

PRESS RELEASE:

UGMEB at the National Medical Commission is committed to providing a medical education system that improves access to quality and affordable medical education, ensures availability of adequate and high-quality medical professionals in all parts of the country; that promotes equitable and universal healthcare that encourages community health perspective and makes services of medical professionals accessible to all the citizens.

Various courts had made observations on crowding of medical colleges. As for example, recently, in W.P. No. 17263 of 2020 in case of K.R. Vasudevaa vs. State of T.N. and others, dtd 30.07.2021, Madurai bench of Madras High court has cautioned NMC against crowding of medical colleges.

Taking these aspects into consideration, and with an objective of providing the right teaching environment to the medical student and improving the overall quality of education, the provision of limiting UG seats in each State to 100 per million population has been included in the recently notified MSR guidelines 2023. It is expected that this will reduce regional disparities in availability of healthcare professionals and will go a long way in ensuring effective quality of education. With this ratio there will be still potential for addition of about 40,000 MBBS seats in country if the medical colleges are evenly distributed.

This decision of NMC has been applauded by various state branches of IMA, students' associations, and medical fraternity in general. NMC shall continue its endeavour to improve quality of medical training in the country.