

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF AIIMS, BHUBANESWAR

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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, graced the fifth convocation ceremony of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, today (July 14, 2025).



Speaking on the occasion, the President was happy to note that AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, has grown significantly over the last 12 years. She said that be it patient care, medical research or social welfare activities, this Institute has earned many accolades and has won the hearts of the people of Odisha and the neighbouring states such as West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and others.



The President was happy to note that the World Health Organisation has recognised the excellence of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, with the Asia Safe Surgical Implant Consortium QIP Award for maintaining high standards in surgical instrument and implant reprocessing. The Institute has also received the National Kayakalpa Award for exceptional sanitation and other hospital services for five consecutive years.



The President said that AIIMS, established in various parts of the country, are providing healthcare through the latest medical science and experienced doctors. People are getting quality medical facilities at a low cost

in these institutes. She expressed confidence that India will become a leading healthcare destination in the world, thanks to the success of AIIMS.



The President said that research in medical science is making treatment easier. The occurrence of many epidemics has reduced. Burden of diseases like smallpox, leprosy, polio, tuberculosis etc., are no longer the same as before. For this, doctors, researchers, health and social workers and governments deserve praise.



The President said that depression is becoming a major issue in society. Apart from medicine, awareness is also necessary to treat depression. A lifestyle change can provide mental peace. She said that yoga and pranayama could be helpful in mental health. She urged doctors to make people aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

The President said that obesity, a lifestyle disease, is also a matter of concern. One can get rid of this disease

through a disciplined routine, improvement in eating habits and regular exercise. She told doctors to create awareness in society on this matter.

The President advised doctors to focus on solving local problems. She said that two diseases are prominent in the tribal society - one is Japanese Encephalitis and the other is Sickle Cell Anemia. The government has taken many steps in this direction. Doctors should do as much research as possible for the treatment of these diseases.

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