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In the upcoming **JEE** (**Mains**) **Session 2** commencing from **04**, **05**,**06**, **08**, **09** and **12 April 2024**, total 12.57 Lakh candidates have registered. The National Testing Agency aims to conduct fair and transparent examination.

Therefore, NTA strongly advises all candidates to refrain from using Unfair means / practices to gain any undue advantage over other candidates. NTA has implemented rigorous measures to deter malpractices and ensure the examination's fairness, such as multistage verification, biometric authentication, EKYC and frisking of the candidates, the invigilation staff and any other associated functionaries. Even, if a candidate goes for bio-break/toilet, he/she should undergo the mandatory frisking and biometric again. Therefore, candidates are again advised not to move during the examination and should not indulge in talking/peeping or assisting others in the Examination. Such an act may lead to cancellation of the candidature and debarring the candidate for current year and in future from appearing in the exam, and it invites to initiate the criminal proceedings/strict action against the wrong-doer.

The surprise visits by flying squads to oversee the examination, deployment of full time Observers, utilization of AI tools to identify discrepancies in candidates' application details, matching of their biometrics and particulars remotely through AI and also by a physical thorough invigilation supervision, have been made to be put in place. The enactment of the Public Malpractice Act 2024 obliges exam agencies to take stringent action against those involved in malpractices. Furthermore, local law enforcement authorities also keep watch and take necessary action against any instances of malpractice as and when occurred.

NTA has taken disciplinary action against certain candidates based on post-examination data analysis. For JEE (Main) Session-2 also, NTA has deployed various processes to prevent the malpractices, therefore, even during the ongoing Examination, any candidate is subject to verification, biometric, frisking in view of the signal which may be flashed through AI tools, CCTV analysis and live streaming in the NTA's Command Control Room.

Further, NTA conducts post-examination analysis of the responses of the treated group with respect to cheating behaviour associated with the exam by observational data, interesting statistical approaches etc. There may be use of non-intrusive technology to identify collaboration, the question attempting Logs are also analysed to identify the suspicious similarities between submitted responses. Candidates' examination logs, behaviour and CCTV recordings are also being examined of such candidates.

This process will be consistently applied to all future examinations conducted by NTA, aiming to ensure fairness and transparency so that only deserving candidates secure admissions or jobs.

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