

Ministry of Education, Government of India

National Testing Agency

(An Autonomous Organisation under the Department of Higher Education)

STATEMENT

Dated: 20th July 2026

Subject: Claims regarding OMR answer sheets of NEET (UG) 2026 being circulated on social media.

1. It has come to the notice of the National Testing Agency that images of OMR answer sheets, said to be the "correct" record of certain candidates who appeared in NEET (UG) 2026, are being circulated on social media in support of claims that the results declared against those candidates are wrong.
2. NTA verifies the records in all such cases. The position, without exception, is as follows.
 - The genuine OMR answer sheet of every candidate concerned, bearing the correct Roll Number, Test Booklet Number, Answer Sheet barcode and serial, Test Booklet Code, and the candidate's own name and parentage in the candidate's own hand, together with the signatures and thumb impression of the candidate and the two invigilators, is held on record with NTA. It was made available to the candidate at the registered e-mail address and on the candidate portal.
 - The score declared against every such candidate is fully consistent with that OMR answer sheet, the official answer key notified for NEET (UG) 2026, and the calculation sheet on file. There is no evaluation error.
 - The images being circulated as the "correct" OMR are not documents issued by NTA. They are digitally manipulated versions of the candidates' own genuine OMR answer sheets. The alterations observed in the cases examined range from the introduction of additional response markings to the alteration of names and of the authenticated signature time of an invigilator, amongst others.
3. The creation, submission or circulation of a fabricated, digitally altered or otherwise forged OMR answer sheet is a cognisable offence under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, and separately attracts liability under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the Information Technology Act, 2000.
4. Candidates with genuine grievances are advised to follow the process set out in NTA's Public Notice dated 20th July 2026, available on the NTA website.


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