



Medical seat set to sell for ₹41 lakh

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Bengaluru: With the completion of the mop-up round for the National Eligibility and Entrance Test, medical seats in Karnataka will now be transferred to the management quota. As many as 676 medical seats were surrendered to the management quota by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), and each seat carries an annual fee tag of Rs 21 lakh to Rs 41 lakh.

On Monday night, the KEA released the data on unfilled seats after the mop-up round. Many of the vacant seats are in prominent colleges. For instance, MS Ramaiah Institute has 13 medical seats

676 SEATS UP FOR GRABS



- After NEET mop-up and counselling rounds, at least 676 medical seats transferred to managements
- Most of these seats are held by 11 Bengaluru colleges
- Each seat shifted to management carries an annual fee tag of ₹21 lakh to ₹41 lakh

vacant; Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences has 24 seats; Rajarajeshwari Medical College and Hospital has 42 seats; Khaja Banda Nawaz Institute of Medical Sciences has 20 seats; and JJM Medical College has 47 seats vacant.

The first three institutes

are in Bengaluru, Nawaz college is in Kalaburagi and JJM in Davanagere.

Asked about any fee cap for this pool of seats, medical education director Dr S Sachidanand said: "The fee structure is decided by colleges and it has doubled in past

few years for undergraduate medical courses in private colleges."

During the counselling and mop-up rounds, the annual fee for a medical seat was between Rs 16,700 and Rs 1 lakh, and for a dental seat, it was Rs 14,400 to Rs 1 lakh under the government quota. Fee under private quota was more or less in the same band.

An official from KEA said: "Our last task (as part of counselling) was to post a list of vacant seats along with the fee structure. Until now, students had to pick seats through the KEA. Now, they can directly approach colleges and pay fees there. The KEA has no role to play now."

Medical students rush to cancel admissions in Kerala

Candidates say they cannot mobilise an additional ₹6 lakh in a short period

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Dramatic scenes unfolded at the Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College where registration for the MBBS and BDS admission process was under way on Tuesday.

Confusion and anxiety were writ large on the faces of candidates and guardians who turned up for the process in the aftermath of the Supreme Court judgment that fixed the annual fee for MBBS courses in Kerala's self-financing medical colleges at ₹11 lakh.

'No choice'

Many applicants decided to cancel their allotments owing to their inability to mobilise the required funds. "Despite doing all that we could to obtain a respectable



Disappointed lot: Students waiting for counselling at the Govt. Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram. •S. MAHINSHA

rank, we are left with nowhere to go. My parents had to knock on several doors to gather ₹5 lakh. There is no way we can mobilise another ₹6 lakh in a

short time," said Akshara.

Sajeena from Attingal was inconsolable as she attended the registration process along with her daughter whose rank in the State med-

ical entrance rank list figured in the 2300s. The family, which comes in the below poverty line category, had its hopes pinned on the possibility of benefiting from the scholarship provided by the government to economically disadvantaged students.

"To help my daughter achieve her ambition, we managed a loan of ₹5 lakh from a private lender. We have come to get a refund and return the principal amount," she said.

A group of applicants and parents conducted a demonstration at the venue over the alleged failure of the government to protect their interests. Some floated the idea of approaching the court, considering that they were not represented in the case.

ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿ.ವಿ: ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್, ಬಿಡಿಎಸ್ ಪ್ರವೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಸೆ.7 ಕೊನೆ ದಿನ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ (ಪಿಟಿಐ): ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವ-ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 2017-18ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಬಿಡಿಎಸ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ಸುತ್ತಿನ ಕೌನ್ಸಲಿಂಗ್ ಅವಧಿಯನ್ನು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 7ರವರೆಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದೆ.

ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಈ ಆದೇಶದಿಂದ 'ನೀಟ್'ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹರಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ನಿರಾಳರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಆದರೆ, ಈ ಗಡುವು ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಮತ್ತೆ ಗಡುವು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಆಯಾ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 'ನೀಟ್' ರ್ಯಾಂಕಿಂಗ್ ಅನ್ವಯ ನಡೆದ ಸೀಟುಗಳ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯ ಕೊನೆಯ ಸುತ್ತಿನ ಕೌನ್ಸಲಿಂಗ್‌ಗೆ ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ 31ರವರೆಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗಡುವು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಮುಖ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ದೀಪಕ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಮತ್ತು ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳಾದ ಎ.ಎಂ. ಖನ್ನಿಲ್ಕರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿ.ವೈ. ಚಂದ್ರಚೌಡ್ ಅವರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ

ಮುಖ್ಯಾಂಶಗಳು

- ಕೌನ್ಸಲಿಂಗ್ ಅವಧಿ ಸೆ.7ರವರೆಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ
- ನೀಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹರಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ನಿರಾಳ

ಪೀಠವು ಗಡುವು ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆದೇಶ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಮಹಾನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಿಗೆ ಪೀಠವು ಸೂಚಿಸಿತು.

ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೂ 5,500 ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ ಉಳಿದಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಮಹಾನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಈ ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಹ 55 ಸಾವಿರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಪಡೆದು 1:10 ಅನುಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಸೂಚಿಸಿತು.