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No. 23670-Legal-UGMEB (e-8285997) Government of India National Medical Commission O/o Secretary

Sector-8, Dwarka New Delhi-110075 Date: 19-05-2025

ADVISORY

Subject: Alert regarding unauthorised medical colleges and offshore medical programs- regarding.

Reference is invited to Advisory no. U-14021/UGMEB-2025/ dated 19-05-2025 (enclosed) to alert all concerned stakeholders against unauthorized medical colleges operating in the country without requisite approvals from NMC and misleading students and parents by claiming recognition and offering admissions in medical courses that are not legally sanctioned. The advisory lists some important points that need to be kept in mind while taking admission in a medical course in India & the rules to be followed by the students who intend to pursue medical education in foreign countries. All concerned stakeholders are requested to kindly take note of the same.

Encl.: As above

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(Raghav Langer) SECRETARY

To,

Medical Aspirants/Students, Parents and other stakeholders

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- iii. Director (UGMEB), NMC
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U-14021/UGMEB-2025/ Date: 19th May, 2025

ADVISORY

SUBJECT: ALERT REGARDING UNAUTHORISED MEDICAL COLLEGES AND OFF-SHORE MEDICAL PROGRAMS- Reg

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has observed few instances of unauthorized medical colleges operating in the country, without requisite approvals. These institutions are misleading students and parents by claiming recognition and offering admissions in medical courses that are not legally sanctioned.

The important points that need to be kept in mind while taking admission in a medical course are:

1. NMC APPROVAL IS MANDATORY

Only the medical colleges listed on the official NMC website (https://www.nmc.org.in/information-desk/college-and-course-search/) are legally permitted to offer MBBS and other medical degree programs in India. Institutions not appearing in the NMC's official list are **unauthorised** and are operating in **violation of NMC regulations.** The Commission ensures to update the list on regular basis.

2. INSTITUTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY

a. Singhania University, Rajasthan

The university has come under legal scrutiny for allegedly offering MBBS courses without NMC recognition. The issue is under challenge in a matter titled "Ranjana Jangra and ors v State of Rajasthan and ors, SBCWP NO 7682/2022, which is currently under adjudication before the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court.

It is important to note that the former Board of Governors, through public notices dated 30.10.2019 and 03.08.2020, sought to alert the General Public about fraudulent practices by **Singhania University**, which invited applications for the MBBS course without obtaining the necessary permission or recognition from the Board.

Subsequently, the National Medical Commission (NMC), through a public

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notice dated 28.10.2022, reiterated this warning and advised the public to verify the status of any medical college on the NMC website before seeking admission.

b. Sanjiban Hospital and Medical College, Howrah, West Bengal

The NMC has come to know about this institution running a medical course without authorisation from the Commission. Legal action against said college is being taken.

3. RULES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO PURSUE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES:

The NMC's Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) Regulations, 2021, clearly define the standards for foreign medical education to become eligible to practise medicine in India.

Key Requirements:

- a. Minimum 54 months of education in a single institution.
- b. 12-month internship to be completed at the same foreign university.
- c. Clinical training must not be done in parts or across different countries.
- d. Medium of instruction must be English.
- e. Studied the mandatory subjects specified in the Schedule-I.
- f. Registered with the respective professional regulatory body or otherwise, competent to grant license to practise medicine in their respective jurisdiction of the country in which the medical degree is awarded and at par with the license to practise medicine given to citizen of that country.

It is firmly advised that for detailed requirements, Schedule I of the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulation, 2021 (FMGL Regulation 2021) shall be complied with, to apply for a licence or permanent registration to practise in India.

Further, no Foreign Medical Graduate shall be granted permanent registration, unless he/she has undergone supervised internship in India for a minimum term of twelve months, after applying for the same to the Commission. Foreign Medical Graduates who fail to comply with these regulations may lead to disqualification for registration to practice medicine in India.

4. RISK OF DISQUALIFICATION

Students graduating from non-compliant institutions will be held **ineligible for licensing exams i.e. FMGE** in India. The onus of this disqualification lies solely with the student, as per the regulations of the Commission.

5. HOW TO VERIFY THE LEGITIMACY OF A MEDICAL INSTITUTION

- a. Visit the NMC official website and check the list of recognised medical colleges in India.
- b. Contact NMC directly for verification, especially if you're presented with recognition letters or direct admission offers.
- c. Do not rely on college websites or advertisements alone.

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d. The NMC does not conduct direct admissions to any medical college.

6. <u>IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS</u>

- a. **DO NOT FALL FOR FAKE OFFERS:** No college can guarantee admission outside of official channels, i.e., NEET Examination
- b. **VERIFY BEFORE YOU PAY:** Confirm approvals before making any payments or committing to a program.
- c. **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:** If you know any institution illegally offering medical admissions, report them to NMC.

7. CONTACT THE NMC

In case of any query regarding the recognition status of the institution, parents/students/stakeholders are requested to reach out on the following contact details:

Phone: +91-11-25367033 Website: www.nmc.org.in

- **8.** The medical aspirants and their families are strongly advised to stay **vigilant, as the same** is essential to protect oneself and the integrity of the Indian medical education system.
- **9.** This issues with the approval of Secretary, NMC.

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