



Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda Addresses Manav Rachna Convocation 2025–26

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Manav Rachna Convocation 2025–26**

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Responsibility for Youth: Shri J.P. Nadda**

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**Give Back to Society That Shaped You: Shri J.P. Nadda to
Graduates**

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Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, addressed the Convocation Ceremony 2025–26 of Manav Rachna Educational Institutions (MREI), held with academic grandeur and enthusiasm.

Addressing the gathering, Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda described the convocation as a milestone achieved through years of hard work, perseverance, discipline, and dedication, marking not just the culmination of an academic journey but the beginning of a new phase of responsibility towards the nation and society. He urged the graduating students to move forward guided by strong values, ethical conduct, and a commitment to public service.



Shri Nadda emphasized that the graduating cohort is privileged to be entering their professional lives during the second phase of Amrit Kaal, leading up to 2047, when India aspires to become a fully developed nation. He underlined that this phase presents both immense opportunities and equally significant responsibilities, calling upon the youth to contribute meaningfully to national development.

Highlighting the transformative progress achieved under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi over the last eleven years, the Union Minister noted that 23 AIIMS have been established, up from just 6 earlier, creating a robust network of state-of-the-art healthcare institutions across the country. He further stated that India has made remarkable advances across healthcare indicators, ranging from maternal and child health to communicable and non-communicable diseases.



He pointed out that institutional deliveries have increased from 78 percent to 89 percent, while Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) have declined at nearly three times the global average rate. Referring to tuberculosis control efforts, Shri Nadda highlighted that the World Health Organization (WHO) has acknowledged India's significant progress, with TB notification increasing substantially and the decline rate being twice the global average. He also noted that Malaria related death prevalence has reduced to 0.6% despite India accounting for nearly one-sixth of the world's population.

Shri Nadda further emphasized that out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure has declined sharply from 62 percent to 39.4 percent, driven by initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, and large-scale population screening programmes, making healthcare more accessible and affordable.



Underscoring the challenges ahead, he urged students to maintain both quality and scale in service delivery while addressing the needs of India's vast population. He also acknowledged the collective contribution of parents, faculty members, institutional leadership, and support staff in shaping the students' academic success.

Concluding his address, Shri Nadda exhorted graduates to always carry the sentiment that society has enabled their success and, in return, they must strive to give back by serving society selflessly and meaningfully.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Prashant Bhalla, Chancellor, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS) and Manav Rachna University (MRU), congratulated the graduating students and emphasized the institution's commitment to academic excellence, innovation-driven learning, industry collaboration, and global exposure. He encouraged students to remain rooted in ethical values while striving for professional excellence and societal impact.

During the ceremony, Honoris Causa degrees were conferred upon distinguished personalities in recognition of their outstanding contributions to society. The recipients included Justice Gita Mittal (MRU); Ms. Shreyasi Singh, Sports Minister of Bihar (MRIIRS); Dr. Anil Kumar J. Nayak, National President, Indian Medical Association (MRIIRS); and H.E. Dr. Ian Borg, Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs & Tourism, Republic of Malta (MRIIRS).

A total of 2,150 students from diverse disciplines including engineering, management, law, education, sciences, and healthcare were awarded degrees during the convocation. This included 521 undergraduate students, 58 postgraduate students, and 11 doctoral scholars, marking a significant academic milestone for the graduating cohort. Meritorious students were also honoured with gold medals and academic awards for their exemplary academic performance and outstanding achievements.

Senior dignitaries, faculty members, parents, and graduating students were present on the occasion.

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