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Press Release Regarding NEET (UG)-2024: Posts circulating on Social Media

This is regarding the posts circulating on Social Media platforms regarding the NEET (UG)-2024 Examination held on 5th May, 2024, wherein, a perception is being created that the Question Paper got leaked before the commencement of examination. To set the record straight, NTA informs the following to candidates, their parents, teachers and all concerned:

1. NEET (UG) 2024 has been conducted successfully by the National Testing Agency (NTA) across 4750 centres in 571 cities (including 14 cities abroad) on 5th May, 2024.

2. It has been ascertained from NTA's security protocols and Standard Operating Procedures that the Social Media Posts pointing towards any paper leak are completely baseless and without any ground. To put rumours to rest, it is also stated that every single Question Paper (QP) has been accounted for. Further, it is also to be noted that after the gates of the Examination Centres are closed, no one from outside is permitted access inside the Halls which are under CCTV surveillance.

3. As mentioned in yesterday's NTA Press Release that there was one incident at a Centre in Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan where some students forcibly took away the QPs before the conclusion of the examination. A picture of this QP is being linked to alleged incident of paper leak which is mischievous and preposterous. As mentioned in para 2, there is no way any external person/agency can access the centres, once the examination started.

4. All other photographs of QPs circulating in Social Media have no relation to the Actual Examination Question Paper which has been administered.

5. Having mentioned the above, there have been cases of malpractice/impersonation where strict action has been taken on impersonators/candidates.

6. In addition to the above, NTA also conducts post-exam data analysis, to detect cases of Unfair Means(UFM). Action on UFM cases is taken as per extant rules, which includes cancellation of candidature and debarment from future examinations.

7. The NEET UG 2024 saw record-high registrations this year, with over 24 lakh students registering, the highest ever, with over 10 lakh male students, and over 13 lakh female students. This increase was facilitated by opting for several smaller cities as centers, especially in the Northeast, apart from Puducherry, Jammu and Kashmir, and other states.



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Despite the challenges, the NEET UG 2024 operation involved more than 600 Center Coordinators at city levels, 5,000 plus Center Superintendents and their staff pan India, with over 4,800 schools roped in for the process.

In light of the above, candidates, their parents, teachers and all concerned are requested not to pay heed to such rumours and concentrate on forthcoming examinations.

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