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Philippines announces education policy to open doors for Indian medical aspirants

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Strengthens the educational ties between India and the Philippines



In a landmark move, the Philippines has announced a policy change that will significantly benefit Indian medical students pursuing their MBBS degrees. A recent amendment to the Philippine Medical Act of 1959 has been approved by the House of Representatives, paving the way for Indian students, including those from foreign, to register and practice medicine in the Philippines.

This development comes after several years of persistent requests from India, recognising the Philippines as a top global destination for medical education.

The Philippines has emerged as a rising star in medical education, attracting aspiring doctors worldwide. It offers high-quality education at competitive costs, with tuition fees significantly lower than those in Western countries. The US-aligned curriculum ensures smooth transitions to international careers, supported by a strong network of globally recognised residency programmes.

Under this new provision, Indian students who complete their Doctor of Medicine degree from a Philippine College of Medicine recognised by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), along with a 12-month internship, will be eligible to register and practice medicine in the Philippines. The CHED will issue the necessary certification to facilitate this process, ensuring a smooth transition for Indian graduates.

With 64 duly authorized medical schools across the Philippines, Indian students now have an even more compelling reason to pursue their medical education in this country.