

Rajasthan High Court Notice to NTA | Rajasthan | 25 Jun 2024

Why in News?

The **Rajasthan High Court** issued notices to the <u>National Testing Agency (NTA)</u> and the Centre regarding requests for the <u>cancellation of the medical entrance exam NEET-UG</u> due to alleged irregularities.

Key Points

- The National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) Undergraduate **exam paper leak** has escalated, leading to **protests demanding a re-test** and a <u>Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe</u>.
- The Rajasthan high court set the hearing for 10th July 2024, two days after the <u>Supreme Court</u> is **scheduled to hear similar petitions**, including those seeking cancellation of the NEET-UG 2024 exam and a court-monitored investigation.

National Testing Agency

- About:
 - The **National Testing Agency (NTA)** was established as a Society registered under the <u>Indian Societies Registration Act. 1860.</u>
 - It is an **autonomous and self-sustained testing organisation** to conduct entrance examinations for admission in higher educational institutions.
- Governance:
 - NTA is chaired by an eminent educationist appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
 - The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be the Director-General to be appointed by the Government.
 - There will be a **Board of Governors** comprising members from user institutions.

NEET-UG

- National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) or NEET, formerly the All India
 Pre-Medical Test, is an entrance examination for admission in undergraduate medical programs
 (MBBS and BDS courses) in India.
- It is conducted by the NTA.

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