

KALOJI NARAYAN RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, TELANGANA STATE

REJOINDER/CLARIFICATION TO NEWS ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN NEWS PAPERS ON B.Sc (NURSING) ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24

- B.Sc (Nursing) admissions for the year 2023-24 have been conducted as per the revised schedule for counseling for admission into B.Sc (Nursing) courses notified by Indian Nursing Council (INC)/GOI (copy enclosed). Original cut off date was 31.10.2023.
- The last date for admissions into B.Sc (Nursing) courses was 30-11-2023 for the academic year 2023-24 in all the Nursing Colleges of the country.
- The schedules for admissions into all Health Sciences courses (UG &PG courses in Modern Medicine/Dentistry/AYUSH/Nursing) are notified by NMC/DCI/NCISM /NCH/INC which are the Statutory Authorities of Government of India which has to be followed mandatorily by the State Counselling Authorities. University has not conducted/approved any admissions contrary to the schedules of counseling notified by the above authorities till now. No deviations in the schedule of counseling by the State Counseling Authorities are permitted by Government of India and Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- KNRUHS has completed B.Sc (Nursing) admissions under Competent Authority Quota as per the revised schedule of counseling notified by INC by conducting five (5) phases of counseling.
- The admissions were conducted in-accordance with Government Orders issued (G.O. Ms. No. 39) which was issued as per INC Regulations.
- KNRUHS has addressed several letters to INC and obtained the relaxation in eligibility conditions for admissions in entrance tests (EAMCET/NEET) from 50 percentile to mere appearance in the entrance exam which was implemented for Competent Authority Quota admissions by issuing a second notification for online registration after 3rd phase of Counseling.
- The admissions under Management Quota are conducted by individual Private Nursing Colleges (89) following the Orders issued by Government/INC Regulations at the college level. There is no Centralized Counseling for Management Quota admissions for Nursing and Paramedical courses unlike other UG & PG courses of Medical/Dental/AYUSH branches in the state of Telangana.
- The Managements of Private Nursing Institutions have filed two Writ Petitions in the Hon'ble High Court against G.O.Ms.No. 39 which were unilaterally withdrawn subsequent to filing of counter affidavits by the University.

- Government of Telangana issued Memo dated 23.02.2024 to apply relaxation in eligibility criteria for admissions for 2023-24 as per the relaxed eligibility criteria of the academic year 2022-23 as per feasibility of the University.
- Accordingly the Admission/Scrutiny Committee of the University verified the Original Certificates of admitted candidates as submitted by Principals of all Nursing colleges (110) by following due procedure of verification of certificates as is done every year. The Committee after completion of verification has approved the list of 1119 admitted candidates submitted by Principals of all the Nursing Colleges which were completed within the schedule notified by INC i.e., 30-11-2023 in-accordance with the relaxation in eligibility criteria granted by Government vide Memo dated 23.02.2023.
- Two Private Nursing Colleges have admitted 20 and 3 students respectively under Management Quota after the last date of admissions and the matter was referred to INC and Government for guidance with regard to further course of action.
- There are several vacancies in B.Sc (Nursing), Post Basic B.Sc (Nursing) and M.Sc (Nursing) courses which are observed every year. This feature is observed in many Private Nursing Colleges across the country as the number of Nursing Colleges has increased significantly in the state and across the country.
- Government of Telangana has started 16 new Nursing colleges taking the total number of Government Nursing colleges to 21 (1400 seats) which has an impact on admissions in Private Nursing Colleges. Government also sanctioned monthly stipend to nursing students (Rs. 5000/- in I year, Rs. 6000/- in II year, Rs. 7000/- in III year & Rs. 8000/- in Final year) in Government Nursing Colleges. This also has an impact on admissions in Private Nursing Colleges.
- The students also choose to get admitted in Private Nursing Colleges with better infrastructure, hostel facilities, faculty and hospital facility for training.
- 97 candidates have discontinued from the B.Sc (Nursing) course after admission in the last year (January 2023 onwards).
- It is also pertinent to state that unless the permission is granted by Indian Nursing Council and Ministry of Health, Government of India, it is not feasible for the University to conduct fresh Counselling for admissions (as 03 months have elapsed after the last date of closure of admissions). It may also lead to the cancellation of admissions at a later date by INC/Government of India and also may lead to significant legal problems involving the career of many students. The same was brought to the notice of Government for guidance and further course of action.