



## MCI order discriminatory: NIOS

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has termed the Medical Council of India's (MCI) decision to bar its students from taking NEET as unfortunate and discriminatory.

The MCI barred students from open schools on the ground that they are not on a par with students from other boards.

Interestingly, Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar and Health Minister J P Nadda held a meeting in January to resolve the issue.

Official sources told DH that Nadda was "almost convinced" that NIOS students should be allowed to take the test.

The medical education regulator's decision has "jeopardised" the interests of thousands of meritorious students who have got a senior secondary certificate from NIOS after clearing the class XII exam, a senior NIOS official told DH.

Around 2,950 NIOS students registered for NEET in 2017.

Out of them, 2,710 students

**"I am very pained with the MCI's decision. We made representations before the MCI but it's sad they have not taken care of our students... It's the less privileged who enrol with the open schools," said C B Sharma, chairman, NIOS.**

took the test and 864 of them were declared qualified.

About 500 students also cleared the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) last year.

Many NIOS students have cleared JEE-Advanced and have got admission in IITs in the past, the official added.

"There is absolutely no reason to debar NIOS students from taking NEET when the MCI had already given recognition to our senior secondary (class XII) certificates in 2012. It is not out of place to mention here that we evaluate the learners more vigorously than

any other formal board," the NIOS official said. The NIOS, which offers education up to pre-degree level through open and distance learning mode, follows the "same syllabus" for classes XI and XII as followed by any other board, including CBSE.

While the board examinations conducted by the regular secondary school examination board covers the syllabus of class XII only, NIOS students take their class XII board examinations covering syllabus of classes XI and XII.

"Practicals are held for Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Classroom training in Physics, Chemistry and Biology are also provided as personal contact programme only in the CBSE or state board affiliated schools," the official said.

The NIOS, set up as an autonomous body under the HRD ministry, is the only national-level organisation providing "educational access," from elementary to senior secondary, to all those who are outside the formal education system since 1979.

## CBSE to hold NEET on May 6

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will conduct the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for medical aspirants on May 6.

Candidates can register themselves for the test from Thursday midnight. The on-line application will be accepted up to 11.30 pm on March 9.

Students of all government-recognised secondary school examination boards, including Karnataka Board of Pre-University Education, are eligible to apply for the test.

Those who have passed the class XII board examination through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) or any other open school in India cannot apply.

Students who have passed their class XII board examination as "private candidates" are also not eligible to take the test. "Furthermore, the study of Biology/Biotechnology as an additional subject at 10+2 level also shall not be permissible," the CBSE stated. From this year, students aspiring to pursue MBBS/BDS course at a foreign medical institute will have to qualify NEET first. It has also not specified as to which countries or medical colleges abroad would require NEET scores for admission.

The board, however, did not specify as to why students aspiring to pursue MBBS/BDS abroad are required to qualify NEET.



# ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ನೋಂದಣಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 9 ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನ ನೀಟ್: ಮೇ 6ಕ್ಕೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ದಂತ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರವೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ (ಸಿಬಿಎಸ್‌ಇ) ನಡೆಸುವ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ (ನೀಟ್) ಮೇ 6ರಂದು ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ.

ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ನೋಂದಣಿಯನ್ನು ಗುರುವಾರ ರಾತ್ರಿಯಿಂದಲೇ ಆರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ನೋಂದಣಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 9ರಂದು ರಾತ್ರಿ 11.30ರವರೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇದೆ. ವಿದೇಶಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೂ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ

ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದ ಎಲ್ಲ ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ 12ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣರಾಗಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಬರೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇದೆ. ಖಾಸಗಿಯಾಗಿ 12ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣರಾದವರಿಗೆ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ಕಲಿಕಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಎನ್‌ಐಒಎಸ್) ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಮುಕ್ತ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 12ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣರಾದವರಿಗೆ ನೀಟ್ ಬರೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಹಾಗೆಯೇ, 10+2 ತರಗತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ಜೈವಿಕ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ಕಲಿತವರಿಗೂ ಈ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಬರೆಯಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಮುಕ್ತ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಔಪಚಾರಿಕ ಶಾಲಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಮಾನ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡಿ ನೀಟ್‌ಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡದಿರಲು ಭಾರತೀಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಪರಿಷತ್ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ ಈ ನಿರ್ಧಾರವನ್ನು ಕೈಬಿಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಎನ್‌ಐಒಎಸ್ ಮನವಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಚರ್ಚೆಯೂ ನಡೆದಿತ್ತು. ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಲಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

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