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Building consent: On PG Medical Education Regulations 2021

The article takes into account the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations 2021 as the author talks about the various aspects of the issue. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has demanded that the National Medical Commission (NMC) withdraw the PG Medical Education Regulations 2021.

As per the new changes, there will be common counselling for admission to all medical institutions to all Post-graduate Broad Speciality courses based on the National Exit Test merit list instead of PG NEET. The IMA believes that these regulations will rob the states of the power to dictate admission to state-sponsored institutes, resulting in a lack of quality medical services to the local population.

Such instances have happened previously, with states demonstrating their frustration over the need to surrender power to the central government. Health care has always been a state affair, and while the Centre plays a critical role in improving overall healthcare standards, the ball has always remained in the states' court.

The author believes that the Centre needs to be extremely sensitive to the views of the states. The shortage of quality health care was laid bare during the pandemic, and attempts are being made to improve the status quo. However, this should not come at the cost of a power struggle between all the stakeholders.

Words to look out for

Ameliorate:

- **Synonyms:** better, perfect, amend
- **Antonyms:** aggravate, deteriorate, worsen
- **Word usage:** The doctors tried hard to ameliorate the condition of the patient.

Comply:

- **Synonyms:** obey, conform, follow
- **Antonyms:** disobey, refuse, challenge
- **Word usage:** The Centre asked the states to comply over the issue of the border dispute.

Hostage:

- **Synonyms:** captive, surety, pawn
- **Antonyms:** captor, warden, ringleader
- **Word usage:** The thieves were held hostage after the police caught them red-handed.

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Beware China's vaccine nationalism

The article at hand talks about China's decision to allow passengers from a few countries to visit China if they take China-made vaccines.

The author believes this decision is a clear testament to the fact that China wants to use anti-pandemic measures for diplomatic purposes.

Since the pandemic's onset last year, China has worked tirelessly to ward off criticism and instead has focused on confusing the world about the origin of the pandemic. And if this wasn't enough, China has been trying to force nations to use its vaccines whose effectiveness has not been proven yet.

The author believes that if China wants to bolster international collaboration to fight the pandemic truly, it needs to let go of such a decision. After all, these decisions hamper its chances to improving its image to the world as well.

Words to look out for

Burnish:

- **Synonyms:** gloss, polish, shine
- **Antonyms:** dimness, dinginess, paleness
- **Word usage:** The clothes were burnishing after he washed them thoroughly.

Efficacy:

- **Synonyms:** efficiency, productivity, effectiveness
- **Antonyms:** inefficiency, incompetence, inaptitude
- **Word usage:** His efficacy was reduced after he was assigned a project that he hated.

Diplomacy:

- **Synonyms:** consideration, delicacy, poise
- **Antonyms:** discourtesy, disregard, disrespect
- **Word usage:** In the corporate world, you need to master the art of diplomacy.

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