



NEET Leak Controversy | Bihar | 18 Jun 2024

Why in News?

The [National Eligibility and Entrance Test \(NEET\) Undergraduate exam paper](#) leak has escalated, leading to protests demanding a **re-test** and a [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\)](#) 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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The **Prime Minister of India** will inaugurate the new campus of **Nalanda University** at Rajgir, Bihar.

Key Points

- The University is conceived as a **joint collaboration** between India and [East Asia Summit \(EAS\)](#) countries.
- The Campus is a '[Net Zero](#)' Green Campus. It is **self-sustainable** with a **solar plant, domestic and drinking water treatment plant, water recycling plant** for reusing wastewater, **100 acres of water bodies**, and many other environment friendly facilities.
- The **original Nalanda University**, established around **1600 years ago**, is considered to be amongst the **first residential universities of the world.**
- The **ruins of Nalanda University** was declared as a [UN Heritage Site](#).

▪ **East Asia Summit:**

- The **EAS** was established in **2005** as an **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-led initiative**.
- The **EAS** is the only **leader-led forum** in the **Indo-Pacific** that brings together all key partners to discuss political, security and economic issues of strategic importance.
- The EAS operates on the principles of **openness, inclusiveness, respect for international law, ASEAN centrality**, and **ASEAN's role** as the driving force.

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