President Droupadi Murmu Addresses 12th Convocation of ABVIMS and Dr. RML Hospital in Presence of Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda

President Urges Young Doctors to Uphold Medical Ethics and Place Compassion, Sensitivity and Service to Humanity at the Heart of Healthcare

President Highlights India's Remarkable Progress in Healthcare Delivery, Medical Education and Expansion of Healthcare Infrastructure

Medical Education Is Both a Privilege and a Profound Responsibility Towards Society: Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda

Union Health Minister Highlights ₹15,000 Crore Government Initiative to Add 10,000 Medical Seats, Strengthening India's Healthcare Workforce

324 Medical Graduates Awarded Degrees Across Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Super-Specialty Disciplines; 58 Gold Medals Conferred for Academic Excellence

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The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences (ABVIMS) and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, celebrated its 12th Convocation Ceremony today at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Hon’ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, addressed the gathering on the occasion in the presence of Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri J.P. Nadda.

The convocation ceremony marked an important milestone in the academic journey of the graduating students, recognising their dedication, perseverance and commitment to the medical profession.



Addressing the gathering, the Hon’ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, congratulated the graduating students and appreciated the significant representation of female graduates, observing that the achievements of the daughters reflected the growing participation of women in medical education and the healthcare sector. She highlighted the important role played by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in providing extensive clinical exposure to medical students. Referring to the hospital's patient footfall, she noted that more than 19 lakh patients availed its OPD services in 2025, providing students with valuable hands-on experience and strengthening their clinical knowledge and confidence.

Highlighting India's transformation in healthcare over the past decade, the President observed that sustained government initiatives had strengthened healthcare delivery from the grassroots to advanced tertiary care. She noted that approximately 1.75 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs were operational across the country, expanding access to primary healthcare services. She also highlighted the expansion of tertiary healthcare and medical education beyond metropolitan cities into Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, enabling people, particularly those from rural and underserved communities, to access specialised healthcare services closer to their homes. She emphasised the importance of telemedicine in bridging geographical barriers and ensuring that quality medical consultations reach people in remote areas.

The President highlighted the shift in India's healthcare approach towards preventive and promotive healthcare, in line with the National Health Policy, 2017. She emphasised the growing importance of early screening, detection and management of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes, mental health conditions and various forms of cancer. She observed that large-scale screening initiatives undertaken across the country were essential to identifying health conditions at an early stage and ensuring timely treatment, particularly among vulnerable populations.



Referring to the Government's initiatives towards strengthening financial protection in healthcare, the President highlighted the role of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), which provides health coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per year, helping reduce the financial burden of hospitalisation and improving access to quality healthcare for economically vulnerable families. She also highlighted the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Yojana, which extends the benefit of ₹5 lakh health coverage to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

The President also underscored the importance of integrating traditional systems of medicine with modern healthcare. She noted that efforts to promote Ayurveda and Yoga, alongside modern medical practices, had strengthened the country's holistic approach to health and well-being. She highlighted the co-location of Ayush services in government healthcare institutions and the growing emphasis on collaborative research. She also referred to international cooperation through the Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization's Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in advancing research and promoting evidence-based traditional healthcare practices.

Addressing the graduating medical professionals, the President urged them to uphold the highest standards of professional ethics, sensitivity and compassion in their careers. She emphasised that access to quality healthcare must not remain limited to urban centres and privileged sections of society, and called upon the doctors to extend their services to people living in remote and underserved areas. She encouraged the graduates to contribute not only to clinical care but also to medical research, innovation and the development of solutions suited to India's specific socio-economic, nutritional and environmental conditions.

The President further emphasised the transformative potential of emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence, in improving the accessibility, affordability and efficiency of healthcare delivery. Drawing lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, she called upon medical professionals to remain adaptable and embrace technological advancements while ensuring that healthcare remains people-centric.

Emphasising the significance of the One Health approach, the President observed that human health was closely interconnected with animal health, vegetation and the environment. Referring to emerging zoonotic diseases, environmental pollution and climate change, she stressed the need for coordinated efforts among medical professionals, veterinarians, environmental scientists and other stakeholders. She called for greater interdisciplinary collaboration to strengthen disease surveillance, enable early detection and build resilience against future public health challenges.

Addressing the Convocation, Addressing the gathering, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri J.P. Nadda, described ABVIMS and Dr. RML Hospital as a pioneering institution and a beacon of excellence in medical education and healthcare. Furthermore, Shri Nadda appreciated its contributions to medical research, infrastructure development and specialised clinical services.

He highlighted that the institution provides an exceptional learning environment by combining a high volume of patient care with quality medical standards, thereby offering students invaluable clinical exposure and practical experience. He also appreciated the institution's achievements in organ donation, organ retrieval and complex surgical procedures, along with the continuous development of its infrastructure and various departments.



Emphasising that professional medical education is a privilege accompanied by significant social responsibility, the Union Health Minister stated that while primary and secondary education are fundamental rights, medical education is supported by a substantial ecosystem of public investment, institutional resources and societal contributions. Referring to the initiatives undertaken under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, he highlighted the Government's allocation of ₹15,000 crore towards the creation of 10,000 undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats, underscoring the significant investment made in strengthening India's medical education infrastructure. He urged the graduating doctors to recognise this investment as a responsibility to serve society with dedication, compassion and professional excellence.

Shri Nadda further emphasised that students must remain grateful to their teachers for their guidance and acknowledge the sacrifices and support of their parents throughout their academic journey. He observed that the achievements of medical graduates are not solely the result of their individual efforts but also reflect the collective contribution of families, teachers and the larger society.

Highlighting the transformation of medical education in India over the past decade, the Union Health Minister noted the expansion of the country's healthcare and medical education infrastructure, including the establishment and operationalisation of 23 All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). He observed that these institutions are equipped with modern infrastructure and advanced facilities, strengthening India's capacity to provide quality medical education and specialised healthcare services.

Concluding his address, Shri Nadda reiterated the Government of India's commitment to providing world-class medical education infrastructure and healthcare facilities across the country. He urged the graduating doctors to carry forward the values of professional integrity, compassion and service, and to dedicate their knowledge and skills towards the health and well-being of the nation.



As part of the ceremony, the Union Health Minister released the Annual Report (2025–26) and the ABVIMS Journal, highlighting the institution's academic, clinical, research and institutional achievements.

The convocation formally inducted 324 graduating medical professionals into the healthcare workforce across undergraduate, postgraduate and super-specialty disciplines. The graduating cohort comprised 100 MBBS students from the Batch of 2020, including 79 male and 21 female students. A total of 177 students graduated from MD/MS programmes across 17 broad specialties from the batches of 2022–2025, comprising 115 male and 62 female students. In the super-specialty disciplines, 47 students graduated from DM/M.Ch./DrNB programmes across 13 specialties from the batches of 2022–2025, including 35 male and 12 female students.



A total of 58 Gold Medals were conferred upon top-performing graduates in recognition of their outstanding academic performance and clinical excellence.

Infrastructure and Clinical Milestones

The occasion also highlighted significant advancements in the institution's healthcare infrastructure and clinical capabilities. These included the commissioning of the new 666-bed Super-Specialty Block, featuring dedicated departments for Radiotherapy, Nuclear Medicine, Surgical Oncology and Gastrointestinal Surgery. The new facility has further strengthened the availability of specialised and advanced healthcare services.

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital also achieved a significant milestone in 2025 by becoming the first Central Government hospital in India to receive full accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), reflecting its commitment to quality healthcare, patient safety and institutional excellence.



The occasion celebrated the achievements of the graduating students and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to excellence in medical education, research and patient care. It also encouraged the next generation of medical professionals to uphold the highest standards of professional ethics, compassion and dedication in their service to the nation.

Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family welfare; Dr. Abhijat Seth, Chairman, National Medical Commission (NMC); Dr. (Prof) Akhilandeswari Prasad, Director, RML and other senior officials of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, faculty members, healthcare professionals, graduating students and their family members, among others present at the event.

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