

SC ban puts Ayurveda docs in a fix

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June 1: The Supreme Court on Tuesday banned the practice of thousands of 'ayurvedic' practitioners not having the valid certificates or diplomas from recognised institutions.

The ban will apply to all 'Vaidya Virsharad' or 'Ayurved Ratna' awarded certificates or diplomas by the unrecognised institutions after October 1, 1976, the deadline fixed by the Parliament for prohibiting practice without any valid degree or diploma.

The ban will affect thousands of practitioners getting certificates of the Vaidya Visharad and Ayurved Ratna from the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (HSS), based in Prayag, a much sought after institution in the Hindi heartland.