

Medical edn. scheme faces setback

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The integrated method of post-graduate and under graduate medical education taken by the Government last year now faces a serious set back following the refusal of Institute of Post Graduate Medicine and Research (IPGMR) authority to admit 60 students selected for admission into MBBS course in the institute this year.

A group of medical teachers and experts told The Bangladesh Observer on Sunday that in order to raise the standard of medical education in the country and produce good teachers, 50 best students were admitted into MBBS course in IPGMR last year. The common practice all over the world including the countries of this region is to impart medical education at under graduate and post graduate level simultaneously. This is a combined education and not separated from each other, they added.

This year also 60 best students were selected out of over 4000 candidates for admission into IPGMR in MBBS course on the basis of government decision. But they are yet to be admitted. The standard of medical education has gradually deteriorated in our country over the years and since February 1978 the British Medical Council has withdrawn the recognition of the medical graduates from Bangladesh.

Some senior teachers said that the British Medical Council recognises medical graduates from India, Pakistan, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Singapore where the post graduate and under graduate medical education is combined. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has also recommended ways to raise the standard of medical education in the country and did not suggest anything against introduction of MBBS course in IPGMR they asserted.

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