technology Education at the Secondary and Tertiary Levels." In 2025, four students from Sri Lanka participated in the second INSO held in Malaysia, winning two silver medals and two bronze medals. The team's participation was fully sponsored by the IAEA.

How to Apply

Students interested in participating can obtain the online application form and past question papers from the IPSL website: www.ipsl.lk. Admission forms with examination numbers will be sent to the email address provided in the online application. If you do not receive the admission form one week before the examination date, please contact the SLNSO office at slnsolipsl@gmail.com.

Contact Information

For further inquiries, please contact Prof. Shantha Gamage at 0776972577 during the following times: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

For more details, please visit ([The Institute of Physics, Sri Lanka \(IPSL.lk\)](http://The Institute of Physics, Sri Lanka (IPSL.lk) website) website.

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