

Exams Lucrative for B'lore medicos

Pvt Colleges Pay Students Rs 50-60K To Block Seats, Sell Them Under Mgmt Quota

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Bangalore: Write an examination for someone and earn Rs 60,000!

If you have the brains, cannot afford to join a private medical college but want to make a cut for yourself by helping the college make money, post-graduate (PG) entrance examinations is the quickest way.

Several under-graduate medical students in Bangalore are being approached to write examinations just to earn money.

The modus operandi is rather simple: A senior post-graduate (PG) student in a private college identifies a bright under-graduate (UG) medical student



THE GOING RATES

Rs 15 to 20 lakh for MD in general surgery, ophthalmology, obstetrics and gynaecology, general medicine

Rs 35 to Rs 40 lakh for MD in radiology and other specialised courses. Last year the highest rate paid for MD radiology was Rs 42 lakh in a Bangalore college

He approaches him and asks him to write the examination. He/she appears for the examination, clears it and blocks a seat in a prominent college and goes for admission.

At the admission stage,

ment quota nearly three times the amount charged when admitted through the government quota, the college makes a 200% profit.

"I was approached by my seniors and asked if I wanted to make some pocket money. At first, I was shocked. Often, it is friends who are chosen so that the racket is not unearthed. Even college managements choose only those who have come through the management quota to look out for probable candidates," a medical student told TOI.

Here again, only bright students are chosen. "He/she should not be in a position to afford to pay the fees charged for the management quota students

and should surrender the seat, once he is selected. The college pays him the promised amount and he/she goes away," another student explained.

Admitting that students make money by writing examinations, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) vice-chancellor P S Prabhakaran said: "These incidents have happened in the past. But unless students themselves come forward and complain, it is not possible for the university to arrest anyone."

This year, with three different post-graduate medical entrance examinations on, students are laughing all the way to the bank!