Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda Dedicates Healthcare and Institutional Projects Worth Over ₹172 Crore to the Nation; Addresses 15th Convocation of JIPMER, Puducherry

Dedicated Initiatives Boost JIPMER's Capabilities in Cancer Care, Cardiac Services, Research, Diagnostics and Affordable Medicines

Cardiac Cathlab Complex, TrueBeam Linear Accelerator, and Centre for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Among Seven Initiatives Dedicated at JIPMER

816 Students Awarded Degrees Across Doctoral, Super-Specialty, Postgraduate, Undergraduate, Nursing and Allied Health Courses; Medals and Endowment Prizes Conferred in 88 Award Categories

"Professional education is a privilege and social responsibility": Shri J.P. Nadda urges graduating doctors to give back to society

"By 2029, We Will Add 75,000 More UG and PG Seats": J.P. Nadda Announces Next Leap in Medical Education at JIPMER

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The Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, today dedicated seven healthcare, research and student care initiatives to the Nation at the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Subsequently, at the Institute's 15th Convocation, he conferred degrees upon graduating students, delivered the Convocation Address and presented medals and endowment prizes across 88 award categories.

The dedication of the seven facilities at JIPMER, with a collective investment of ₹172.27 crore, represent a significant step towards expanding access to quality healthcare while reinforcing the Institute's role as a leading centre of medical education, research and

patient care. These initiatives were:



- **Centre for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (₹30.28 crore):** To strengthen JIPMER's multidisciplinary research ecosystem through advanced facilities in genomics, proteomics and metabolomics, along with platforms in flow cytometry, cell culture, confocal microscopy and advanced imaging. It will promote collaborative biomedical research and the translation of scientific discoveries into improved patient care.
- **Dhanvantari House (₹42.26 crore):** A 400-bedded boys 'hostel in a G+7-storeyed building with 200 double-bed rooms, an air-conditioned dining hall and reading room, passenger lifts, solar water heating and accessibility features.
- **64-Slice CT Scanner at the Multi-Speciality Consulting Unit, Yanam (₹4.73 crore):** To provide advanced diagnostic imaging to patients in Yanam and surrounding regions, reducing the need for referrals to distant healthcare centres.
- **Varian TrueBeam High-Energy Linear Accelerator (₹26 crore):** At the Regional Cancer Centre, it introduces advanced radiotherapy techniques including IMRT, VMAT, Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy, enabling precise treatment while protecting surrounding healthy tissue. It has an anticipated capacity of about 70 patients per day.
- **Advanced 4D CT Simulator (₹9 crore):** Also at the Regional Cancer Centre, it enables accurate tumour localisation, respiratory motion assessment and precision radiotherapy planning, and is integrated with the TrueBeam system. Together, the two cancer care facilities represent an investment of ₹35 crore.
- **State-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory Complex (approximately ₹60 crore): I**t comprises Biplane and Single-plane Cath Labs, a 16-bed Post-Cath Cardiac Critical Care Unit (doubled from 8 beds) and a dedicated Radial Suite, enhancing the management of complex cardiac conditions in children and adults.
- **Three AMRIT Pharmacy outlets:** At the Super Speciality Block, SSB Annex Block and Regional Cancer Centre Annex Block, the pharmacies offer affordable

medicines, surgical consumables and implants with savings of up to 50%, and reducing patients 'out-of-pocket expenditure.



At the dedication event, Shri Nadda said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is progressing with determination towards Viksit Bharat, and that a developed India must also be a healthy India. He noted that the Government of India is committed to strengthening universal health coverage through expanded access to healthcare, robust public health infrastructure and quality, affordable medical services for every citizen, and to building a health system that is more resilient, inclusive and future-ready. The Minister said that the government is continually empowering premier public healthcare institutions across the country to fulfill these aspirations.

The Union Health Minister stated that the newly dedicated initiatives were investments in the health and future of the people, and further highlighted their wide-ranging focus on advanced biomedical research and innovation, educational infrastructure, modern diagnostics, precision cancer treatment, cardiac care and improved access to medicines. He particularly underscored the significance of the Centre for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in strengthening the research ecosystem and translating scientific discoveries into practical healthcare solutions.



Looking ahead, he welcomed JIPMER's vision to establish a Multi-Organ Transplantation Centre and a dedicated Centre for Trauma Care and Rehabilitation at Sedarapet. He said these proposed facilities would transform access to highly specialised healthcare in the region, extend advanced medical services to underserved communities and ease the financial burden on vulnerable families. Shri Nadda appreciated JIPMER's role in ensuring that quality and advanced healthcare remains accessible to the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society, including through Ayushman Bharat and other public health programmes, observing that for thousands of families the Institute is a source of hope, dignity and financial protection. He encouraged JIPMER fraternity to continue setting higher standards in patient care, education and research.

Shri Nadda also released the Institute magazine 'Vanakkam JIPMER', an exclusive edition on Viksit Bharat 2047, and interacted with eminent dignitaries and JIPMER officials.

The Union Health Minister then proceeded to attend the Convocation ceremony, where he conferred the degrees, presented the awards and delivered the Convocation Address.



Addressing the gathering, the Union Health Minister congratulated the graduating students, faculty members and parents, describing the occasion as a significant milestone that marks the transition from learning to leadership. He lauded JIPMER's legacy as an Institute of National Importance and a premier institution in medical education, research and healthcare delivery. He also appreciated the Institute's achievements in advanced medical care, particularly in organ donation and transplantation, its pioneering work in robotic surgery and expertise in managing complex cancer care, noting that over 46,815 surgeries had been performed at the Institute in 2025–26.

Highlighting the transformative progress made in medical education and healthcare under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Nadda underscored the substantial expansion of India's medical education infrastructure. He noted that the number of AIIMS has increased from 6 to 23, medical colleges from 387 to 863, and MBBS seats from 51,000 to 1.43 lakh. He further stated that the Government is working towards adding 75,000 undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats by 2029, in line with the Prime Minister's vision, while maintaining a focus on quality and ensuring a balance between undergraduate and postgraduate seats.



He also highlighted the Government's efforts to strengthen healthcare delivery across the continuum, from preventive and primary healthcare to secondary and tertiary care, through initiatives such as Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, PM-ABHIM, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Underscoring the impact of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, he noted that the programme has facilitated over 13 crore hospitalisations and contributed to reducing out-of-pocket expenditure on healthcare from 64 per cent to 42 per cent. Emphasising the importance of accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, he called upon young doctors to embrace digital health solutions, including e-prescriptions and digital health records, and contribute to strengthening the country's healthcare ecosystem.

Shri Nadda further urged the graduating students to recognise their responsibility towards the people and institutions that have contributed to their journey, emphasizing that professional medical education is a privilege made possible through the collective efforts and resources of society. He observed that their achievements were not the result of individual hard work alone, but were also enabled by the support of parents, teachers, faculty members and several other contributors to the institutional ecosystem. Shri Nadda concluded his address by calling upon the graduates to uphold their professional and social responsibilities, urging them to serve patients and communities with dedication, compassion and commitment, and give back to society.



The Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, Shri K. Kailashnathan, described JIPMER as the pride of Puducherry and a beacon of excellence in medical education and healthcare, highlighting its contribution to public health and community health services in Puducherry and neighbouring states. He lauded the institution's role in implementing the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's welfare initiatives, particularly Ayushman Bharat, and in providing accessible and quality healthcare to the people. Congratulating the graduating students and award winners, he urged them to uphold their responsibility towards patients and society, stating that they would serve as ambassadors of JIPMER wherever their professional journeys take them. He encouraged them to use their knowledge and skills to serve the underserved and contribute to building a healthier and stronger India. He also acknowledged the dedication and contributions of faculty members and parents in shaping the graduates' achievements.

A total of 816 students were awarded degrees at the Convocation. Of these, 592 degrees were conferred in doctoral, medical, dental and super-specialty courses. A further 224 degrees were conferred in nursing, public health and allied health courses. Medals and endowment prizes were presented to candidates who excelled in academics by securing the highest marks in their respective subjects, across 88 award categories.



The event celebrated the achievements of the graduating students and reaffirmed JIPMER's commitment to excellence in medical education, research and patient care.

Dr. Chitra Sarkar, President of JIPMER, presided over the Convocation, and Dr. Vir Singh Negi, Director, JIPMER, presented the Institute Report highlighting JIPMER's achievements in medical education, patient care and research. Faculty members, graduating students and their families, and other dignitaries were also present.

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