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Entrance Exam Instructions for M.Sc. in Cyber Security & Digital Forensics (M.Sc. CSDF)

CNLU Entrance Test (CNLU-M.Sc-ET) 2026

General Instructions

1. The **CNLU-M.Sc-ET** Entrance Test for M.Sc. CSDF, 2026 shall be conducted in both Online (remote-proctored) and also On-Campus mode.
2. Candidates receive an opt-in email on 28th June 2026; Online opt-ins receive the secure exam link on 30th June 2026
3. The applications have to be submitted in ONLINE mode only through the University Admissions Portal.
4. **The CNLU-M.Sc-ET Entrance Test is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 4th July, 2026.** (Subject to revision in case of necessity). PWD/SAP candidates are eligible for an additional time of 30 minutes. On-Campus candidates attend at the University Campus; Online candidates appear via the secure remote-proctored link.
5. Information regarding the details of intake, reservation policy and the course offered along with the fee structure is available in the Information Brochure uploaded on the University website.
6. The candidates are, therefore, advised to go through the rules & regulations and the fee structure of the M.Sc. CSDF course before filling in the application form.
7. Candidates are advised to visit the CNLU website regularly for updates. The allotment of seats and the offer for admission under CNLU-M.Sc-ET Entrance Test, 2026, shall be provisional.
8. If more than one candidate secure equal marks in the CNLU-M.Sc-ET Entrance Test, 2026, the break of tie shall be done by the following procedure and order:
 - i. Higher marks in the component/section on Logical Reasoning & Quantitative Aptitude (Section C) in the CNLU-M.Sc-ET Entrance Test, 2026;
 - ii. Higher in age;
 - iii. Computerised draw of lots.
9. The online enrolment for CNLU-M.Sc-ET Entrance Test 2026 will open on 14th April, 2026 and close on 28th June, 2026.
10. The application form, complete in all respects and after payment of requisite fee, must be finally submitted on or before 28th June, 2026 (11:59 PM). The candidates shall fill and submit the application form well on time to avoid last-minute hassles. The University shall in no case be responsible for any incomplete information or misinformation or inconvenience faced by the candidate in this regard.

How to Fill in Online Application

Candidates must apply online through the University Admissions Portal. The admission process consists of the following steps:

APPLY HERE

■ Step 1: Register

Create your account on the Admissions Portal by providing the following details:

- Full Name (as it appears in Certificates/Mark sheets/Identity proof)
- Email Address (valid and active – all communication will be sent here)
- Mobile Number (an OTP will be sent for verification)
- State and City of residence
- Select Programme: M.Sc. CSDF

Upon successful registration, candidates can log in using their registered mobile number/email and the password provided at the time of registration.

🔗 Step 2: Fill Application Form

Complete the multi-section application form. The form consists of the following sections:

- **Personal Details** – Full Name (in capital letters), Aadhaar Number, Date of Birth, Gender, Blood Group, Place of Birth, State of Domicile, Nationality, Minority Status, Religion, and Category.
- **Address & Contact** – Permanent and Correspondence Address, Mobile Number, and Email ID.
- **Academic Information** – Details of 10th Standard, 12th Standard (10+2), and Graduation (Degree Name, College/University, Board, Aggregate Percentage, Year of Passing).
- **Family Details** – Mother's and Father's Full Name, Occupation, Annual Income, Aadhaar Number, PAN Number, Mobile Number, Email ID, and Office Address.
- **Documents** – Upload all required documents (see Documents section below).
- **Declaration** – Review and confirm your application before final submission.

Important Guidelines:

- Ensure all details entered are accurate and complete. The Name of the candidate and the parents shall be spelt correctly as it appears in the Certificates/Mark sheets/Identity proof.
- Keep scanned copies of required documents ready before starting the application.
- Once the application is submitted, the candidate cannot change the category.
- Updates or corrections to the application form will not be entertained after final submission.
- In case the information furnished at any stage is found to be false or incorrect, or if there is any discrepancy between the information furnished and the certificates/documents produced at the time of admission, the provisional admission shall stand cancelled with immediate effect.

🔗 Step 3: Fee Payment

Make the application fee payment securely online through the portal. Complete fee payment promptly to avoid delays.

Category	Application Fee
All Categories	Rs. 4,000/- (Four Thousand only)

- Application fee can be paid online only.
- The candidates themselves will have to bear the bank transaction charges, if any, for remitting the fee online.
- **Application Fee is non-refundable and non-adjustable.**
- If a candidate has filled in more than one online application form, the candidate's last online application form shall be considered. The application fee for the previous application form shall not be refunded.

Step 4: Attend Entrance Exam.

The Entrance Examination shall be conducted in both Online (remote-proctored) and also On-Campus mode. On-Campus candidates shall appear at the CNLU campus; Online candidates shall appear through the secure remote-proctored link. Once qualified as per the merit list, the applicant shall visit the CNLU campus for Document Verification. The Fee Payment notification shall be issued only to qualified applicants.

Step 5: Document Verification & Fee Payment

Get your submitted documents verified by the admissions team and submit fees payments detail to confirm your interest in the programme. Admission is confirmed only after full fee payment and official confirmation from the University.

Step 6: On Final Admission

After Receiving of the official confirmation of admission. Your seat is now secured with the University

Important Notes:

- The examination will be conducted in both Online (remote-proctored) and also On-Campus modes. Candidates must carry a valid photo ID and their hard copy of admit card to the examination centre. For online examination, candidates must keep a valid photo ID & admit card ready for on-camera verification.
- Online system requirements — laptop/desktop with webcam & mic, stable internet, original photo ID on camera, quiet well-lit room.
- In order to claim the benefit of reservation (EWS/BC/EBC/SC/ST), the relevant certificates issued by the competent authority of the Govt. of Bihar only must be uploaded; and the original certificate will be verified by the University at the time of admission.
- In order to claim the benefit of reservation under PWD/SAP category, the relevant certificate issued by the competent authority must be uploaded; and the original certificate will be verified by the University at the time of admission.
- Regularly check your registered email and SMS for updates regarding your application status.
- For any queries or issues during the application process, contact the admissions team at: 7061523335 or email: registrar@cnlu.ac.in; csdfc@cnlu.ac.in
- **This course is a day-scholar programme; therefore, hostel facilities will not be available.**

Documents to be Uploaded during Online Application

1. Aadhaar Card of the candidate.
2. Domicile Certificate (if applicable).
3. 10th Standard Marksheet.
4. 12th Standard Marksheet.
5. Graduation Degree / Marksheet.
6. Signature of the candidate.
7. Front-facing passport-size recent colour photograph with plain background.
8. Relevant category certificate issued by the competent authority of Bihar Govt. if applying under EWS/BC/EBC/SC/ST
9. PWD/SAP category certificate issued by competent authority (If applicable)

NOTE:

- All documents/certificates should be uploaded in PDF or JPG format (Max 2 MB each).
- Photograph and Signature should be uploaded in JPG or PNG format (Max 2 MB each).
- The photograph of the candidate need not be attested while submitting the Online Application Form.

Documents to be Submitted at the Time of Admission

Provisionally admitted candidates for the M.Sc. CSDF Programme are required to submit the self-attested photocopy of the following documents at the time of admission/document verification, in addition to the documents already uploaded during the online application:

1. Character Certificate/Conduct Certificate from the Educational Institution last attended.
2. Transfer/Migration Certificate from the Educational Institution last attended.
3. Declaration by the Candidate.
4. Declaration by the Parents.
5. Affidavit by the Candidate regarding Anti-Ragging – through online affidavit available at https://www.antiragging.in/affidavit_university_form.php or a notarized affidavit on a Rs. 100/- (One Hundred) Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.
6. Affidavit by the Parents regarding Anti-Ragging – through online affidavit available at https://www.antiragging.in/affidavit_university_form.php or a notarized affidavit on a Rs. 100/- (One Hundred) Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.
7. Medical Certificate of good health along with blood group, details of allergies and sensitivity of medicines issued by any registered medical practitioner.
8. One Passport size photograph of the Local Guardian who shall be a near/close relative.
9. Four Passport size recent colour photographs of the candidate (in a small envelope).
10. Income Certificate of parents issued by the competent government officer for the financial year 2025-26.
11. Copy of Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) ID through DigiLocker (<https://digilocker.meriphechaan.gov.in/signinv2/>).

Note:

Provisional admission will be granted after thorough verification of the documents of the candidates. However, if any document is found not to be as per minimum educational eligibility criteria as mentioned in the Admission Notification or/and if any document is found to be forged/tampered/fake etc. at any point of time, the admission shall stand cancelled automatically.

CNLU-M.SC-ET ENTRANCE TEST, 2026 – EXAMINATION FORMAT

The admission process consists of two parts:

■ Part A – Entrance Examination (50 Marks)

a. Mode of Examination	: Both Online (remote-proctored) and also On-Campus modes
b. Maximum Marks (Part A)	: 50
c. Duration	: 60 Minutes (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
d. Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ)	: 50 questions of one mark each
e. Marking Scheme	: +1 for correct; No negative marking; 0 for unattempted

■ Part B – Personal Interview (50 Marks)

a. Maximum Marks (Part B)	: 50
b. Schedule	: 4th & 5th July 2026 (1:30 PM onwards)

Total Maximum Marks (Part A + Part B) : 100

Part A – Subject Areas with Weightage

Sl. No.	Subject Area	Questions	Marks	Weight
A	Computer Fundamentals & Digital Literacy	15	15	30%

B	Cyber Law & Legal Awareness	15	15	30%
C	Logical Reasoning & Quantitative Aptitude	10	10	20%
D	General Knowledge, Current Affairs & English Comprehension	10	10	20%
TOTAL		50	50	100%

Important Dates

Event	Date
Notification Date	14 April 2026
Last Date for Application	28 June 2026
Date of Entrance Examination	4 July 2026 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM) — Saturday
Personal Interview	4 & 5 July 2026 (1:30 PM onwards)
Declaration of Results	9 July 2026
Last Date for Fee Payment	18 July 2026 (payment opens 10 July 2026)
Document Verification	20 July 2026
Commencement of Classes	21 July 2026

Detailed Section-wise Syllabus

The entrance examination is designed to assess candidates' foundational awareness across computer literacy, cyber awareness, legal aptitude, and analytical reasoning. The examination is kept at an accessible level to encourage applications from graduates of all disciplines.

SECTION A: COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS & DIGITAL LITERACY (15 Marks)

This section tests basic computer literacy and digital awareness at a level accessible to graduates from all disciplines. No programming or engineering knowledge is required.

Unit 1: Computer Basics

- Components of a Computer: CPU, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, Printer, Storage Devices
- Types of Software: System Software, Application Software, and their examples
- Operating Systems: Basic functions of Windows and Linux; files, folders, and common operations
- Memory and Storage: RAM, ROM, Hard Disk, SSD, Pen Drive, Cloud Storage

Unit 2: Internet and Digital Technologies

- Internet Basics: How the internet works, Web Browsers, Search Engines, URLs, Websites
- Email: Sending, receiving, attachments, CC/BCC, email etiquette
- Social Media Platforms: Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, LinkedIn – Basic awareness of usage and risks
- E-Governance Services: Digital India, Aadhaar, DigiLocker, UMANG, UPI, Online Banking
- Cloud Computing: What is the cloud? – Basic concept of storing data online (Google Drive, iCloud)

Unit 3: Computer Networking Basics

- Types of Networks: LAN, WAN, Wi-Fi – Basic understanding
- IP Address: What it is, IPv4 – Basic awareness
- Common Networking Terms: Router, Modem, Bandwidth, ISP, Hotspot
- Communication Protocols: HTTP, HTTPS – What the padlock icon in a browser means
- Mobile Networks: 3G, 4G, 5G – Basic awareness

SECTION B: CYBER LAW & LEGAL AWARENESS (15 Marks)

This section – unique to CNLU as a National Law University – tests basic awareness of Indian cyber laws and data protection. No deep legal knowledge is expected. Questions will focus on what the laws cover, not on memorising section numbers.

Unit 1: Indian Cyber Laws

- Information Technology Act, 2000: Purpose, when it was enacted, and why it matters
- Cyber Offences under IT Act: Hacking, data theft, identity theft – Awareness that these are punishable
- Role of CERT-In: India's national agency for responding to cyber security incidents
- Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act): Key terms – Data Principal, Data Fiduciary, Consent
- Your Data Rights: Right to access, correct, and delete your personal data

Unit 2: Electronic Evidence & Criminal Law

- What is Electronic Evidence? – Emails, screenshots, CCTV footage, digital documents
- Can electronic evidence be used in court? – Yes, under Indian law (Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023)
- New Criminal Laws (2023): Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) – Basic awareness that these replaced IPC and CrPC
- Right to Privacy: Supreme Court ruling in K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017)

Unit 3: Cyber Crime Reporting & Legal Framework

- How to File a Cyber Crime Complaint: Online portal, nearest police station, jurisdiction basics
- Key Agencies: Cyber Crime Police Stations, I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre), NCIIPC
- Key Concepts: Electronic records, digital signatures, and electronic governance
- Data Protection Board of India: What it is and what it does

SECTION C: LOGICAL REASONING & QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE (10 Marks)

This section assesses analytical thinking and basic mathematical skills. The difficulty level is comparable to common competitive examinations.

Unit 1: Logical Reasoning

- Analogies, Classification, and Series Completion (Letter, Number, Mixed)
- Coding and Decoding, Blood Relations, Direction and Distance
- Syllogisms: Statement and Conclusions, Statement and Arguments
- Logical Sequence of Words, Cause and Effect
- Venn Diagrams and their Applications

Unit 2: Quantitative Aptitude

- Number System: Divisibility, LCM, HCF, Prime Numbers
- Percentage, Profit & Loss, Simple and Compound Interest
- Ratio and Proportion, Average
- Time and Work, Time, Speed and Distance

Unit 3: Data Interpretation

- Tables, Bar Graphs, Line Charts, Pie Charts
- Data Sufficiency and Data Comparison
- Basic data analysis from given charts and tables

SECTION D: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, CURRENT AFFAIRS & ENGLISH COMPREHENSION (10 Marks)

This section tests awareness of national and international developments, government initiatives, and basic English language proficiency.

Unit 1: Current Affairs & Technology

- Major Cyber Attacks, Data Breaches, and Online Scams in the News (Recent)
- Government Digital Initiatives: Digital India, BharatNet, UPI, Aadhaar, DigiLocker
- Emerging Technology in the News: AI, ChatGPT, 5G, Quantum Computing
- Indian Constitution: Fundamental Rights (Right to Equality, Freedom, Privacy) – Basic awareness
- Regulatory Bodies: TRAI, SEBI, RBI – Basic awareness of their functions

Unit 2: General Knowledge & Economy

- Important National Events, Summits, Government Schemes
- International Organisations: UN, ITU, INTERPOL – Basic roles
- Awards and Honours: Padma Awards, Nobel Prize, National Awards
- Indian Economy: GDP, Union Budget, Inflation – Basic awareness

- Environmental Issues: Climate Change, COP Summits – Basic awareness

Unit 3: English Comprehension

- Reading Comprehension: Understanding a short passage and answering questions
- Grammar Basics: Sentence correction, tenses, subject-verb agreement
- Vocabulary: Synonyms, antonyms, one-word substitution
- Basic Writing Skills: Sentence arrangement, paragraph coherence

Recommended Reading & Preparation Resources

The following resources are suggested for preparation. Candidates are advised to focus on concepts and general awareness rather than exhaustive or technical coverage.

Section	Recommended Resources
Section A: Computer Fundamentals	NCERT Computer Science (Class XI & XII); Computer Fundamentals by P.K. Sinha; Any basic computer literacy guidebook
Section B: Cyber Law Awareness	IT Act, 2000 – Overview and key provisions (any guidebook); DPD Act, 2023 – Summary and key points; Cyber Law & Cyber Crimes by Talat Fatima (relevant chapters); MeitY official website publications
Section C: Reasoning & Aptitude	A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal; Quantitative Aptitude by R.S. Aggarwal; NCERT Mathematics (Class X)
Section D: GK, Current Affairs & English	Lucent's General Knowledge; Monthly Current Affairs (Pratiyogita Darpan); The Hindu / Indian Express (Technology section); Wren & Martin English Grammar (for English Comprehension)

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR CANDIDATES

1. The syllabus is indicative and not exhaustive. Questions will test conceptual understanding and general awareness.
2. No programming, coding, or engineering knowledge is required. The examination tests basic computer literacy and awareness only.
3. Questions on Cyber Law (Section B) will test general awareness of the laws, not memorisation of section numbers or legal provisions.
4. Current affairs questions will primarily cover the 12 months preceding the examination date.
5. Candidates from all disciplines – Science, Arts, Commerce, Law, Engineering, and others – are encouraged to apply. The syllabus is designed to be accessible to all graduates.
6. There is no negative marking. Candidates are encouraged to attempt all questions.
7. Admission is based on the combined score of Part A (Entrance Examination – 50 Marks) and Part B (Personal Interview – 50 Marks), totalling 100 Marks, as specified in the Academic Regulations.
8. The University reserves the right to modify the syllabus, examination pattern, or any other aspect of the entrance examination as deemed necessary.

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