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## Press Release

### IGNOU Entrance Test 'B.Ed. & OPENMAT (MBA)', 2019 by NTA

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is a premier, specialist, autonomous and self-sustaining testing organization, established by Government of India, to conduct international standard tests in India, in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission. National Testing Agency believes in quality, efficiency, effectiveness, equity and security of assessments.

NTA is conducting entrance examinations, in **Computer Based Testing (CBT)** methodology, of B.Ed & OPENMAT (MBA) program, of Indira Gandhi National Open University. A website [www.ntaignou.nic.in](http://www.ntaignou.nic.in) for candidate registration etc., has been created for both the test. The exam will be conducted in **two shifts on July 27, 2019**.

Candidate Online registration for both the Tests started from 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and culminated on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. A nominal fee of Rs.600/- was required to be paid by candidates to appear for the Test. Candidate data **Correction window** was kept open from 6-7 July 2019 and Admit Cards were uploaded on 12<sup>th</sup> July for candidates to download it. The Test is being held in **106 cities and 135 Centres** across the nation.

Number of Candidates registered and Test timings:

S.No	Entrance Test	No of Candidates	Test timings
1	B.Ed	22835	10:00 am – 12:00 noon
2	MBA (OPENMAT)	8746	02:00 pm – 05:00 pm
<b>Total</b>		<b>31581 Candidates</b>	

The NTA, always makes efforts to allocate, the first choice amongst the four choice, submitted by candidates, for allocation of a City for attending the Test. In the case of present IGNOU Test, the NTA has allocated **98%** candidates **their first choice**.

All Test Centres are being monitored in the following ways:-

- A Control Room at NTA shall be operative to monitor and facilitate the smooth conduct of the Examination.
- NTA has deputed '**Observers**' that are going to be positioned at all Centres of the Test.
- About **1316 CCTV** Surveillance camera are being setup at all Test Centre, to ward off any malpractices in the Examination. The NTA has also made arrangements for live

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streaming from Centre locations to NTA Control Room and recording of CCTVs System of all Examination Centres.

- (d) In order to prevent any cheating using mobile networks, Jammers are being installed at all centres. A total of about **1052 Jammers** shall be put in place.
- (e) The NTA has established Online **Mock Test** for candidates, to practice. The Mock test comprise of question papers of previous years for almost all Tests being undertaken by NTA. Till date more than **2.40 Crore page visits** have taken place. Similarly for candidates appearing in IGNOU's OPENMAT (MBA) and B.Ed. program, Question Papers of previous year have been provided for practice in CBT methodology & online mode (free of Cost) by the NTA. This can be viewed by candidates on their mobile or PC.

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