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Press Release

19 June 2026

Subject: NTA Fully Prepared for Smooth and Secure Conduct of NEET (UG) 2026 Re-Examination on 21 June 2026-reg.

1. The National Testing Agency (NTA) is fully prepared for the conduct of NEET (UG) 2026 Re-Examination, scheduled on Saturday, 21 June 2026 from 2:00 PM to 5:15 PM (IST) in pen-and-paper mode. Candidates with disabilities (PwD/PwBD) eligible for compensatory time will be permitted to write the examination up to 6:20 PM.
2. Re-Examination to be held across 551 cities in India and 14 cities abroad for over 22.79 lakh candidates.

3. Large-Scale Mobilisation and Coordinated Effort

The conduct of the NEET (UG) 2026 Re-Examination involves close coordination across multiple agencies and levels of administration:

- 674 City Coordinators overseeing city-level operations
- 6,669 Observers deployed for independent oversight at examination centres
- Centre Superintendents and Invigilators at every examination centre
- District Administrations, Police Forces and Escort Teams, particularly for the secure transportation of confidential materials

In all, over 2 lakh personnel have been mobilised to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the re-examination for 22.79 lakh candidates.

4. Security and Monitoring Framework

NTA has put in place a multi-layered security framework to ensure a fair and transparent examination:

- End-to-end secure handling of confidential materials to designated locations under sealed protocols
- GPS-enabled vehicles with police escort for movement of examination materials
- CCTV surveillance at all examination centres, with feeds linked to centralised control rooms
- Mandatory frisking through high-sensitivity metal detectors before entry, with strengthened manpower and equipment at every centre
- Aadhaar-based biometric authentication to prevent impersonation
- Real-time monitoring through centralised control systems

Active monitoring of social media platforms is being undertaken to curb misinformation and prevent malpractice. NTA has filed complaints with cyber-crime authorities, including I4C/MHA and CBI. Strict action is being taken against all those involved.



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5. Provision for Biometric Verification Exceptions

Per NTA's advisory, candidates whose biometric verification cannot be completed at the examination centre due to technical malfunction of devices, poor fingerprint quality, UIDAI connectivity issues, or any physical inability will not be denied entry to the examination hall. Such candidates will be required to sign a written undertaking-the format of which will be made available at the centre with the Centre Superintendent or Observer-and will then be permitted to write the examination without disturbance. Manual identity verification will be carried out using valid documents.

6. Candidate-Centric Facilitation Measures

In view of the large candidate volume and prevailing summer conditions, NTA has ensured the following arrangements at every examination centre:

- Reliable power back-up, including generators, at all centres
- Adequate electricity, lighting and fans to ensure candidate comfort during the afternoon shift
- Wall clock provided in examination room for the benefit of candidates to be able to track time.
- Drinking water, sanitation and on-site medical support
- Candidates may carry a Transparent Water Bottle
- Additional biometric machines and trained personnel deployed to expedite verification
- Diabetic candidates permitted to carry sugar tablets and fruits (banana, apple, orange) with a transparent water bottle, in line with NTA guidelines
- Travel and weather advisories issued in advance, urging candidates to plan travel early and verify centre addresses from the admit card

7. Reporting Time and Entry Schedule

Candidates must report to their examination centre between 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Entry gates will close sharp at 1:30 PM, and no candidate will be permitted entry thereafter under any circumstance.

To facilitate timely entry:

- Candidates wearing customary or religious attire and those wishing to wear full-sleeves or woollens are advised to report early to allow time for thorough frisking
- Candidates must verify the exact address of their examination centre from the admit card. Map applications may show incorrect pins for some centres and should not be relied upon as the sole reference
- Candidates must carry a printed copy of the admit card, one original valid photo ID and two passport-size photographs for affixing on the attendance sheet



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8. Advisory to Candidates

Candidates appearing for the NEET (UG) 2026 Re-Examination are advised to:

- Reach the examination centre well before the reporting window, accounting for traffic and weather
- Strictly follow the dress code and permissible items advisory, available on neet.nta.nic.in
- Carry only permitted items; mobile phones, smart watches, Bluetooth devices, calculators, wallets, jewellery, metallic accessories and food packets are not allowed inside the examination hall
- Rely only on official communications from neet.nta.nic.in
- Not fall prey to rumours or fraudulent claims of question paper leaks; report suspicious messages or channels to NTA or to cyber-crime authorities immediately
- Trust their preparation and remain calm. For concerns related to mental well-being, NTA has shared official helplines including Tele-MANAS (14416), the 24x7 national mental health helpline

9. Helpline and Contact Information

Candidates may reach out to NTA for any clarification (10:00 AM to 5:15 PM):

- Helpline: 011-40759000 / 011-69227700
- Email: neetug2026@nta.ac.in
- Website: neet.nta.nic.in
- Report concerns: innovateindia.mygov.in/neet-ug-2026

10. Commitment to Fair and Transparent Conduct

The National Testing Agency reaffirms its commitment to conducting NEET (UG) 2026 with integrity, transparency and operational efficiency. The Agency thanks State Governments, Union Territory administrations, district authorities, police forces, examination functionaries and the candidates themselves for their cooperation. The entire administrative machinery stands ready to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the examination across India and abroad on 21st June 2026.


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