



Update on Medical Education in India

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PG Medical Seats Grow Substantially from 31,185 to 82,059 over the past decade

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As per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS 2022) recommend provision of 1 bed per 1000 population, Ayushman Arogya Mandir- Primary Health Centre (AAM-PHC) with 6 indoor/ observation beds is to be established to cover 20,000 to 30,000 population, Community Health Centres (CHCs) with 30 beds to cover population of 80,000-1,20,000, Sub-District Hospitals with 31-100 beds to cover population of 1,00,000 - 5,00,000 and District Hospital with 101-500 beds to cover population upto 30,00,000.

As of now, there are 13,86,150 registered allopathic doctors. The Ministry of AYUSH has informed that there are 7,51,768 registered practitioners in the AYUSH system of medicine. Assuming that 80% of registered practitioners in both the allopathic and AYUSH systems are available, the doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be 1:811. It is worth to note that the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a doctor-to-population ratio of 1:1000.

There has been significant increase in Medical Colleges, Under Graduate(UG) and Post Graduate(PG) seats in the country. There is an increase in Medical Colleges from 387 to 818; UG seats from 51,348 to 1,28,875 and PG seats from 31,185 to 82,059 from 2014 to as on date.

As informed by Indian Nursing Council (INC), there are 42.94 lakh nursing personnel are registered in the country as on 31st march, 2025. There are 5253 Nursing institutions including 809 government and 4444 private institutions producing nearly 3.87 lakh nursing personnel annually, to meet the requirement of nursing personnel in the country.

Health Dynamics of India (HDI) (Infrastructure & Human Resources), 2022-23, formerly known as Rural Health Statistics (RHS) is an annual publication, based on Health care administrative data reported by States/UTs. Details of health facilities and hospital beds therein functioning in rural areas, details of doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff can be accessed at the following links:

Sl. No.	RHS/HDI	Link
1.	RHS 2019-20	https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/RHS%202019-20_2.pdf
2.	RHS 2020-21	https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/rhs20-21_2.pdf
3.	RHS 2021-22	https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/RHS%202021-22_2.pdf
4.	HDI 2022-23	https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%

The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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