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Dear colleague,

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that NEET UG 2026 counselling is to commence shortly. In this context, important systemic improvements have been undertaken by the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), Directorate General of Health Services in the online counselling software and counselling process for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Admissions from the current academic session to make the counselling process more transparent and student friendly.

2. The major enhancements introduced include:

- a. **No Physical Reporting for Candidates Opting for Upgradation:** Candidates who have been allotted a seat and have opted for upgradation in subsequent rounds are no longer required to physically report to the allotted college merely for completing admission formalities. Their admission shall remain valid in the counselling system while participating in subsequent rounds, subject to the applicable counselling rules.
- b. **Online Resignation Facility:** Candidates may now submit resignation from their allotted seat through the MCC Counselling Portal, wherever permissible under the counselling rules and within the prescribed timelines, without the need for physical submission at the allotted institution.
- c. Candidates wanting to avail NRI reservation in deemed universities will be able to upload their documents on-line on the counselling portal.

3. In order to ensure smooth implementation of these changes, the MCC is organizing orientation and capacity-building programmes for all concerned stakeholders including the medical institutions. Trainings were conducted with the State DMEs in months of May and June 2026. A training session for the medical institutions was also organized on 27.07.2026 and more are planned in coming next days. It is requested to ensure participation of the Director of Medical Education/State Counselling Authority, all concerned officers, nominated nodal officers from Government and Private Medical Colleges, in the training/orientation programmes.

4. Further, as you are aware, MCC, DGHS does counselling for only 15% All India Quota (AIQ) and 100% Deemed and Central Universities in NEET UG. Majority of the seats are in

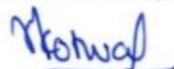
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respective State/UT governments and it is, therefore, important that information on number of seats; fees charged by the institutions, etc are readily available to candidates for making informed choices. This information may be widely disseminated for the benefit of the candidates.

5. Your active support and cooperation will be crucial in ensuring the successful conduct of the NEET UG 2026 counselling.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health/Medical Education) of States/UTs.