

SC Verdict on Super Speciality Medical Seats: TN Health Minister

The Supreme Court issued directions on surrendering unfilled super speciality medical seats to AIQ and reverting 50% seats to states if percentiles are reduced.

A judicial ruling regulating counselling, seat surrender, and state-reversion mechanism for vacant DM/MCh super speciality medical seats.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Tamil Nadu will surrender unfilled super speciality medical seats for the **second round** of **All India Quota** (AIQ) counselling.
- If Directorate General of Health Services (**DGHS**) reduces the percentile post-counselling, **50% of vacant seats** must revert to the State.
- Tamil Nadu Health Minister **K.G. Arunraj** termed the **Supreme Court** ruling on super speciality seats as historic.
- The announcement was made during the **Tamil Nadu Medical Council Awards 2026** function held in **Chennai**.
- Thara Rangaswamy** was conferred the Award for **Professional Excellence** in Medicine at the event.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

All India Quota (AIQ) scheme for medical admissions was introduced in **1986** pursuant to the Supreme Court order in **Dr. Pradeep Jain** v. Union of India.

Tamil Nadu Medical Council is a statutory body established under the provisions of the **Madras Medical Registration Act, 1914**.

National Medical Commission (NMC) replaced the Medical Council of India (MCI) on **September 25, 2020**, under the NMC Act, 2019.

Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) is an attached office of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Government of India.

Supreme Court upheld Tamil Nadu's policy providing **50% in-service reservation** for state medical officers in super speciality courses.

Sustainable Development Goal 3 (**SDG 3**) targets **Good Health and Well-being**, where Tamil Nadu consistently scores high among Indian states.

REVISION FLASHCARD

If DGHS lowers NEET SS percentiles post-counselling, 50% of unfilled super speciality seats revert to the State.

Syllabus Relevance: Relevant for Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 under Unit 9 (TN Administration) and Unit 5 (Indian Polity & Judiciary).

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