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## **Med council threatens to derecognise KEM degree**

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The Medical Council of India (MCI) on Wednesday sent a show-cause notice to KEM Hospital and GS Seth Medical College warning them that their MMBS degree will be derecognised if they do not hire more faculty.

In January, the MCI had sent a show cause notice to KEM Hospital detailing the shortage of faculty, particularly of lecturers at senior level, and deficiencies in infrastructure. It had pointed out that 57 lecturer posts were vacant. Though the college recruited some since, 35 posts remain unfilled.

"We received the notice on Tuesday," confirmed Dr Sanjay Oak, dean, KEM Hospital. "The MCI has been newly constituted. Its officials cant refer to the old correspondence with us, so a fresh notice has been issued. We will send them a detailed reply," he said.

"We are working on war footing to recruit new lecturers, but we cannot break reservation rules," said Dr Oak.

Coincidentally, the civic commissioner on Wednesday sanctioned a fresh recruitment drive for lecturers.

"The new MCI is in the process of streamlining all the admission process at KEM Hospital," said Dr Devi Shetty, member of the governing body of the MCI.