

# Deemed varsity passouts can now try their luck at MUHS

HC order is good news for students from Bharati Vidyapeeth and D Y Patil medical colleges. Earlier, they were not considered eligible to pursue PG courses at Maharashtra University of Health Sciences

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Bombay High Court

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Students passing out of medical colleges run by deemed universities in the state will now be able to pursue postgraduate degree and diploma courses of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS). Previously, they were not considered eligible for the Centralised Entrance Test (CET) of PG courses conducted by MUHS. However, the Bombay High Court has recently ruled that they should be permitted to appear for the CET. The court verdict would benefit students of Bharati Vidyapeeth and D Y Patil medical colleges in the city.

## THE HC JUDGMENT

On a bunch of petitions filed by students, the High Court bench comprising justices Ferdinando I Rebello and J H Bhatia have ordered that all students of deemed university-run medical colleges who had applied for and/ or admitted provisionally will be entitled to pursue and complete PG courses of MUHS and that the students from deemed universi-

ties will be eligible to apply for PG courses in the colleges run by the state and/ or local bodies in the State of Maharashtra in respect of PGC CET for subsequent years.

## THE PETITIONERS

The petitions had been moved last year by students who completed MBBS from Bharati Vidyapeeth and D Y Patil medical colleges and were denied admissions to PG courses offered by MUHS. The medical colleges of Bharati Vidyapeeth and D Y Patil deemed universities were earlier affiliated to various universities in the state before the two institutions got deemed university status from the University Grants Commission (UGC).

## THE REACTIONS

Both authorities and students of medical colleges run by deemed universities are happy with the judgment. Dr Vivek Saoji, dean of medical college of Bharati Vidyapeeth, said, "I am yet to read the complete judgment. Students from deemed universities of Maharashtra, who are domiciles of the state, will benefit from the decision.

For us, the judgment is important because it proves that the degrees from state as well as deemed universities are of equal importance."

Dr (Brig) Amarjit Singh, Dean of medical college and VC of D Y Patil University, said, "The court's decision is certainly welcome. It highlights the policy that no student should suffer. There should be no discrimination while seeking admission for higher studies."

Dr Shivajirao Kadam, vice chancellor of Bharati Vidyapeeth, said, "Now, all students will get a fair chance to appear for entrance test for the postgraduation level. The degree offered by deemed universities always had legal backing as they are recognised universities. Thanks to the court ruling, now our students can appear for CET. This would test their talent and uphold the principle of equality."

Sarang Vispute, a student of Bharati Vidyapeeth, said, "We are happy with the decision, as our degree won't be facing discrimination now. We are investing five years of rigorous efforts to complete MBBS. So it's justified to test our knowledge at equal level."