

Doctors sweep streets, demand more PG seats

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Over 300 medical students gathered at SMS Hospital and walked *en masse* till Udyog Maidan to press for their demand of increasing the undergraduate (UG) and post-graduate (PG) seats.

The medical students named their movement 'save the doctor'.

Similar marches were also taken out in other cities like Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mysore, Guwahati and Hisar.

Wearing a black ribbon on their aprons, the students walked from SMS Medical College to Udyog Maidan.

Citing a shortage of specialist doctors in the country, the medicos also swept the roads to draw attention towards their demand. In a press release of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Dr Naresh Trehan, CMD, Medanta, said, "I am quite concerned about the present state of affairs and shortage of doctors in our



Medical students sweep a road to draw government's attention towards their demand for more PG seats on Monday.

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country. We all are aware that the number of students graduating and the number of PG seats are not equal."

He added, "Medical students and graduates are struggling to get a PG seat. We should take measures to change the system as soon as possible. We need

more qualified doctors in the country."

He also said, "As part of the healthcare system, we have written to the Central government and authorities concerned. We have received a favourable response. We are hopeful of a solution soon."

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