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Centralized Entrance Examination

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present system of centralised entrance examinations for medical and engineering college admissions lead to undue stress and even mental health issues resulting in the increasing incidents of suicides cases at popular coaching centres in the country;

(b) if so, the number of suicides cases reported in Kota and other popular coaching centres during the year 2024 due to stress; and

(c) the details of changes proposed to be made to innovate the present system decentralising the entrance examinations in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (c): The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been set up as a specialised body to conduct examinations for entrance to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Since its inception in 2018, NTA has successfully conducted over 250 examinations involving over 5.5 crore candidates.

NTA conducts the Joint Entrance Examination, JEE (Main) for admission to Undergraduate Engineering Programs (B.E. / B. Tech.) at NITs, IITs, other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) and Institutions / Universities funded / recognized by participating State Governments. JEE (Main) is also an eligibility test for JEE (Advanced), which is conducted for admission to IITs.

NTA also conducts the NEET (UG) as a common and uniform National Eligibility-cum Entrance Test for admission to undergraduate medical education in all medical institutions in the country.

The above examinations ensure equality of opportunity to candidates aspiring to undertake professional courses and provide a level-playing field for students passing out of various streams of different boards, each with a different system of marking.

Comprehensive analysis of the data related to the accidental deaths and suicides in the country is published in the Accidental Death & Suicide in India (ADSI) reports by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). Year wise and State wise details of students' suicides are available in the year wise ADSI reports which are accessible at <https://ncrb.gov.in/accidental-deaths-suicides-in-india-year-wise.html>.

As per Reports of NCRB, there are various causes of suicides like professional/career problems, sense of isolation, abuse, violence, family problems, mental disorders, addiction to alcohol, financial loss, chronic pain etc. As per ADSI 2022 amongst the causes of suicides 'failure in examination' constituted 1.2% and student suicide accounted for 7.6% of the total suicide cases.

Keeping in view the growth in number of unregulated private coaching centers in the country; instances of such centers charging exorbitant fees from students; causing undue stress on students and many other malpractices being adopted by these centres, Ministry of Education has circulated Guidelines for Regulation of Coaching Center to States/UTs on 16.01.2024.

Ministry of Education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur launched SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test, and Help for Entrance Examinations), an online platform in November 2023. The platform is designed to offer free learning resources for students preparing for competitive exams like JEE, NEET, SSC, IBPS, ICAR, and CUET. The platform has more than 10.9 lakh registrations as on 16th March 2025.
