

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
CENTRALISED ADMISSION COMMITTEE (CENTAC)  
KAMARAJAR MANIMANDAPAM CAMPUS, PUDUCHERRY - 605008**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SPECIAL STRAY REGISTRATION and SUBMISSION OF COURSE PREFERENCES  
FOR UG NEET M.B.B.S. MANAGEMENT QUOTA ONLY**

The Office of Medical Counselling Committee-MCC, Directorate General of Health Services, Govt. of India vide Notice Ref. U-11011/01/2023-MEC dated 31/10/2023 has notified that *"All the NEET UG 2023 candidates are hereby informed that to prevent wastage of precious Medical seats, MoHFW has approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Diary No. 45004 of 2023 in WP (C) No. 76 of 2015 for extension of last date of admission of under graduate courses and to conduct a Special Stray Vacancy Round for vacant MBBS/BDS/B.Sc Nursing Seats of AIQ and State Quota. It is pertinent to mention that this Special Stray Vacancy Round will be the last round for Under Graduate courses for this academic year i.e. 2023"*

**In light of above extension of time granted for admission and for conduct of Special Stray Vacancies round for vacant UG Courses, and based on clarification received from Health Department, Government of Puducherry, the candidates who have been already admitted through Round 2 and Round 3 of UG NEET MBBS counselling conducted by CENTAC is valid and shall not take part in the Special Stray round of counseling for the remaining vacant seats after three rounds of regular counselling.**

The Medical Counselling Committee, Directorate General of Health Services, Govt. of India have prescribed the following conditions for conduct of Special Stray Vacancy Round for unfilled M.B.B.S. seats:

- Candidates who are not holding any seat either in All India Quota or State Quota are eligible to participate in Special Stray Vacancy Round. However, candidates who did not join their seats allotted through MCC / State counselling Round-3 onwards are 'Not Eligible' to participate.
- The Security Deposit of Candidates who do not join their allotted seat in Special Stray Vacancy Round will be forfeited and such candidates will be debarred from taking NEET exam for the next year.
- The data of the Allotted Candidates of Special Stray vacancy round conducted by MCC will be shared with states and candidates who are allotted seats by MCC will be debarred from taking admission in state counseling.

**SPECIAL STRAY REGISTRATION FOR COUNSELLING BY CENTAC**

Special Stray Registration for admission to the first year MBBS courses **under Management Quota** in the UT of Puducherry will be opened shortly.

Candidates may participate after submitting willingness, payment of Registration fee (only for M.B.B.S.) and filling of Course preferences.

ROUND 3 admitted list and vacancy position for UG NEET M.B.B.S. will be published in CENTAC website [www.centacpuducherry.in](http://www.centacpuducherry.in).

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL STRAY ROUND**

1. All candidates who had opted for Management Quota and registered with CENTAC are eligible.
2. However, candidates who have joined any of the NEET based course in ROUND 1/ROUND 2 / ROUND 3 or allotted any seat in Round 3/ in any further Stray Rounds of M.B.B.S. / B.D.S. / B.A.M.S. are NOT eligible for Special Stray counselling.
3. Any fresh registration candidate for B.D.S. seats or Government Quota candidates opted for Management Quota B.D.S. seats are NOT eligible.

### **SUBMISSION OF WILLINGNESS AND COURSE PREFERENCES**

- All candidates registering for Special Stray Counseling should submit willingness and course preferences afresh for this SPECIAL STRAY VACANCY ROUND and pay registration fee.
- **Please note that if no course preference is made or the list for preference is found empty then NO seat will be allotted.**

### **PAYMENT OF FULL TUITION FEE FOR M.B.B.S. ONLY:**

Medical Education (Amendment) regulations, 2018 dated 05.04.2018 have notified the Registration fee for participating in Stray Counselling. Accordingly, the candidates are required to pay the registration fee mentioned below, to participate in the special counselling round:

Sl.No	Quota	Category	Amount
1.	Management	ALL	Rs. 1680000/-

Puducherry Candidates who opt for Management Quota seats should also pay Rs.1680000/.

**The candidates opting for M.B.B.S. are requested to pay the FULL TUITION FEE to CENTAC account through NET BANKING or by generating NEFT / RTGS challan using the payment option available in the dashboard login credentials and proceed for payment. The amount to be paid is editable before generating challan. Read the HELP Instructions carefully before proceeding for payment.**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF FULL TUITION FEE**

1. Candidates opting for M.B.B.S. need to pay FULL TUITION FEE as mentioned above.
2. **Only those Candidates who pay the FULL TUITION FEE will be considered for Stray counseling.**
3. Candidates who have paid Registration fee of Rs. 200000 /-in Round 2 or Round 3 and not allotted any seat need to pay the balance TUITION FEE and submit course preferences.
4. Candidates who have paid less than Registration fee of Rs. 200000 /-in Round 2 or Round 3 and not allotted a seat, need to pay the balance TUITION FEE and submit course preferences.
5. Candidates who had paid Registration fee and allotted M.B.B.S. in Round 2 but did not JOIN, their Registration Fee has been forfeited. So, they need to pay the FULL TUITION FEE again.

6. Candidates who have already paid Rs. 200000 /- for Stray round registration need to pay balance TUITION FEE and submit willingness and course preferences again.
7. Candidates who did not join their seats allotted through MCC / State counselling Round-3 onwards are 'Not Eligible' to participate.

### **FORFEITURE OF TUITION FEE**

1. During Special Stray counselling, seats will be allotted only after the FULL TUITION FEE is paid to CENTAC. If the student fails to join the allotted college after Special Stray counseling, then amount of Rs.16,80,000/- will be forfeited.

2. Therefore, it is advised that candidates may be cautious and exercise due application of mind and take a thoughtful decision before making the choice for seat in Stray counselling.

### **REFUND OF TUITION FEE**

(i) In case the candidate is not allotted any seat during Stray, the fee paid will be refunded after Stray vacancy counseling to the same account of the candidate from which payment had been made.

(ii) The candidates should keep their bank account active until refund process is completed. The candidates are advised not to use unrelated bank accounts for remitting fee amount. CENTAC will not entertain such requests.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE :**

**Special Stray Registration opening and closing date, Link for Payment of Tuition Fee, Vacancies and Submission of Course Preferences will be intimated shortly.**



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