

## Demand to raise medical PG seats

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GUWAHATI, Aug 26 – The Gauhati Medical College Students Union, with active cooperation of the Gauhati Medical College Junior Doctors Association, took out a rally on Monday where nearly 200 medical students and doctors took part.

The objective of the rally was to demand of the Union Health Ministry to increase the number of postgraduate seats to remove the glaring disparity between undergraduate and postgraduate seats.

It needs to be mentioned here that this rally was a part of an ongoing nationwide campaign under the banner of 'Save the Doctor', which is constantly trying to create an awareness regarding removing this disparity.

According to the Gauhati

Medical College Students Union, this matter is currently of great importance as the present data suggests that there are around 45,000 undergraduate seats in India, whereas only 19,000 seats are there in various specialist subjects.

"This reflects very poorly on us, if we compare this with the United States, where 32,000 PG and Fellowship seats are available against 19,000 undergraduate seats. Although our national requirement of doctor per citizen is 1:3,300, we have a long way to go to meet this at the moment. The picture in Assam is even poorer as the ratio here is around 1:6,000," said the students union, adding that it appreciates the steps taken by the authorities in Assam to create more PG seats in the State.