



CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 About National Testing Agency (NTA)

The Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) established the National Testing Agency (NTA) as an independent, autonomous, and self-sustained premier testing organization under the Societies Registration Act (1860) for conducting efficient, transparent, and international standardized tests in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission to premier higher education institutions with a mission to improve equity and quality in education by developing and administering research-based valid, reliable, efficient, transparent, fair and international level assessments.

NTA has created a system that is promoting teaching (by teachers), learning (by students), and assessment (by parents and institutions). NTA strongly believes in the quality, efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and security of assessments. To practice these values, NTA is constantly engaging with its stakeholders, viz. students, parents, teachers, experts, and partner institutions.

The objectives of NTA, *inter alia*, include:

1. To conduct efficient, transparent, and international standardized tests in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission.
2. To undertake research on educational, professional, and testing systems to identify gaps in the knowledge systems and take steps for bridging them.
3. To produce and disseminate information and research on education and professional development standards.

The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India has entrusted the responsibility of conducting the **Joint Entrance Examination [JEE (Main)] to the NTA from 2019 onwards.**

