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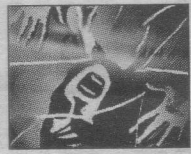
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## 82-year-old found guilty of raping 10-year-old

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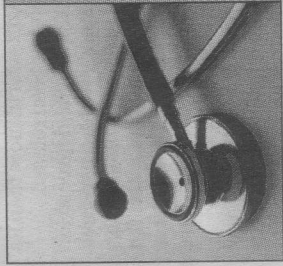
**Pune:** An additional ses-



sions court on Monday pronounced Mohiniraj Kulkarni, 82, guilty in the rape and murder case of a 10-year-old girl, who was found dead on the terrace of his bungalow on October 14, 2009. The quantum of punishment will be awarded on Tuesday.

Kulkarni was found guilty of committing offences punishable under the IPC Sections 302 (murder), 201 (destroying evidence) and 376 (2) (f) (committing rape of a girl below 12 years).

The girl's mother, Rekha Randive, worked as maid in the Kulkarni household.



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course on family medicine is more advanced than a simple MBBS and will help doctors wanting to increase their acumen in community health," Dr Talwar said.

At present, the only available post-graduate programme on family medicine was the DNB family medicine qualification, conducted by the National Board of Examinations-accredited community hospitals.

NBE executive director Dr Bipin Batra said, "The demand for DNB (family medicine) course run by the NBE

is seeing a major increase. We have 300 seats for this discipline. As against just 50 MBBS students enrolling to become family physicians a couple of years ago, the numbers reached close to 300 in 2011. This is mainly because private hospitals have increased their recruitment for general practitioners."

Students pursuing MD (medicine) are taught more in-depth on diseases, functions of various organs and their treatment.

Professor Ranjit Roychoudhury, former member of MCI's board of governors, said, "A person with a post-graduate degree in family medicine will look at preventive, prophylactic and promotive healthcare. He will have extensive knowledge on healthcare for the elderly who cannot move out of the house and will be taught on everything from gynecology, psychology to pediatrics."

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# Family doc concept back in business

## MCI Starts 3-Year PG In Family Medicine, Asks States To Roll Out Course

Kounteya Sinha | TNN

**New Delhi:** Family physicians — medical practitioners that were fast disappearing — are now being revived.

With India witnessing a rush of medical students keen on becoming "specialists", the health ministry and Medical Council of India (MCI) have notified introduction of a new three-year post-graduate course — MD in family medicine.

Chairman of MCI's board of governors, Dr K K Talwar said, "The curriculum has been prepared and sent to all state governments that have been told to roll out this broad speciality course."

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