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## Not CET, its NEET for Ayush courses from this year

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IT is official now. Under-graduate seat aspirants for Ayush courses in the state will have to appear for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) from this year.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced this decision taken by the state Department of Health and Family Welfare following the decision taken by the Union Ministry of Ayush.

Based on this, KEA has not in-

cluded Ayush courses in the ap- \* Unani and Homoeopathy. plications released for Common Entrance Test (CET) 2018, As per KEA, "Candidates who are willing to do Avush courses must register with NEET, and KEA will not conduct tests for Ayush courses from 2018."

As per the announcement by KEA on its website, "Admission to Ayush courses in both government and private Avush colleges will be made according to NEET ranking of the students from the academic year 2018-19." Ayush courses cover Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy.

The Union Avush Ministry had announced conducting NEET for Ayush courses a year ago, in the academic year 2017-18, but it had not been accepted by several states. So its implementation was postponed to 2018-19.

### No room for OCI and PIO candidates

Candidates from Oversees Citizen of India (OCI) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO) categories cannot enrol for CET. For CET 2017, these candidates were al-

lowed to participate in counselling and were also allowed to take seats allotted under the private quota, apart from 15 per cent seats reserved for NRI quota.

When asked, the officials from state Higher Education Department clarified that last year this was done following a High Court order. "During CET 2017 we allowed them because there was a court order and as there is no amendments to the KEA Act, we need an court order again to allow them this year," said an official.

### Important dates of CET

Online applications accepted from February 1 to 26

Last date to pay application fee - February 28

Download admission ticket on April 10

CET will be held on April 18 and 19

Kannada language test for Horanadu-Gadinadu candidates on April 24

# NEET-PG: MBBS score criterion for breaking tie

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

@ New Delhi

THE National Board of Examination has decided to make MBBS marks as a criterion for tie-breaking of candidates and publishing a final merit list for National Entrance and Eligibility Test

(NEET)-PG, days after it published the results.

About 1.3 lakh MBBS doctors had appeared for NEET-PG, 2017, to compete for PG admissions in medical colleges across the country in the academic session 2018-19. Their results were declared on January 23.

A statement released by the NBE, under the Union

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, said that in the results, the board has provided the marks obtained by each candidate, but tie-breaking of the candidates having same marks and same number of correct responses in NEET-PG 2018 shall be done on the basis of marks obtained in the MBBS professional exams.

"This is unlike previous

NEET-PG and All India Post Graduate Medical Entrance Examination, where only date of birth was utilised as a tie-breaking criteria. Due to candidates making incorrect MBBS mark entries in the online application form, and in order to ensure that the tiebreaking is accurate, NBE

has given a onetime final opportunity to all the applicants to make corrections in their MBBS marks through the online portal and submit their scanned MBBS professional mark sheets as a proof of the same for the purpose of verification," the statement read.

The board also said that it has received complaints

that touts or agents are alluring and misleading the candidates to help them in securing a good merit position or marks in lieu of money.

"NBE has taken this very seriously and has filed a complaint with the cyber cell and crime branch of the Delhi Police. Candidates are cautioned not to be misled by any such false and bogus claims," the board clarified.



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**NBE** statement





## NMC Bill: Exit exam proposal for medical students opposed

This doesn't make sense particularly when there is shortage of doctors: Patil

TANU KULKARNI BENGALURU

Medical Education Minister Sharanprakash Patil has raised objections to the National Medical Commission Bill (NMC), 2017, particularly the proposal to conduct uniform exit exams for medical students. He plans to take it up with the Centre.

The Minister told The Hindu that he was not in favour of the National Licentiate Examination, which was required for graduating students if they wanted to obtain licence as medical practitioners in the State register or national register. "These students would have already written the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test and other examinations during their course. What is the need for another exam? This does not make

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sense particularly when there is shortage of doctors," he said.

Bharath Kumar D., president, Karnataka Medical Students' and Young Doctors' Association, said: "Many students will need to be economically independent after their MBBS course. So we oppose the exit examination that will cause unnecessary stress on students," he said.

The Minister said he was against courses proposed in the Bill, which aimed at deve-



loping "bridges across various systems of medicine and promoting medical pluralism." The Bill states that a joint sitting of all members would approve specific educational modules or programmes that may be introduced in undergraduate or postgraduate courses across medical systems.

Several students have also raised objection to one of the clauses in the Bill, which states that fees would be fixed for 40% of the seats in private

medical institutions and deemed universities.

Ravinandan B.B., vice-president of All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AID-SO) said that students would be put to hardship. "Other than the 40% quota seats whose fee is decided by the government, the colleges may fix arbitrary fees for other seats causing inconvenience to students by making medical education unaffordable," he said.

Dr. Patil also said that he was not in favour of the move as States like Karnataka were already fixing fees for nearly 80% of the total seats in private medical colleges.

The Bill, introduced in the winter session of Parliament, has been referred to a standing committee after criticism from various quarters.



## 15% fee hike likely for PG medical, dental seats

Colleges demand 50% increase

STAFF REPORTER BENGALURU

Students aspiring for a seat in postgraduate medical and dental courses may have to brace themselves for a 15% fee hike for the 2018-19 academic year.

Private medical college managements, however, are unhappy with this, as they have been demanding a 50% increase in government and institutional quota seats. On Wednesday, private medical colleges had a meeting with government representatives, but it was inconclusive.

Medical Education Minister Sharanprakash Patil said: "Private college associations are demanding a higher hike. However, we cannot allow anything more than 15%."

M.R. Jayaram, chairman of the Professional Colleges Foundation, said in all likelihood, private college managements will hold an internal meeting and agree to the 15% hike. "As this is an election year, the government is adamant that it will not budge from its stand. We will take a decision next week," he said.

In Karnataka, medical college fee is less when compared to other States. In the last academic year, the fee for a PG medical seat in government quota was ₹4.4 lakh and for institutional quota ₹6.6 lakh. The corresponding figures for a dental seat was ₹2.25 lakh for government quota and ₹3.52 lakh for institutional quota.

Students, however, are worried about the hike. "Just because other States have high fees does not mean that we should follow the same route. The State government should rethink the 15% hike," said a student who hopes to compete for a PG seat next year.

### NEET must for AYUSH aspirants

#### STAFF REPORTER

BENGALURU

Candidates aspiring for seats in AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) courses will have to appear for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET)-2018.

Sources in the Department of Health and Family Welfare said the State government has issued an order. The decision was taken after the Central Council of Indian Medicine issued letters to Chief Secretaries and Health Secretaries of all States that NEET would be the single entrance test for

### **CET 2018**

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AYUSH courses as well (besides medical and dental). Last academic year (2017-18), all government college seats; 20% seats in private unaided colleges, and 80% seats in aided colleges were filled through CET. From the 2018-

19 academic year, they will be filled through NEET.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority has opened online applications for the CET-2018. KEA reiterated that AYUSH aspirants should appear for NEET and not CET.

Meanwhile, Persons of Indian Origin and Overseas Citizen of India have not been allowed to appear for CET. Last year, many of them were able to register for CET after the High Court intervened. "The Act governing the counselling process has not been amended. So, we cannot allow them to appear for CET," a senior KEA official said.

## ಆಯುಷ್ಗೊಂ ನೀಟ್ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ರಾಜ್ಯದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಮುಂದಿನ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ವರ್ಷದ ಆಯುಷ್ ಪದವಿಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ನ ಸೀಟು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ನೀಟ್ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಬರೆಯಬೇಕು. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಆಯುಷ್ ಪದವಿಯ ಸೀಟಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ನಡೆಸು ವುದಿಲ್ಲ! ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ನಡೆಸುವ ಸಿಇಟಿ ಮೂಲಕವೇ ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷ ಆಯುಷ್ ಪದವಿ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಗಳ ಸೀಟು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ▶ 12ನೇ ಪುಟಕ್ಕೆ

### ಆಯುಷ್ ಗೂ ನೀಟ್ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯ

1ನೇ ಪುಟದಿಂದ ▶ 2018–19ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಿಂದ ಆಯುಷ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಸೇರುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ (ನೀಟ್) ಬರೆಯಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ, ದಂತವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯದ ಜತೆಗೆ ಆಯುಷ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಕೂಡ. ಸೇರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೀಗಾಗಿ 2018–19ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಕೋಟಾದ ಆಯುಷ್ ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಟ್ ರ್ಯಾಂಕಿಂಗ್ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲೇ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ನಡೆಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ವೆಬ್ಸ್ಟ್ರೆಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ನೀಟ್ ಮೂಲಕವೇ ಆಯುಷ್ ಪದವಿ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ಗಳ ಸೀಟು ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ನಿರ್ಧಾರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ವೆಬ್ಸ್ಬ್ರೆಟ್ http://kea.kar.nic.inನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಕೆಇಎ ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿ 'ಉದಯವಾಣಿ'ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಭಾರತೀಯ ವೈದ್ಯ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯ ಆಯುರ್ವೇದ, ಯುನಾನಿ, ಯೋಗ, ನ್ಯಾಚೂರೋಪಥಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹೋಮಿಯೋಪಥಿ ಕೋಸ್ ೯ಗಳು ಆಯುಷ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. 2017–18ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಆಯುಷ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಗೆ ನೀಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಆಯುಷ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತಾದರೂ, ಹಲವು ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಏ.18, 19ಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿಇಟ: ಫೆ.1ರಿಂದ 26ರ ತನಕ ಸಿಇಟಿಗೆ ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಫೆ.28ರೊಳಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕು, ಏ.10ರೊಳಗೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪತ್ರ ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್ 18 ಮತ್ತು 19ರಂದು ಸಿಇಟಿ ನಡೆಯಲಿದ್ದು, ಹೊರನಾಡು ಮತ್ತು ಗಡಿನಾಡು ಕನ್ನಡಿಗ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏ.20ರಂದು ಕನ್ನಡ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ.

