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KEA medical mop-up round on Aug 23, 24

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has said that for admission to medical courses for 2018, mop-up round of counselling will be held on August 23 and 24 as per schedule. Entry passes for the mop-up round can be downloaded till 1pm on August 21.

For admission to dental courses for 2018, the first mop-up round will be conducted on August 27 as per schedule. College-wise and category-wise details have been put up on KEA website <http://kea.karnic.in> for information about the candidates.

Kidwai exam postponed

Kidwai competitive examination — to be held from August 24 to 26 — has been postponed due to rain and flood havoc in Kodagu and coastal districts. The exam will be held from August 31 to September 2. The schedule will be put up on the KEA website soon. TNN

Colleges aplenty but K'taka ranks 15th in enrolment ratio

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Bengaluru: Karnataka may have the highest number of colleges per lakh population, but it has a long way to go before it can achieve better gross enrolment ratio, reveals the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE).

With 51 colleges per lakh population, Karnataka and Telangana shared the top honours. But Karnataka was ranked 15th among states with a gross enrolment ratio of 27.8; Telangana stood ninth ((35.7).

Bengaluru, incidentally, has the highest number of colleges.

An average of 416 students in the age group of 18-23 enrolled in the state's 3,593 colleges during 2017-18, while it was 558 in Telangana.

The female enrolment ratio in the state is a little higher (28.5) than male (27.2). During 2017-18, 104 new private

unaided colleges enrolled 12,269 students, 10 new private aided colleges got 2,022 students and 22 new government colleges admitted 7,484 students. "While the number of colleges and students is so large in the state, the dividends are low. Hence, the low gross enrolment ratio. One must understand that there are more technical colleges that attract students to Bengaluru, and they come here to get a job. This is not the case in the districts. Faculty in district colleges do not get a remuneration that would incentivise them to stick to rural areas. Therefore, the number of faculty in district colleges is low. Students also come to Bengaluru to study beyond under-graduation level," said Sudha Bhogle, educationist and career counsellor.

Bhogle also points out that higher education system in the country as a whole has not made students employ-

STATE FACTS

Colleges	3,593
Students enrolled	14,69,634
State public universities	26
Private universities	14
Deemed-to-be universities (private)	11
Deemed government aided	4
State open university	1
Institute of National Importance	3
Central University	1
Number of students enrolled at UG level	13,62,886
PG level	1,09,966

Source: AISHE

able. "Students tend to go for vocational training either after PU or under-graduation to land a job. Thus, the enrolment ratio drastically falls at college level and further in higher education," she added.

S Japhet, vice-chancellor of Ben-

galuru Central University, said higher studies at private colleges is unaffordable and a disincentive to many. "While government colleges have a fixed student intake, private colleges aren't affordable for many. A simple BCom would cost Rs 2 to 3 lakh in a private unaided or an autonomous college. Also, the higher education system focuses on skill training and not knowledge. Students want to acquire skills to get a job which is required, but is not a great development in the education space. Certain courses increase skills and employability and only those see higher enrolment and pass out ratio," he said.

Last year, while 4,01,391 students enrolled in 659 government colleges in Karnataka, 2,876 private colleges had 10,68,243 students on its rolls. However, Karnataka ranked fifth in terms of total enrolment — 14.6 lakh in 2017-18.

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A large number of NRI quota and management quota seats are lying vacant after the second round of medical counselling conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

According to a press release issued by KEA, 494 NRI quota seats, 37 management quota seats, 10 government quota seats, and 93 institutional quota seats are available for the mop-up round that will be conducted on Thursday and Friday. Counselling for these seats will be based on the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) rankings. Candidates who wish to participate in this round can download the entry pass till Tuesday.

Students chose not to opt for these seats owing to the high fees.