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Press Statement

Medical Students' Association of India Raises Concerns Over Last-Minute Exam Postponements and Malpractices, Demands Accountability and Mental Health Support

Medical Students' Association of India (MSAI) is deeply disturbed and disappointed by the recent actions of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS). Over the past month, the handling of the NEET UG and NEET PG exams has raised serious concerns about its competence and the disregard for the profound impact of its decisions on the mental health of medical students and aspirants across the country.

Firstly, the NEET UG exam was marred by allegations of paper leaks and malpractice, which are yet to be comprehensively addressed even after a significant amount of time has elapsed. Adding to this, the recent postponement of the NEET PG examination eleven hours before it was scheduled has significantly impacted the mental health of medical students across the country. The lack of transparency, inadequate communication and erratic decisions by the examination boards add to the mental burden on students, who are already facing immense pressure. This last-minute change not only signifies a lack of professionalism but also shows a blatant disregard for the meticulous preparation and the well-being of students.

Knowing that the experiences of young doctors during their formative years profoundly shape their professional outlook and commitment. Along with that, the need for skilled and well-prepared medical professionals is now more than ever, especially amidst current global health challenges. Considering these factors, we must emphasise the importance of a fair and supportive educational environment to ensure a strong foundation for the future of the healthcare system.

We, at Medical Students' Association of India (MSAI), are certain that these actions have made a mockery of the medical education system and have severely undermined the trust of the student community. We have always been the voice of medical students across the country, advocating for their rights. In this modern era of rapidly advancing technology, we firmly believe that leveraging innovative solutions can help prevent and eliminate such malpractices.

MSAI calls for systemic reforms to protect the interests and well-being of medical students, emphasising the need for accountability and transparency in the administration of crucial nationwide examinations. Hence we urge all stakeholders, including educational institutions, government bodies, and healthcare authorities, to recognize the severe impact of recent events on medical education and bring on necessary reforms to prevent such events from happening in the future.

Sincere regards,
On behalf of the Executive Board and Team of Officials

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