

MMC students march to 'Save the Doctor'

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Gandhi Square: With the growing number of under-graduation seats, and the decrease in post-graduation seats, there is a growing concern regarding the dwindling number of specialty doctors in the country.

Over 300 medical students gathered and conducted a 'Save the Doctor' walk in Mysore pleading the Union Health Ministry to strike a balance between UG and PG seats.

The walk also took place in Mumbai, Bangalore, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Hisar.

Students dressed in their lab coats, with black ribbons as a sign of protest, walked from Mysore Medical College to Gandhi square holding placards, stressing the need to increase medical MG seats.

The current number of UG seats is likely to increase to 50,000 from 47,600. But the number of PG seats remains 12,000.

The top ten causes of death in India include diseases relating to heart, chronic respiratory diseases and stroke. Nine out of ten cases require



Over 300 students and doctors participated in the 'Save the Doctor' movement, walking from J K Grounds to Gandhi Square.



UG students get distracted while preparing for their entrance exams as they lose practice. We need an immediate change in the system to bring in more specialist doctors in the country.

- Dr Naresh Trehan
CMD, Medanta

specialist doctors. IMA Secretary General Dr Narendra Saini said, "The competition has only made young doctors lose their productive years. The system will only affect the people in the coming years."

'Save the Doctor' movement was started by medical graduates across India, with the support of Association of Healthcare Providers and Indian Medical Association.

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