



Central University Entrance Test (UG) (CUET-UG) 2022
Implementing CUET (UG)-2022 at North-Eastern Hill University
The Programme Features, the Advantages & the Concerns:

The Basics:

- The University Grants Commission, by its letter dated March 27, 2022 informed the Vice-Chancellors of all the Central Universities that the National Testing Agency (NTA) has been assigned the task of conducting the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission in all UG Programmes for the academic session 2022-23 in Indian Universities.
- The Central Universities were requested to take appropriate measures to facilitate the process.
- The Test shall be conducted in 13 languages.
- The State/ Private /Deemed to be Universities may also take part in CUET-UG based admission.
- The details of the programmes offered at the various Central Universities are available from <https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/index.php/app/info/universities>.
- The CUET(UG)-2022 will be conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) Mode.
- The Information Bulletin for admission to Undergraduate programmes can be downloaded from <https://cdnasb.samarth.ac.in/site/CUETUG2022IB.pdf>.
- The aspiring candidates are required to register themselves for undertaking the test and follow the guidance from <https://cdnasb.samarth.ac.in/site/CUET2022ApplicationGuide.pdf>
- The registration process for the Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET) 2022 has begun on April 6, 2022, and is underway at cuet.samarth.ac.in.
- The registration process would end on May 6, 2022.
- Syllabus for the different subjects opted for the entrance test can be downloaded from <https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/index.php/site/syllabus>

Advantages:

- Students from different boards are provided a single window system and equal opportunities.
- Students can apply for admission to multiple Universities (Central Universities and others)
- Students can choose different subject options during registration.
- Students are able to avoid applying to many entrance tests for admission in different Universities.
- This would effectively reduce the financial burden on parents and students
- Expenditures on travel and stay out shall not be there.
- Tests can be taken up from the nearest test centre to home even if such a centre is in a neighbouring state.
- Colleges need not conduct entrance tests as was done in previous years.
- The Common University Entrance Test CUET (UG) – 2022 would also be helpful to a student as:-
 - i. The stress to secure very high marks in the one and only Board Examination shall stand reduced.
 - ii. Marks given by different Boards vary widely. CUET (UG) – 2022 would get standardised.



- iii. In view of the fact that question paper pattern in CUET (UG) – 2022 would be MCQ based, evaluation will be objective and subjectivity element in evaluation of the descriptive type of papers in the traditional Class XII exams of different Boards shall not stand as handicap.
- iv. CUET (UG) – 2022 will be held in the Computer Based Test (CBT) mode and processing of results shall be done through technology with no human intervention.
- v. As CUET (UG) – 2022 is based on Class XII syllabus no separate preparation needs to be made.

The Way Forward:

- Affiliate Colleges may admit students based on CUET-UG Score in three rounds. Admission to balance seats (if any) may be done on spot selection basis.
- Official website of all participating Institutes may duly be kept updated with all relevant Notifications/ Circulars issued from time to time by the UGC, NTA and other concerned agencies.
- Each College may engage a Nodal Officer and a Helpdesk to assist students seeking admission thereat.
- Online awareness session of the Nodal officers may be arranged to clear doubts if any.

The Challenges to Face:

- Inadequate Infrastructure Support especially the interrupted power supply and network connectivity
- Non-familiarity with the new system sought to be put in place.
- Apprehensions on applicability of the State Reservation Policy as are in force.

The Probable Solutions:

- To overcome the infrastructure deficiencies to the extent feasible, more test centres may be considered in addition to the three as of now.
- NTA may be impressed upon to adopt suitably equipped colleges as Test Centres to enable the students take the test without having to travel far.
- To overcome matters pertaining to non-familiarity of the scheme, the following may be considered:
 - Public Awareness campaigns be undertaken on wide scale at all feasible levels to enable a better understanding of the process.
 - Govt of Meghalaya may, through public advertisements in Print, Social and electronic media, support dissemination of relevant information to all concerned.
- To Allay apprehensions on applicability of State Reservation Policy, proper notifications may be issued from appropriate authority and wide publicity be given to the said notification by making it clear that NTA shall only give a percentile score listing of the applicants and shall not dictate the eligibility conditions that an institution may like to put as a common bench mark for admission in it.

NB: In view of the fact that participation in CUET (UG)-2022 has been made compulsory for admission in all the participating Central Universities and its affiliated colleges, not taking the test shall debar candidates to seek admission in them.