

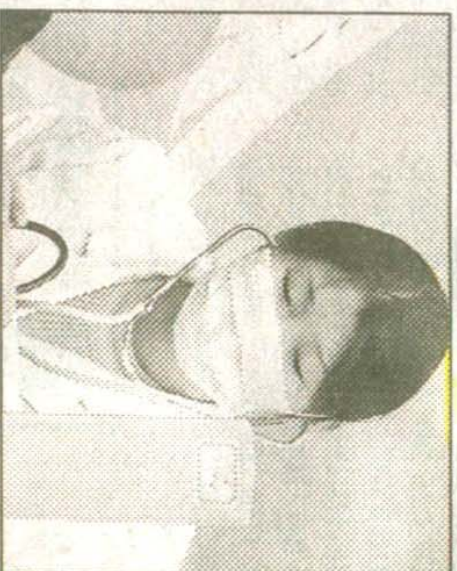
Don't rush to Chinese medical colleges, warns Ambassador

Beijing: With the growing rush of Indians to Chinese medical colleges due to their cheaper tuition fees, Indian diplomats here have warned students that the degrees awarded by them are not recognised back home and said there were rising complaints about deficient infrastructure.

"We have witnessed a large inflow of Indian students to Chinese medical colleges in recently and we have also received many complaints from them as well," a senior official of the Indian Embassy here told PTI. Embassy officials said that they have not received any information from the Medical Council of India (MCI) approving the curriculum followed by Chinese medical colleges and about internship.

"We have received complaints from Indian students regarding non-availability of properly qualified English-speaking teaching faculty in some medical colleges though at the time of admission they were assured about it," the official, who has just concluded visits to two Chinese medical colleges,

said. Indian ambassador to China, Nalin Surie, who expressed serious concern over the plight of some of the Indian students, said the embassy had taken up the matter with the Chinese medical universities concerned as well as the Chinese ministry of education.



Hundreds of Indian students have flocked to Tianjin Medical University in Tianjin, Three Gorges University in the Hubei province, Xingxian University in Henan province and other similar institutions in Nanjing and Suzhou cities.

"We will not allow such a thing to happen," Surie said referring to the problems being faced by Indian students, adding that Indian Embassy would ensure that they received proper education in Chinese medical colleges and were treated well.

Surie said the Indian embassy had written to departments concerned in India long ago about the possible difficulties likely to be faced by Indian students who are flocking to China. PTI