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NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY STRENGTHENS ITS LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Four Senior Officers Posted; Specialist CTO, CFO and GM (HR) Roles Advertised

The National Testing Agency (NTA), in pursuance of the recommendations of the High-Level Expert Committee constituted by the Government of India for the reform of examination conduct, has undertaken a series of measures over the past few weeks to strengthen its leadership team, institutional capacity and oversight mechanisms. These measures are aimed at enhancing the integrity, transparency and operational excellence of the high-stake examinations conducted by the Agency, which collectively serve over 1 crore candidates each year.

The Government recognises the deep concern that recent events have caused among aspirants, their families and the educational community at large. The measures taken are part of a comprehensive and continuing programme of reform — structural, technological and human-resource — to rebuild the integrity architecture of the examination ecosystem on stronger foundations.

Posting of Senior Officers from the Government of India

To strengthen the senior leadership of NTA with experienced administrators from the Government of India, the following four officers have been posted to the Agency over the past few days. These include 2 Joint Secretary level officers and 2 Director-level officers. The Joint Secretary-level officers will be designated as Additional Director Generals as per the recommendations of the Radhakrishnan Committee.

These postings substantially enhance the senior bandwidth available to the NTA, with experienced officers bringing strong administrative backgrounds drawn from the Central services and inter-Ministry experience. Working alongside the existing team, they will support in the discharge of NTA's expanded mandate.

Specialist Leadership Hiring — CTO, CFO and GM (HR)

NTA has, simultaneously, published advertisements for the engagement of three specialist leadership positions — to bring in domain expertise of the highest order in technology, finance and human resources. These positions will play a pivotal role in modernising the Agency and embedding best-in-class systems across its operations.

Position	Mandate
Chief Technology Officer (CTO)	Senior-most technology leader at NTA, responsible for the end-to-end digital examination ecosystem — candidate-facing systems, confidential question-paper

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	management, AI-driven integrity controls (impersonation detection, biometric and face authentication, anomaly analytics), cyber-security, and modernisation of NTA's full technology stack in coordination with NIC, C-DAC, CERT-In and MeitY.
Chief Finance Officer (CFO)	Senior-most finance leader at NTA, responsible for examination-wise accounting, treasury and surplus-fund deployment in accordance with Government investment norms, full statutory and C&AG compliance, and audit-ready financial governance for the Agency.
General Manager — Human Resources (GM-HR)	Senior-most HR leader at NTA, responsible for the full employee lifecycle across NTA's multi-category workforce (regular, deputation, contractual, project-based), modernisation of HR systems, employee engagement, and institutionalisation of professional HR policies and culture.

Applications for these three positions are invited within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of the advertisements on the NTA website (www.nta.ac.in). The selection shall be made by a duly constituted Selection Committee, on the basis of qualifications, experience and demonstrated capability. The advertisements emphasise the requirement of strong public-service orientation, experience of working with Government of India systems, and demonstrated capability of leading large, mission-critical institutions.

Part of a Larger Programme of Institutional Reform

The strengthening of the leadership team is part of a broader institutional reform programme being implemented by NTA, in line with the recommendations of the High-Level Expert Committee and the directions of the Ministry of Education. The programme spans:

- **Examination integrity** — structural reforms in question-paper preparation, translation, printing and logistics, with technology-enabled safeguards at each node.
- **Technology modernisation** — deployment of AI and analytics-based controls, biometric authentication, secure-by-design infrastructure and continuous monitoring.
- **Governance and oversight** — strengthened internal controls, audit framework, and stakeholder coordination with Ministries, autonomous bodies and State Governments.
- **Human resources** — induction of senior expertise, professionalisation of the cadre, and structured training and capacity-building.
- **Stakeholder engagement** — candidate-facing transparency, grievance redressal, and proactive communication.

NTA shall continue to communicate further measures as they are implemented. The Ministry of Education, the Department of Higher Education and the Governing Body of NTA are providing close support and oversight to the reform programme.

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