

# Hospitals to display licence at entry

## Mushrooming Of Fake Clinics And Practitioners Makes Authentication Necessary

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bangalore:** When you visit a private clinic or a medical establishment in future, a licence may greet you at the entrance. The government is set to amend the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act, 2007, which will make it mandatory for all private

### QUACK MENACE

clinics/hospitals to display licences issued by the Karnataka Medical Establishment Board. The move comes in the wake of around 2,000 complaints regarding quacks.

"All medical establishments have to display licences as done in bars and other liquor joints," said health minister U T Khader on Friday.

So far, 1,980 cases of fake

### Colour coding

In probably a first for the country, the health department is mulling colour coding of licences issued for different medicinal practices. It will be done for streams like allopathy, homeopathy, ayurveda, unani and nature cure. "This will put an end to problems like ayush doctors prescribing allopathic medicines or vice-versa," said a senior official from the department.

doctors have come to the fore, with the maximum from Gulbarga (294).

Of them, notices have been issued to 1,819 and FIRs registered against 161. In Koppal, the figure stands at 196, followed by Bijapur (195),



**NO ENTRY:** Private clinics need to display their credentials clearly

Gadag (161) and Shimoga (151). In Bangalore, 13 such cases have been reported of which FIRs have been filed against two.

As per existing rules, medical institutions have to

put up licences in a conspicuous spot. "However, displaying them outside the hospital will go a long way in helping patients. Hence, the new rules are being formulated," the minister explained.

### Registration can be done online

To clear the application rush for licences under the PNDT (Preconception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques) Act, the health department on Friday launched an online registration system.

The facility is available in areas falling under Bangalore's jurisdiction and will be extended to other places gradually.

The department has received 6,650 applications for private establishments and 1,377 under PC & PNDT. For more information, applicants can log on to: <http://web3.kar.nic.in/kpme> and [www.pcndtbangalore.in](http://www.pcndtbangalore.in)

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