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NEET aspirants dread another year of chaos

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Mumbai: Medical aspirants across the country are gearing for yet another chaotic admission season as the Madras High Court restrained the CBSE from continuing with evaluation and declaration of NEET results till June 7.

A petition, seeking the national-level test be held again, is pending in the court and students are dreading its outcome. The petitioners have claimed the questions in regional languages were different from those in English and therefore defeat the purpose of a uniform entrance test. While students agree with the petitioner, not many are in favour of a re-test. Parents fear that pushing students too far may force them to change their career option.

Sudha Shenoy, parent of an aspirant said, "Students are not in a state of mind to appear for a re-test. They do not want to be in a situation like last year where the admission chaos continued till the last day coupled with various court cases. Many are on the verge of changing field or going abroad if NEET is held again. All this is because of the incompetency of CBSE which set different question papers in re-

SC refuses to hear plea to scrap NEET

The Supreme Court refused on Thursday to grant an urgent hearing on a plea seeking quashing of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to MBBS and BDS courses which was conducted on May 7.

Filed by NGO Sankalp Charitable Trust, the petition alleged that the question paper of NEET was leaked on the examination date and pleaded the court to direct CBSE to conduct fresh test. It alleged that question paper was leaked at one of the centres in Patna and it was circulated to many medical aspiring students to different parts of the country.

Advocate Sachin Patel, appearing for the NGO, pleaded to grant an early hearing but the court turned down the plea saying the Madras HC was already examining the issue and asked the petitioner to wait for the outcome of the HC proceedings. The HC had on Wednesday restrained CBSE from declaring the results of NEET after a group of students alleged that question papers prepared in regional languages were different from those in Hindi and English. **TNN**

gional languages."

Even if there is no re-test, results will be delayed as evaluation has been stalled by the court, said parents. This in turn will further delay admission dates. The Directorate of Medical Education and Research was planning to start the process on June 9, a day after results were initially expected to be out. Its director, Pravin Shingare, said the court case may delay the admission process now. "We intended to start the academic session by August 1, which may not happen," he said.

Students who took a gap of a year to prepare for the medical entrance test after

failing to get a seat of their choice last year, are upset at facing another year of uncertainty. Rujul Shah, a student from Aurangabad, said, "I dropped a year to get a seat of my choice. I had to appear for two NEETs last year and have already taken one test this year. I am not keen on a re-test. Why should students pay a price for a mistake committed by the authorities?"

Madhuri Shah, a parent from Mazgaon, said her daughter was traumatized after the court stay. "Though we have tried to convince her that if there is a re-test, students from the entire country will have to take it, she has lost interest," said Shah.

K'taka govt's new health scheme comes with rider

Beneficiaries Will Have To Undergo Treatment At Govt Hospitals First

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Bengaluru: The Universal Health Scheme that the Karnataka government is likely to roll out in three months will come with a rider: Patients who wish to avail of the scheme's benefits will have to be treated first at a government hospital. Regardless of income, all citizens can use the benefits of the new scheme, which integrates nearly two dozen different healthcare policies.

Under the new scheme, a patient will first have to visit a government hospital, where he or she will receive treatment free of cost – there's no cap on state-sponsored medical treatment. The patient can visit a private hospital only if the government institution is not equipped to provide him or her with the required treatment. Moreover, the patient needs to have a reference letter issued by the government hospital in order to avail of free treatment at the private institution.

The proviso attached to the proposed scheme is meant to act as a gatekeeping mechanism to prevent the public from visiting only private hospitals. Likely to be tabled before the cabinet in 15 days, one of the scheme's objectives is to ensure that more people utilise services at government hospitals, given the amount of money that the state invests in them. Beneficiaries of the new scheme will be issued a single card synchronised with their Aadhar number. They can use the card for cashless transactions at private hospitals.

Arogya Bhagya, Vajpayee Arogyasri, Yashaswini, Jyothi Sanjivini, Indira Suraksha Yojana, Mukhyamantri Santhwana Harish Scheme, and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram are some of the existing government-sponsored healthcare schemes. As per these schemes, a patient can go to any of the private empanelled hospitals in the state and get treatment if he or she is covered under any of these state-sponsored insurance policies depending on the cash cap on each of them. The idea of the new Universal Health Scheme is to bring together all the existing health schemes under a single banner.

One of the primary aims of the



REPOSING FAITH: Among the objectives of the proposed scheme is to bring more patients to government institutions such as Victoria Hospital (above)

POLITICIANS, LEADERS NOT EXEMPT FROM RULE

The provisions of the proposed scheme will also apply to elected representatives and politicians. To end the practice of erroneous medical bills, which get cleared without any questions asked, the health department is intent on ensuring that even MLAs, MLCs and MPs adhere to the rule, which stipulates that patients first visit a government hospital for treatment.

"Elected representatives will be entitled to free treatment at private hospitals, only if they are referred by government hospitals. The referral letters will be thoroughly scrutinised. The medical officer at a hospital will have to ascertain if the government

institution cannot provide the required treatment that the patient needs. Once the patient avails of treatment at a private hospital, the government will reimburse the amount directly to the institution. The era of fake bills has to end," said sources in the health department.

Pointing out that there was no cap on medical reimbursement for elected representatives, a source said, "The government reimbursed Rs 3 crore for treatment to a MLA, who suffered a prolonged illness. There are many loopholes in claiming reimbursement, and the department is coming up with a new proposal to plug them." **TNN**

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

- With most government hospitals being serviced by a skeletal staff, will they be able to handle the additional load?
- How will officials ensure the referral system remains fool-proof?
- In cases of emergency, will patients have to wait for a referral letter from the government hospital?
- Will the new scheme win the confidence of private hospitals?



- Will the new scheme reverse the principle governing existing schemes such as Yashaswini (insurance policy for farmers with a cap of ₹2 lakh per annum)?

proposed scheme is to ensure effective delivery of healthcare services to all citizens.

"The government spent more than Rs 1,000 crore on reimbursement of medical expenditure incurred through insurance schemes. These funds can actually be used to strengthen government healthcare institutions. We will soon have 200 free dialysis units across the state, and efforts are being made to set up

ICUs in all taluk hospitals. When we're asking public to come to government hospitals, it's important to ensure that they receive quality treatment there," said officials in the health department.

Officials added that the scheme would not be named after any leader or politician. "The scheme largely aims to increase confidence among the public regarding government healthcare service," they said.

SC refuses urgent hearing on NEET petition

‘Madras HC granted interim stay on publication of results’

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The Supreme Court on Thursday declined an urgent hearing on a petition for a fresh holding of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) examination this year.

A Vacation Bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao and Navin Sinha refused an immediate hearing for a repeat of NEET as exam papers were leaked in States like Bihar, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

The Bench said that there was no urgency to hear the plea as the Madras High Court had already granted an interim stay on the publication of the results.

‘Papers not uniform’

The Madras High Court had granted interim stay on the publication of the NEET results based on allegations that the question papers were not uniform.

The petitioners had contended that there was dif-

ference between the English and Tamil papers.

Response sought

The High Court had also directed the Medical Council of India, the Director of Central Board of Secondary Education and the Union Health Ministry to respond on the allegations by June 7.

Over 11 lakh MBBS and BDS aspirants had appeared for NEET at more than 1,900 centres across the country.

ನೀಟ್ ರಿಸಲ್ಟ್ ವಿಳಂಬ, ಸೀಟು ಗೊಂದಲ

ವೈದ್ಯ ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಇ ಸೀಟು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ | ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಆತಂಕ

■ ವಿಜಯವಾಣಿ ಸುದ್ದಿಬಾಲ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನೀಟ್ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗಿರುವ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟು ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿಗಳು ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಸೀಟು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇದು ಒಂದೆಡೆಯಾದರೆ, ಕೊನೆಯ ಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಸೀಟು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದರಿಂದ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಬಾಲಿ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತವೆ ಎಂಬ ಆತಂಕ ಕೂಡ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಇದೇ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಕೋಟಾಗಳ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ದಂತವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀಟ್ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ (ಕೆಇಎ) ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಸೀಟು

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ಕೆಇಎ ನಡೆಸಿದ 2016-17ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವೃತ್ತಿಪರ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳ ಪ್ರವೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ 64,111 ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದವು. ಆ ನಂತರ ಕೆಲವು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು 9,837 ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಇಎ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಟ್ಟು ನಂತರ ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ 73,948 ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಎರಡು ಬಾರಿ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲಿಂಗ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಬಾರಿ ಮುಂದುವರಿದ ಸೀಟು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ ಬಳಿಕ 65,008 ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಭರ್ತಿಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, 8,940 ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಉಳಿಕೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದವು. ಈ ಪೈಕಿ 8,725 ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಸೀಟುಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದವು.

ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ನೀಟ್ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಜೂ.7ರವರೆಗೂ ತಡೆಯಾಜ್ಞೆ ನೀಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಇದೆ.

ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ವಿಳಂಬವಾದಷ್ಟೂ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಕೆಇಎ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟು ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿಗಳು

ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಸೀಟು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೀಟು ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟುಗಳ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾದ ನಂತರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟು ಸಿಕ್ಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಮಾಡಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ತೊರೆಯುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಅನುದಾನರಹಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಸಂಘದ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಉನ್ನತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಚಿವ

ಬಸವರಾಜ ರಾಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಜು.31ರೊಳಗೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ನಿಯಮವಿದೆ. ಆ.15ರೊಳಗೆ ಉಳಿಕೆಯಾಗುವ ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ನಡೆಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಅಂತ್ಯಗೊಳಿಸಲಿದೆ. ನೀಟ್ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ಬಂದು ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ ನಂತರ ನಡೆದರೆ ಸೀಟು ಉಳಿಕೆಯಾಗಲಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಆಲೋಚನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ನೀಟ್ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ವಿಳಂಬವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಹಾಗೂ ನಮಗೂ ತೊಂದರೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೇಗ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದರೆ ಉತ್ತಮ.

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ಅನುದಾನರಹಿತ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ



ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟು

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟುಗಳು (8,750) ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿವೆ. ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ (7,120) ಮತ್ತು ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು (6,660) ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಎರಡು ಮತ್ತು ಮೂರನೇ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿವೆ.

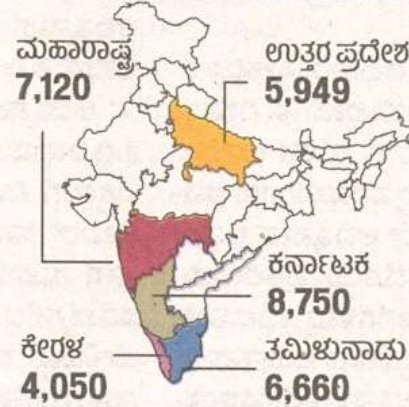
ಭಾರತೀಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಪರಿಷತ್ (ಎಂಸಿಐ) 2017- 18ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್ ಸೀಟುಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ, ಖಾಸಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳು ಸೇರಿ 56 ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿವೆ. ಬಹುತೇಕ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷವೂ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ.

350 ಸೀಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ: 2017- 18ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್‌ಗೆ 350 ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಆಗಿವೆ.

ಮಂಡ್ಯ, ಹಾಸನ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ, ರಾಯಚೂರು, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಮತ್ತು

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್ ಸೀಟು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳು



ಬೀದರ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು 100ರಿಂದ 150 ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಯ ಕಿಮ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು 150ರಿಂದ 200ಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಮಾಡಲು ಎಂಸಿಐ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಿದೆ.

ಕಳೆದ ವರ್ಷ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಸೇಂಟ್ ಜಾನ್ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಿತಿಯು 60ರಿಂದ 90 ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳವಾಗಿತ್ತು.