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Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate, South Goa

Order

No. 38/02/5/2026/ENT. EXAM.-JEE(MAIN)/MAG/XII/Vol.V/M.O.183

(Issued under Section 163 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023)

Sub.: Conduct of Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (MAIN), 2026.

Whereas, in view of the conduct of Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Main) 2026 being conducted by NTA in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode. The examination is being held across the country as per the following schedule:

Date of Exam	Paper	Shift
21, 22, 23, 24 and 28 January, 2026	Paper 1 (B.E./B. Tech)	First Shift: 09:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Second Shift: 03:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.
29 January, 2026	Paper 2A (B. Arch), Paper 2B (B. Planning) Paper 2A & 2B (B. Arch & B. Planning both)	First Shift: 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 noon

And whereas, the Director General, National Testing Agency, vide D.O. Letter No. NTA/9214/CS/JEE(Main)2026 dated 26-12-2025 has requested that the Cyber Café, photocopy, printing shops around 200 to 300 meters in the vicinity of the Exam Centre may not be allowed to open on the examination day;

And whereas, it is revealed from the above facts brought to the notice of the undersigned, these measures can be strengthened to ensure sanctity of the examination is maintained;

And whereas, it is, therefore, necessary to issue a Prohibitory Order under Section 163 of B.N.S.S., 2023 and to take exigent measures in this regard so as to prohibit Cyber Café, photocopy, printing shops around 200 to 300 meters in the vicinity of the Exam Centre may not be allowed to open on the examination day;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving in due time, of the notices individually upon the person against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, I hereby pass this order ex-parte;

Now therefore, on being satisfied with the necessity of preventive action I, Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, do hereby:

1. Prohibit the Cyber Café, photocopy, printing shops around 200 to 300 meters in the vicinity of the Exam Centre i.e. Don Bosco College of Engineering, Near Chowgule Service Centre, Fatorda-Goa be shut down on the examination days i.e. from 21-01-2026, 22-01-2026, 23-01-2026, 24-01-2026, 28-01-2026 from 09:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m. and on 29-01-2026 from 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2. Any person contravening this order shall be liable for punishment under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Further, the Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Salcete-I – Goa is authorized to verify the violation of this order, if any and to take necessary action and to file FIR before the concerned Police Station and to lodge complaint before the concerned Judicial Magistrate in the matter against the violator.
3. Further, the Superintendent of Police, South Goa District, shall strictly enforce this order for maintenance of law and order and sanctity of the examination in the area”.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 14th day of January, 2026.

Egna Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa.