



# 15% fee hike for PG medical, dental courses in pvt. colleges

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The race to get into medical and dental colleges is not only getting tougher but also more expensive with every passing year. The State government has decided to hike fees for PG medical and dental seats in private colleges by 15% for the 2019-2020 academic year.

This was decided on Saturday at a meeting with the Medical Education Minister E. Tukaram, officials of the department and private medical and dental college managements.

At a press conference after the meeting, M.R. Jayaram, president of the Karnataka Professional Colleges' Foundation (KPCF), said the hike would be implemented in government quota and institutional quota seats. The same quantum of hike also applies to minority institutions as well.

With this, the fee structure will range from ₹72,737 to ₹5.81 lakh for government quota medical seats, while for institutional

## Fees for medical education

Course	Government quota fee 2018-19	Government quota fee 2019-2020	Institutional quota fee 2018-2019	Institutional quota fee 2019-2020
PG medical degree Clinical	₹5,06,000	₹5,81,900	₹7,59,000	₹8,72,850
PG medical degree Paraclinical	₹1,26,500	₹1,45,475	₹1,89,750	₹2,18,212
PG medical degree Pre-clinical	₹63,250	₹72,737	₹95,450	₹1,09,767
Dental degree and diploma	₹2,58,750	₹2,97,562	₹4,04,800	₹4,65,520



This is highly condemnable. The steep hike shows that the State government is commercialising medical education which will make it a distant dream for students from lower socio-economic families.

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quota seats, from ₹1.09 lakh to ₹8.72 lakh. Dental degree and diploma seats will cost ₹2.97 lakh and ₹4.65 lakh for government quota and institutional quota seats respectively.

The admission process for PG seats for students who have written the National

Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) will begin in March. Seats are scheduled to be filled by the end of May.

Sources in the Medical Education Department pointed out that they did not have much time to negotiate with college managements as they expect the election

code of conduct to come into place shortly.

Mr. Jayaram defended the hike saying that the cost incurred per student was more than the fees that the college managements were allowed to charge. "If we have to provide good quality education which is par excellence, besides improving our infrastructure, we also need to invest heavily on research," he said.

He added that while KPCF had demanded a uniform structure for both government quota and institution quota fees, the State govern-

## Decision on MBBS and BDS seats later

The State government is yet to take a call on fee structure for MBBS and BDS courses. M.R. Jayaram, president, Karnataka Professional Colleges Foundation (KPCF), said the decision for UG medical and dental courses will be taken after the parliamentary elections.

## 10% EWS quota not for PG seats

The 10% quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in educational institutions, passed by the Union government, will not be implemented for PG medical and dental seats. Officials from the Medical Education Department said the State government had not yet taken a call on the matter and they were yet to receive detailed guidelines on the matter.

ment said that it would not be feasible for the coming academic year. Currently, there are 13 medical and 25 dental colleges which are part of the foundation that offer postgraduate courses.



# PG medical fees in government colleges likely to quintuple

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Students who are pinning their hopes on bagging a PG medical seat in government colleges will have to dig deep in to their pockets as the State government is planning a fivefold increase in fees for the 2019-20 academic year. Sources in the Medical Education Department confirmed this development and said that the final percentage of hike in government colleges will be decided in the coming week.

Currently, the tuition fees in government medical colleges per annum ranges from ₹5,000 to ₹20,000 based on the type of seat. In addition to this, students also have to pay university and hostel fees.

According to sources, the PG medical degree (clinical) fees is likely to pegged at ₹1 lakh, an increase from the existing ₹20,000. Similarly, the paraclinical PG medical degree fee is likely to be



**We have hiked the fees for PG courses by 15% for private medical and dental colleges. The fee structure for government medical and dental colleges will be announced next week.**

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director, Medical Education Department

fixed at ₹50,000 from the previous ₹10,000. The PG medical degree fee for pre-clinical is likely to be fixed at ₹25,000, up from ₹5,000 in the 2018-2019 academic year.

P.G. Girish, director, Medical Education Department, said the State government had discussed the hike and said that details would be announced next week. "The State government will also increase the stipend for students. For several years, we have not hiked the PG go-

vernment medical fees. It is necessary to improve infrastructure in colleges. Last year, we had hiked the MBBS and BDS fees and the hike in PG medical and dental fees this year was inevitable," he said.

## Hike in dental colleges undecided

However, the department is undecided on the quantum of hike in degree and diploma fees in government dental colleges. "While the dental fees will also be hiked, we have not yet arrived at a consensus on the percentage of the hike," a source added.

Several student organisations have decided to begin a movement to urge the government to withdraw its proposal to hike the PG medical and dental fees.

They have also urged the government to rethink its decision to implement the 15% NRI quota in government medical and dental colleges.



# ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಶೇ.15 ಏರಿಕೆ

■ ವಿಜಯವಾಣಿ ಸುದ್ದಿಜಾಲ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಈಶ್ವಕ್ಷಣಿಕವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಗಳ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ದುಬಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ದಂತ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಗಳ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು ಶೇ.15 ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಮಾಡಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿದೆ. 2019-20ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಕೋಟಾ ಎರಡಕ್ಕೂ ಈ ಹೊಸ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗಲಿದೆ.

ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಶನಿವಾರ ಸುದ್ದಿಗೋಷ್ಠಿ ನಡೆಸಿದ ಕಾಮೆಡ್-ಕೆ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಎಂ.ಆರ್.ಜಯರಾಂ, ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೃತ್ತಿಪರ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನ (ಕೆಪಿಸಿಎಫ್) ನಡುವೆ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ನೂತನ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)		
ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕೋಟಾ		ಕಾಮೆಡ್-ಕೆ ಕೋಟಾ
ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಪದವಿ		
ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್	5,81,900	8,72,850
ಪ್ಯಾರಾ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್	1,45,475	2,18,212
ಪ್ರಿ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್	72,737	1,09,767
ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ		
ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್	4,36,425	6,61,250
ಪ್ಯಾರಾ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್	1,45,475	2,18,212
ದಂತ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ		
ಪದವಿ, ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ	2,97,562	4,65,520

ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾಗುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಮುಂಜಾಗತಾ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಸೀಟುಗಳು ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಕಾಮೆಡ್-ಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರಲಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಕೋಟಾ ಸೀಟು ಎರಡಕ್ಕೂ ಶೇ.15 ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸಲಿದೆ. ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯು ಮಾರ್ಚ್ ಅಂತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಆರಂಭವಾಗಲಿದೆ. ವೈದ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ದಂತ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಪದವಿ ತರಗತಿಗಳ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ ಕುರಿತ ಸಭೆ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಂತರ ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ. ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಒಪ್ಪಂದ ಸದ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ನೆರವೇರಲಿದೆ. ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಷ್ಟೇ ಬಾಕಿ ಇದೆ ಎಂದರು.