

NEET Leak Controversy

Why in News?

The <u>National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET)</u> **Undergraduate exam paper** leak has escalated, leading to protests demanding a **re-test** and a <u>Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)</u> probe.

The Economic Offences Unit (EOU) disclosed that NEET aspirants paid up to ₹30 lakh for leaked exam papers in Bihar.

Key Points

- The **Supreme Court** is hearing several petitions related to **NEET**, though it has not stayed counseling for admissions based on the results.
 - This unfolding scandal **highlights deep-rooted issues** in the examination system and underscores the urgent need for reform and accountability.
- The National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET), formerly the All-India Pre-Medical Test
 (AIPMT), is the qualifying test for MBBS and BDS programmes in Indian medical and dental
 colleges.
- It was introduced in 2013 by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and is now conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).
 - NTA was established as a Society registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act, 1860.
 - It is an **autonomous and self-sustained testing organisation** to conduct entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in higher educational institutions.

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