



Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Addresses 23rd Convocation Ceremony of NBEMS in New Delhi

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and One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Initiative at 23rd
NBEMS Convocation**

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Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, addressed the 23rd Convocation Ceremony of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, held today in New Delhi.



Addressing the gathering, Shri J.P. Nadda, Union Health Minister, stated that the Convocation was not merely a ceremony for conferment of degrees, but a celebration of the dedication, perseverance and hard work of students, teachers and parents who have contributed immensely to the success of the graduating medical professionals. He noted that the occasion was a proud moment for every family, mentor and institution associated with the graduating candidates.

The Union Health Minister remarked that by honouring the country's emerging specialists, India is shaping the future of its healthcare ecosystem. He emphasized that the expertise, innovation and commitment of these young doctors would play a vital role in addressing the healthcare challenges of the nation and strengthening healthcare delivery systems across the country.



Highlighting the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047* under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, he stated that a healthy India forms the very foundation of a developed and self-reliant nation. He underlined that health is a key pillar for achieving national progress and sustainable development, and a

strong healthcare system is indispensable for building an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

He emphasized that healthcare is not merely about creating physical infrastructure, but about nurturing skilled and compassionate doctors who form the backbone of the healthcare system. “As policymakers, we can facilitate infrastructure and systems, but while buildings constitute the hardware, doctors are the true software of healthcare,” he remarked.



The Union Health Minister expressed satisfaction that NBEMS qualifications have emerged as symbols of quality, excellence and trust in medical education. He noted that the NBEMS brand today commands national recognition for producing highly competent medical specialists dedicated to patient care and professional excellence.

He also lauded NBEMS for launching 11 new academic courses during the occasion, stating that these programmes would significantly contribute towards enhancing patient care, strengthening specialized healthcare services and benefiting society at large. Appreciating the implementation of the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative in institutions running NBEMS courses, he congratulated NBEMS for ensuring wider access to academic resources and learning opportunities for students and faculty members.

The Union Health Minister reaffirmed that NBEMS continues to make significant contributions towards strengthening medical education and capacity building in the country by producing skilled and committed healthcare professionals.



Highlighting the transformative expansion of medical education over the past decade, he stated that India has witnessed unprecedented growth in healthcare infrastructure and medical institutions under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He noted that while the country had only one AIIMS till the end of the 20th century, six additional AIIMS were established during the tenure of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Since then, 16 new AIIMS have been added, taking the total number to 23 institutions across the country. He further stated that the Government is now focused on strengthening all AIIMS institutions to match the standards of AIIMS New Delhi, while also enabling these premier institutions to mentor other medical colleges and healthcare institutions nationwide.

The Union Health Minister informed that the number of medical colleges in the country has increased from 387 to 818, while undergraduate medical seats have risen to nearly 1.28 lakh. Similarly, postgraduate medical seats have expanded from around 31,000 to nearly 85,000. He further noted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has announced the addition of 75,000 more UG and PG medical seats over the next five years, out of which nearly 23,000 seats have already been established in the past two years.

He further informed that the Government has sanctioned nearly ₹15,000 crore for the period from 2026 to 2029 towards strengthening undergraduate and postgraduate medical education infrastructure and enhancing quality standards in government medical colleges.

The Union Health Minister emphasized that medical education is not merely an entitlement, but a privilege made possible through the combined efforts of the Government, teachers, institutions and society. He urged the graduating doctors to dedicate themselves towards serving society with compassion, integrity and commitment.

Encouraging the young specialists to contribute towards medical teaching and academics, he stated that students should remain committed to continuous learning throughout their professional lives. He also underlined the importance of effective communication skills in medical practice and patient care.

Emphasizing the need for a holistic healthcare approach, he stated that the focus of the healthcare system must increasingly shift towards preventive and promotive healthcare alongside curative care. Referring to the growing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), he stressed that lifestyle-related factors are emerging as major public health challenges and called upon healthcare professionals to actively promote awareness and healthy lifestyles among citizens.

He concluded by urging the graduating doctors to preserve their spirit of learning and intellectual curiosity throughout their careers, stating that lifelong learning remains essential for excellence in the medical profession.

The Convocation marked a momentous academic and professional milestone for thousands of doctors across the country who successfully completed various postgraduate and postdoctoral medical programmes conducted by NBEMS.

During the ceremony, 26,396 eligible candidates were conferred DNB, DrNB, Diploma and FNB qualifications in recognition of their academic excellence, clinical proficiency and professional competence. In recognition of exceptional merit and outstanding academic performance, Gold Medals were conferred in-person upon 137 toppers among NBEMS trainees across various specialties for their exemplary achievements in the NBEMS exit examinations.

During the event, Union Health Minister also launched 11 new academic courses aimed at further strengthening specialized medical education and enhancing quality patient care across the country.



The occasion also marked the launch of the *One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)* initiative, a Government-approved initiative aligned with the vision of building an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. The initiative seeks to provide nationwide access to high-impact scholarly research articles, journals and academic publications for students, faculty members and researchers, thereby promoting equitable access to quality academic resources and strengthening the research ecosystem in medical education.

Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, Union Health Secretary; Dr. Abhijat Sheth, President, NBEMS; faculty of NBEMS, Students and parents were present during the event.

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