

# Two Mumbai medical colleges threatened with derecognition

**Mumbai:** In a shocker for the medical community, the MBBS course at Mumbai's premier medical college, KEM Hospital and G S Medical College, Parel, has been threatened with derecognition after a series of inspections — carried out over the last three years — found a severe shortage of staff, poor infrastructure and an outdated curriculum.

The notice, issued by the Medical Council of India in late January, has a long list of deficiencies, including almost 25% shortage of teaching faculty. The MCI inspection team found overcrowded hostel rooms, makeshift arrangements for labour and lack of post-operation beds in the operation theatre complex. It also noted that KEM Hospital's blood bank — one of the biggest in the city — has been operating without a licence since December 2006. The MCI website states that the college is currently

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recognised but has been "issued a show-cause notice for withdrawal of recognition".

"It is understandable that there is one vacancy each for the post of professor in the forensic, orthopaedics and dentistry departments but we were shocked to find 57 unfilled posts for junior teachers. It is difficult to get senior teachers but surely Mumbai's number one medical college can get enough lecturers," an MCI official said. **TNN**