

NEET (UG) paper 'leak' returns to haunt NTA

Centre cancels medical entrance exam and orders CBI-led investigation

AUHONA MUKHERJEE
New Delhi, 12 May

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday cancelled the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) 2026, or NEET (UG), examination conducted on May 3 amid allegations of a question paper leak, with the Centre ordering a comprehensive probe led by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The NTA said fresh examination dates would be announced separately, triggering protests from students.

"NTA, with the approval of the Government of India, has decided to cancel the NEET (UG) 2026 examination conducted on May 3, 2026, and re-conduct the examination on dates that will be notified separately," the agency said in a statement on Tuesday.

"The inputs received by NTA, taken together with the findings shared by law enforcement agencies, established that the present examination process could not be allowed to stand," the central exam-conducting body said in the statement. It added that all registration data, candidature details, and examination centres chosen by candidates in the May 2026 cycle would be carried forward. No fresh registration would be required and no additional examination fee would be charged.

The cancellation affects over 2.4 million medical aspirants and comes amid fresh questions over the conduct of national-level entrance examinations by NTA. It also triggered protests by student groups in parts of Delhi, including near Shastr Bhawan, where police deployment was increased amid demonstrations demanding accountability and structural reforms in the examination system. Student organisations, including the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) and Students' Federation of India, staged protests in multiple cities.

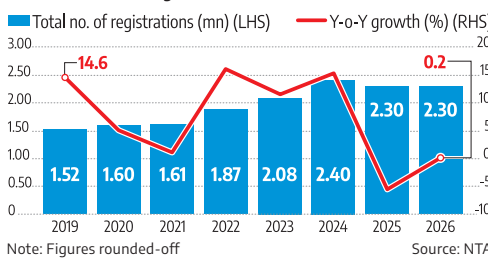
While Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan did not respond to media queries on the cancellation, NTA described the situation as a serious concern for students, parents, and the broader education ecosystem.



NSUI members protest against the National Testing Agency over the cancellation of NEET (UG) 2026 exam, outside Shastr Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. PHOTO: PTI

Operation MBBS

NEET examination registrations since 2019



NTA had said question papers were transported in GPS-tracked vehicles carrying unique, traceable watermark identifiers, while examination centres were monitored through artificial intelligence-assisted CCTV surveillance.

The move comes against the backdrop of earlier controversies involving NTA-conducted entrance examinations.

The NEET (UG) 2024 case saw allegations of paper leaks and irregularities in grace marks, triggering protests, legal

challenges before the Supreme Court, and multiple arrests in Bihar and Gujarat.

The episode also led to disruptions in other national exams. In June 2024, University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test (UGC NET) was cancelled after inputs suggested a possible compromise of question papers, while Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-UGC NET was postponed and NEET (Postgraduate) deferred as a precaution.

Preliminary inputs being examined by investigators include allegations of overlap between a circulated "guess paper" and the actual NEET (UG) question paper. Authorities in Rajasthan have claimed that a number of questions from the circulated material matched the examination paper. A man was detained in Maharashtra in connection with the alleged leak, and officials said a Rajasthan Police team was expected to take custody of him for further questioning.

AI enters India's monsoon watch

IMD rolls out block-level forecast models; southwest monsoon nearing Andaman Sea

SANJEEB MUKHERJEE
New Delhi, 12 May

Climate change is making weather forecasting more complex, prompting the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday to launch the country's first artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled monsoon advance forecasting model that can predict its onset at the block level up to four weeks in advance.

The IMD also launched a pilot project developed by the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) for high-resolution rainfall forecasting in Uttar Pradesh using advanced AI systems. The pilot can generate rainfall forecasts at a spatial resolution of 1 kilometre (km) grid.

The launch comes at a time when the 2026 southwest monsoon is projected to be below normal across most parts of the country, though the IMD said the new models have no correlation with the seasonal forecast.

According to IMD, both systems aim to deliver hyperlocal, impact-based, and AI-driven weather services across the country. The models were developed in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and their outputs will be shared with farmers through application programming interfaces developed by the ministry and through the Agri Stack platform.

"The block-level monsoon onset forecast model combines existing numerical weather prediction models with AI to



Reading the rains with AI

- IMD launches AI-enabled block-level monsoon advance forecast model
- NCMRWF unveils pilot for high-resolution rainfall forecast in Uttar Pradesh
- New system predicts rainfall at 1 km grid resolution, compared with the earlier 12.5 km scale
- AI-based monsoon onset model currently covers 3,196 blocks across 15 states and one Union Territory
- Most covered blocks lie in rainfed regions where monsoon timing is critical for farming and disaster preparedness

generate probabilistic forecasts of monsoon progression every Wednesday up to four weeks in advance, with a model error margin of around four days," Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences Jitendra Singh said while launching the two models.

The forecasting system currently covers 3,196 blocks across 15 states and one Union Territory, largely concentrated in rainfed regions where mon-

soon onset plays a critical role in agriculture and water management. The coverage will gradually be expanded.

M Ravichandran, secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, said the block-level monsoon advance forecasting system will base its assessment on the onset of a continuous five-day rainfall spell and the absence of prolonged dry spells over the subsequent 30 days.

"This system will be of immense help in agricultural planning, disaster management and water resources management," Singh said. On the UP pilot, he said the system will generate rainfall forecasts at 1 km spatial resolution up to 10 days in advance. The system uses AI-driven downscaling techniques and integrates data from automatic rain gauges, automatic weather stations, Doppler weather radars, and satellite-based rainfall datasets.

Monsoon currents build

In a related development, the IMD said conditions are becoming favourable for the onset of the southwest monsoon over parts of the south Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea and Nicobar Islands towards the end of this week. IMD said it will issue updates on its progress later this month. In other parts, heatwave conditions are likely at isolated places over West Rajasthan during the next six to seven days, and over East Rajasthan, adjoining parts of Central India, Gujarat and Maharashtra during the next four to five days.

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Place: New Delhi Date: 12.05.2026

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For and on behalf of National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Place: Mumbai
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CORRIGENDUM TO THE POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE DATED 21ST APRIL, 2026

This Corrigendum is being issued by FDC Limited ("Company") to the Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st April, 2026 seeking approval of the Members for the appointment of Mr. Kishore Mukund Saleatore (DIN: 01705850) as an Independent Director of the Company. This Corrigendum is to be read in conjunction with the said Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st April, 2026 as available on the websites of the Company, National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") and BSE Limited ("BSE"). The said Postal Ballot Notice was dispatched to all the shareholders of the Company in due compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and rules made thereunder, read with circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India and all other applicable provisions on April 22, 2026 whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Depository Participants (DPs) or with the Company or its Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) as on the Cut-off date.

This corrigendum is being issued to amend a typographical error in the notice as follows:

The resolution for appointment of Mr. Kishore Mukund Saleatore as an Independent Director of the Company was proposed as "Ordinary Resolution" instead of "Special Resolution" in the Notice. The Members are requested to read it as "Special Resolution" wherever appearing in the Postal Ballot notice, its notes, annexures and any other communication in this regard. All other contents of the Notice, save and except as modified by this Corrigendum, shall remain unchanged.

This corrigendum to the Postal Ballot Notice shall form an integral part of the Postal Ballot Notice which has already been circulated to the shareholders of the Company and on and from the date hereof, the Postal Ballot Notice shall always be read in conjunction with the Corrigendum.

By Order of the Board of Directors of,
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Varsharani Katre
Company Secretary & Legal Head

Place: MUMBAI
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3	SAMB, Ahmedabad	Map Refoils India Limited	69.08
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5	SAMB, Ahmedabad	Koriya Infra Private Limited	13.28
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Date: 13.05.2026
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