

New medicos sign rural deal

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July 25: The Medical Council of India norms have been harsh on those who are underaged by a few days for taking admission into MBBS. Last year, 9th rank holder Mr K. Sai Ram had been denied admission as he had fallen short by 15 days.

The candidate later approached the AP High Court and the court had asked the officials to give him provisional admission till the final judgement. He took admission in Osmania Medical College but his

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admission was subsequently cancelled by the court citing MCI norms recently.

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after completion of the course. The state government last week had issued orders making it mandatory for medical and dental graduates to work in rural areas for a year from this academic year to get eligibility for obtaining degrees.

Online counselling was held at four centres in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Tirupati. While Eamcet medical rankers from ranks 1 to 1,000 were called for counselling, 967 turned up. Of them, 920 opted for MBBS seats while only three took admission in dental courses.

All the Eamcet medical toppers opted for the Osmania Medical College and Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad. Eamcet medical state topper Ravinuthala Lalitha and second ranker Narapaneni Kiranmayee also took admission in Osmania Medical College.

The private medical colleges which threatened boycotting admissions protesting the meagre fee hike announced by the government backtracked after the government issued stern warnings to the managements against any such move during admissions.