

# Forensic Aptitude and Calibre Test 2026

# FACT and FACT Plus Information Brochure



**Organizing Institute:**  
**National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU),**  
**Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS)**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Delhi**

**FACT 2026 website: [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in)**

## IMPORTANT DATES

A.	(i) Start of Online Submission of Application Form and Fee deposit through Credit Card, Debit Card or Net Banking	07.04.2026
	(ii) Close of Online Submission of Application Form and Fee deposit through Credit Card, Debit Card or Net Banking	10.05.2026
B.	<b>Date of FACT (Revised)</b>	30.05.2026
C.	<b>Date of FACT Plus (Revised)</b>	30.05.2026

### 1. Preamble

India is witnessing a significant and growing demand for forensic science professionals, driven by the expanding role of scientific evidence in the delivery of justice. With the country strengthening its institutional and legal ecosystem to uphold natural justice, forensic science has emerged as a critical pillar in the criminal justice system. Scientific evidence not only enhances the accuracy of investigations but also ensures fairness, transparency, and credibility in judicial outcomes.

Recent legislative reforms, particularly under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), have further reinforced this need by mandating forensic investigation for specified offences, especially those involving serious crimes punishable with seven years or more. This shift is expected to substantially increase the volume of forensic examinations across the country.

India requires many forensic professionals to meet the current and projected demand.

In this context, strengthening the forensic talent pipeline becomes imperative. By developing a pool of competent and skilled forensic professionals, we can accelerate the pace of forensic reporting, thereby enabling timely justice delivery. This not only contributes to reducing pendency in courts but also plays a vital role in nation-building—fostering trust in the justice system, ensuring social harmony, and promoting peace in society.

To address this need, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has initiated an All-India benchmarking mechanism for forensic science graduates and professionals. The proposed national-level test aims to create a standardized pool of qualified experts, ensuring uniform quality in forensic practices across the country. This initiative will support central and state FSLs in engaging competent professionals for specialized and time-bound assignments, ultimately enhancing the efficiency and credibility of forensic services in India.

## 2. FACT and FACT Plus

Forensic Aptitude and Caliber Test (FACT) and FACT Plus are All-India Tests that aim to test the comprehensive aptitude and skills of Post Graduate subjects in Forensic Science. FACT is a screening test being introduced in 2018 as a test of forensic science caliber for students obtaining their degrees from various universities. The FACT qualification of a candidate reflects the relative knowledge and certifies minimum level of understanding of forensic science.

The FACT (Basic examination for post-graduate candidates) will test the candidates in pure sciences to understand their command over basic concepts. FACT Plus (Advanced level of examination for post-graduate candidate who have cleared NET/GATE/GPAT, will test the aptitude of the candidates towards forensic science related matters.

FACT qualification is intended to be used as a qualifying criterion for recruitment by FSLs and other such agencies. The test will be conducted for two levels i.e. FACT for assessing the skill level of the candidates to analyze the crime exhibits referred in the FSLs and interpret the results with basic training to assist in simple cases and FACT Plus for testing the candidates as specialized personnel to handle precision instruments and infer precise results. The eligibility for recruitment for FACT qualified candidates will be subject to fulfilling the criteria laid down by the recruiting organization.

## 3. National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)

National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Delhi Campus is the nodal Institute for forensic science education and training in the country. MHA has entrusted NFSU, Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) with the responsibility of administering FACT.

## 4. Structure of FACT 2026

FACT 2026 will consist of objective type questions. The test will be of 2-hour duration and shall consist of two Parts: **Section A** and **Section B**. The questions will be so designed as to measure the forensic aptitude and skills required to handle scientific tests of crime material exhibits from crime scenes and interpretations of test results at the Scene of Crime and/or forensic laboratories to deduce their evidential values.

**Section A** shall be compulsory to all candidates for testing the aptitude in Forensic Science.

**Section B** shall consist of **seven specialised** forensic science subjects viz.,

- Forensic Ballistics and Physical Sciences,
- Forensics Document Examination,
- Forensic Chemical Sciences (Toxicology, Chemistry, Narcotics and Explosives),

- Digital Forensics (Mobile Forensic, Audio-Video, etc.),
- Forensic Psychology.
- Forensic Biological Sciences
- Crime Scene Management

A candidate has to **attempt any one of these Seven** Specialized Forensic Science subjects.

The test will consist of only multiple-choice questions and there will be no negative marking.

The exam consists of two Sections:

**Section A:** 50 questions (Forensic Aptitude)

**Section B:** 70 questions (selected specialised Forensic Science subject)

For more details, refer to **Serial No. 6: “Date and Scheme of the Test”** in the official brochure.

## **5. Eligibility Criteria:**

### **5.1 Eligibility Criteria for Appearing in FACT 2026**

In order to be eligible to appear for FACT or FACT Plus, a candidate must fulfil the following requirements:

- The candidate must be an Indian national.
- The candidate must possess the educational qualifications specified in Table 1 or be in the final semester and awaiting appearance/results of the final semester examination for the qualification specified in Table 1.
- Candidates appearing in the final semester examination will be provisionally allowed to appear for FACT or FACT Plus. However, the FACT or FACT Plus certificate will be issued only upon fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility criteria within the current academic year.
- To appear for FACT Plus, in addition to being eligible for FACT, the candidate must have qualified in UGC-NET, CSIR-GATE, or GPAT, as specified in Table 2.
- For certain elective subjects, candidates are required to have studied the mandatory subjects at the graduate level, as specified in Table 1.
- There is no upper age limit.
- A candidate may appear for FACT or FACT Plus any number of times.
- A candidate may appear for FACT, FACT Plus, or both, subject to fulfilling the respective eligibility criteria.

**Table 1: Details of the Updated areas and educational qualifications for eligibility for FACT and FACT Plus are as follows:**

<b>Areas</b>	<b>Qualifying degree</b>	<b>Subjects studied at graduate level</b>
Forensic Ballistics and Physical Sciences	MSc in Physics /Biophysics /Applied Physics/Mathematics/Applied Mathematics	None
	Bachelor of Engineering (Civil/Electrical/Mechanical/Electronic/ Telecommunication/Computer Science/Instrumentation)	Not applicable
	M.Sc. in Forensic Science/ B.Sc.-M.Sc. Forensic Science (Integrated)	Physics or Mathematics
Forensic Document Examination	M.Sc. in Physics	None
	M.Sc. in Chemistry/Biochemistry	
	AIC by examination	
	M.Sc. in Forensic Science/ B.Sc.-M.Sc. Forensic Science (Integrated)	Physics or Chemistry
Digital Forensics	B.Tech./BE in Computer Science / Electrical / Electronic engineering	Not applicable
	Master's Degree in any subject and Certification/Diploma in Cyber Forensic/Digital Forensics/Information Security	None
	Master's Degree in Physics/Mathematics/Applied Mathematics/Forensic Science (specialisation in Cyber/digital forensics)	None
	M.Sc. in Digital Forensics and Information Security	None
Forensic Chemical Sciences	Master's Degree in Chemistry/ Toxicology/ Biochemistry/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacy/ Forensic Science	Chemistry
	Associateship of Institute of Chemist (AIC) by examination	
	B.Sc.-M.Sc. Forensic Science (Integrated)	
Forensic Psychology	Master's Degree in Psychology/Criminology/Forensic Psychology	None
	Master's Degree in Forensic Science	Forensic Psychology Or Forensic Criminology

Forensic Biological Sciences	M.Sc. in Botany/ Zoology/ Microbiology	None
	M.Sc. Biotechnology/ Biochemistry	Botany or Zoology
	M.Sc. in Forensic Odontology	Botany or Zoology
	B.Tech./ BE in Biotechnology	N/A
	M.Sc. in Physical Anthropology	Botany or Zoology
	M.Sc. in Forensic Science/ B.Sc.-M.Sc. Forensic Science (Integrated)	Botany or Zoology or Biology
Crime Scene Management	B.Sc. in Forensic Science/B.Sc.-M.Sc. Forensic Science (Integrated)/ B.Sc. – M.Sc. Criminology and Forensic Science (Integrated)/M.Sc. in Forensic Science	Physics/ Mathematics/Biology/ Chemistry

**Table 2. Details of Updated areas and additional qualifications for eligibility for FACT Plus are as follows:**

Areas	GATE	UGC NET (other than PhD only)	CSIR UGC NET	GPAT
Forensic Ballistics and Physical Sciences	Physics/Mathematics/ Electronics and Communication Engineering/ Electrical Engineering / Chemistry /Chemical Engineering	Electronic Science / Forensic Science	Physical Sciences / Mathematical Science/ Chemical Science	---
Forensics Document Examination	Physics/Mathematics/ Electronics and Communication Engineering/ Electrical Engineering / Chemistry /Chemical Engineering	Electronic Science / Forensic Science	Physical Sciences / Mathematical Science/ Chemical Science	
Digital Forensics	Electronics and Communication Engineering/ Electrical Engineering / Computer Science and Information Technology/ Physics/ Mathematics	Computer Science and Applications / Electronic Science / Forensic Science/ Criminology	Physical Sciences/ Mathematical Sciences	---
Forensics Chemical Sciences	Chemistry / Chemical Engineering	Forensic Science	Chemical Sciences	GPAT
Forensic Psychology	---	Psychology/ Criminology	---	--
Forensic Biological Sciences	Life Sciences/ Biotechnology	Forensic Science/ Anthropology	Life Sciences/ Biotechnology/ Biochemistry	--

Crime Scene Management	---	Forensic Science	---	--
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## 5.2 Eligibility Criteria for Persons with Disabilities (PwD)s

PH Category	PH Sub-category	Eligibility
Orthopedically Handicapped or Locomotor Disability or Cerebral Palsy	OL- One leg affected (R or L)	Eligible for all
	Other sub-categories	Scientific staff have to perform bench work in laboratory which include operating different types of scientific sensitive equipment, operating various types of arms, conducting chemical tests. These operations require very high precision of tests conducted on Case Exhibits obtained from the Investigation Agencies. Besides these, they also have to visit different courts of Law in different locations, including the locations in very remote areas of the country. Therefore, these categories of Physical Disabilities are not suitable for scientific posts in the divisions of Forensic Science Laboratories.
Blindness or Low Vision	B- Blind	
	PB- Partial Blind	
Hearing Impairment	D- Deaf	Eligible for all except Forensic Physics Division
	PD-Partial Deaf	

## 6. DATE AND SCHEME OF THE TEST

The FACT and FACT Plus will be held(revised) on 30.05.2026 as under:

Test	Session	Timings	Duration
FACT	Forenoon	10:30AM -12:30 PM	2hrs
FACT (Plus)	Afternoon	02:30PM - 04:30 PM	2hrs

Paper	Questions
<u>SECTION A</u> : Questions for testing aptitude in forensic science	50
<u>SECTION B</u> : (Attempt any <b>one</b> of these seven subjects) 1. Forensic Ballistics and Physical Sciences 2. Forensics Document Examination 3. Digital Forensics 4. Forensic Chemical Sciences 5. Forensic Psychology 6. Forensic Biological Sciences 7. Crime Scene Management	70
<u>Total</u>	120

Note:

- (i) The date and time of FACT and FACT Plus is liable to be changed.
- (ii) The medium of examination will be English.
- (iii) There will be 120 questions carrying **one mark each** and all questions will be mandatory.
- (iv) No negative marking for wrong answers shall be applicable as per the scheme of examination.
- (v) Each candidate must individually obtain 50% or more marks in each of the sections of the examination and the overall qualifying marks will be 60% and above. However, there will be relaxation of 5% in the qualifying marks of SC/ST/OBC/PwD candidates.
- (vi) The list of qualifying candidates will be declared subject-wise according to each elective subject.

## 7. Registration for FACT and FACT Plus

### 7.1 ONLINE APPLICATION:

Interested & eligible candidates may apply online through a link available at [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in). In order to pay the registration fee, the candidates may use Credit Card, Debit Card, Net Banking and UPI. Before applying online, candidates are advised to go through detailed notification available at NFSU website.

Before filling the form, candidates must select the examination which they wish to take ensuring their eligibility for the same. Candidates must write their name, father/mother's name as written in their Matriculation (X<sup>th</sup> Class Board) Certificate and should ensure that the same are matching with their educational qualification certificates and caste certificate except for married females who may submit an undertaking, in case of any change in their name.

After filling the online application, candidates should recheck their entire application form and make changes if required before final submission of online application. No change in the particulars entered in the application form will be possible after final submission of online application and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

After successful submission of ONLINE Application, a Registration Number will be generated and shared over email. The candidates must preserve the Registration Number for future reference and for downloading your e-Admit Card. They must also keep a printout copy of the duly filled-in application form for future use.

**Candidates should note that successful submission of online application does not mean that they have been registered for this test.**

Instructions pertaining to conduct of candidate at the examination centers will be issued along with e-admit card.

## **7.2 REGISTRATION FEE AND MODE OF PAYMENT**

The registration fee to be submitted by the candidates will be given below:

<b>Candidate category</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Registration Fee for FACT</b>	<b>Registration Fee for FACT Plus</b>
GEN	Male	Rs.1500/-	Rs.1500/-
	Female	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 750/-
EWS, OBC-NC, SC, ST, PH	Any	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 750/-

The fee above excludes applicable GST etc.

**Registration fee must be paid via Debit Card / Credit Card / Net Banking / UPI only**

After filling all the details for applying online for FACT, the candidate will have the option to select the mode of payment of examination fee either by credit/debit card or through net banking indicating their details therein.

*Please note that Fee submitted by any other modes like money order, demand draft, IPO etc. will be summarily rejected. Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances*

**IN ORDER TO AVOID LAST MINUTES RUSH, THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO APPLY EARLY ENOUGH. NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NETWORK PROBLEMS OR ANY OTHER SUCH TYPE OF PROBLEMS.**

## 8. CANDIDATE SEEKING FEE CONCESSION

Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Persons with Disability (PwDs) / Other Backward Classes (OBC) (Non-creamy layer) as per the central list of Other Backward Classes available on National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), Government of India website: [www.ncbc.nic.in](http://www.ncbc.nic.in), EWS as per Government of India norms; candidate will be given such special concessions as may be decided by the NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS).

The candidate should mention clearly his/her category to seek concession in fee. The candidate will be required to fill out an undertaking stating that if at any point, before/during/after the examination the information is found to be false, his/her candidature will be cancelled with immediate effect and the issued certificate will be declared invalid. OBC candidates, who are not covered under the provision of Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) as per the provisions of Govt. of India shall not be eligible to get the benefit of relaxation in fee concession.

Candidate must note that for availing OBC category benefit, only Central Govt. list and not the State Govt. lists would be applicable. Similarly, candidates applying under physically handicapped (PH)/ visually handicapped (VH) category may note that Govt. of India rules will be applicable in this regard; otherwise they **shall not be eligible** for any concession.

## 9. Syllabus of the FACT Examination

The syllabus & scheme of exam may be seen at NFSU website [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in). The syllabus for FACT and FACT Plus will be the same, only the level of questions will be different. The question paper shall be as per syllabus and scheme of exam.

## 10. Examination Centers

Name and address of the test center will be printed on the admit card. A candidate may opt for their Examination Center, from the following cities:

Agartala	Bhopal	Chennai	Delhi
Gandhinagar	Guwahati	Mumbai	Nagpur

If sufficient number of candidates do not opt for any of the above Centers, that particular Center may stand deleted from the above list OR otherwise also, the concerned candidates may be allotted another Centre at the discretion of NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS).

The Allotted Examination Center will be final and no request for change of center will be entertained. No TA/DA will be admissible to any candidate, in any circumstances.

## 11. Declaration of Result

The results will be announced through the website [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in)

## 12. Issue of FACT and FACT Plus Certificate

All the candidates declared provisionally qualified will be expected to produce original copy of all the certificates/testimonials for verification by the recruiting agency. The FACT and FACT Plus certificate will be issued on the basis of the undertaking from the candidates during registration stating *'Declaration: I hereby declare that the details furnished above by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any changes therein, immediately. In case any of the above information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am aware that I may be held liable for legal action'*.

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) All information will be provided through NFSU website only. No individual intimation by any mode will be sent to the candidates either pre or post examination.
- (ii) While applying for FACT or FACT Plus, the candidates must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions and follow all the laid down procedures/guidelines for this test.
- (iii) While applying Online, apply early enough to avoid any last minute rush.
- (iv) Facility for downloading e-Admit Card to the registered candidates will be provided on NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) website [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in). No Admit Card will be sent by post. No duplicate e-admit cards shall be issued to the candidates at the Exam Centre. *NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) will not be responsible for any delay on the part of the candidates.*
- (v) Each and every candidate needs to fulfil the eligibility criteria, complete in every respect, for successful candidature.
- (vi) Provisional result based on the information provided by the candidate during filling up the online application form will be declared on the website [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in)
- (vii) The candidature shall be cancelled at any stage, even after declaration of result, if found that any given eligibility criterion is not fulfilled, and/or wrong information(s) has been provided by the candidate.
- (viii) Separate forms need to be filled for FACT or FACT Plus examination. Multiple registrations from a single candidate will be cancelled and the examination fee forfeited.
- (ix) Candidate should exercise due care in filling up the application form. In case of any error on the part of the candidate, he/she will be held solely responsible for any loss suffered by him/her. No change in the entries made in the original application form will be allowed under any circumstances at a later stage.
- (x) No relevant column of the application form should be left blank. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.

- (xi) OBC candidates whose caste is not listed in Central List (as available on NCBC website) and are not covered under the provisions as applicable to OBC Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) shall be treated as a General Category candidates for all purposes and shall not be eligible to get the benefit of fee concession, etc. Accordingly, OBC Candidates not belonging to OBC Non Creamy Layer shall indicate their category as 'General'.
- (xii) Hard copy of online application form is not required and will not be accepted by NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS).
- (xiii) Candidates are neither required to send any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility nor printout of their Application Form (Confirmation Page) to NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS). However, the candidates, in their own interest, must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the Test. In the event of any ineligibility being detected by the NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled, and they shall be liable for legal action.
- (xiv) Candidates having post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/Institute or foreign degree/diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign University/institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with Master's degree of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. ([www.aiuweb.org](http://www.aiuweb.org)).
- (xv) No applications can be submitted after the last date.
- (xvi) The Candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that e-Admit Card has been issued and the candidate is allowed to appear in the test shall not imply that his/her candidature has been accepted.
- (xvii) NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) may change the city of examination or the date of examination due to unforeseen circumstances without assigning any reason. No TA/DA will be provided under such circumstances. No candidate will be allowed to appear at examination center other than that allotted to them in the admit card. No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination whose admission card is not issued by NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS).
- (xviii) The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card along with their printout of online e-Admit Card on the day of examination.
- (xix) Calculators, log tables, paper chits, books/note-books, mobile phones, smart watches, electronic devices, etc. are not allowed in the Examination. Possession of any of these items will be treated as unfair means and result of the candidate will not be declared.
- (xx) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- (xxi) NFSU Delhi Camps (LNJN NICFS) representatives will be in-charge of the overall conduct of the examination at the Examination Centers and any immediate decisions taken by them will be final.
- (xxii) The decision of FACT Council shall be final in all matters. All legal disputes pertaining to this Test shall fall within the jurisdiction of Delhi Courts only.
- (xxiii) The result of all the candidates will be uploaded on NFSU Delhi Campus (LNJN NICFS) website [www.nfsu.ac.in](http://www.nfsu.ac.in). Besides this, NFSU Delhi Campus will not issue any mark-sheet to qualified/non-qualified candidates.

(xxiv) Addendum/Corrigendum may be issued by NFSU Delhi campus if there are any changes or updates in the instructions of this brochure

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