

# 11 medical colleges in the MCI firing line

## Face De-Recognition For Not Adhering To Norms

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New Delhi: The fate of 11 medical colleges is now hanging in the balance. On Saturday, the Medical Council of India issued showcause notices to the college authorities, threatening them with de-recognition for failing to adhere to MCI norms despite repeated warnings.

These 11 colleges, which have two months to rectify their shortcoming or else get de-recognised, have over 1,300 MBBS seats among them.

Confirming this to TOI, MCI president Dr Ketan Desai said, "It is true that these colleges are facing de-recognition. When we carried out inspections, several deficiencies were noticed in these colleges in terms of teaching staff, number of resident doctors, patient load of the resident hospital and infrastructure." Explaining the cir-

cumstances, Dr Desai said once medical colleges get recognition, they are reviewed by MCI every five years on whether the

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colleges are maintaining standards as stipulated by the MCI and upgrading their facilities.

A final showcause notice is issued when colleges don't adhere to the norms even at the end of the two years.

"In the next two months, if the 11 colleges don't put in place the required norms, we

will recommend the withdrawal of recognition of the MBBS degree of these colleges to the Union health ministry," Dr Desai said.

The list of colleges under fire include GSVM Medical College (Kanpur), SN Medical College (Agra), MLN Medical College (Allahabad), Guru Gobind Singh Medical College (Faridkot), LLRM Medical College (Meerut), Maharashtra Institute of Medical Sciences (Latur), J N Medical College (Aligarh), BM Patil Medical College (Bijapur) and Vinayaka Missions Medical College Hospital (Puducherry).

Meanwhile, the MCI has also sent reminders to 30 other medical colleges across India for renewal of permission to run an MBBS course, failing which they will not be able to admit students in the 2010-2011 academic session.