Dental experts warn that India is educating too many dentists.

The organisations have sought to halt the trend by introducing regulations to make it more difficult, particularly for private entities, to open new colleges. For the next academic year, therefore, new institutes will only receive permission if associated with a nearby medical college. From 2015, all dental colleges will also have to be certified by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council in Bangalore, a government body for quality assurance in higher education.

However, experts say that these steps may already be too late and that there is time for a revised national strategy on dental education.