

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES(AIIMS)
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

he steps being taken by the Government in maintaining the sacrosanct and supremacy of premier Institutions like AIIMS and to further improve their image?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is an autonomous institution of national importance established in 1956 by an Act of Parliament to serve as a nucleus for nurturing excellence in all aspects of health care.

The prime concern of the Institute is to develop patterns of teaching in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education in all the branches so as to demonstrate a high standard of medical education to all medical colleges and other allied institutions in India.

By virtue of the Act, the institute grants its own medical degrees and other academic distinctions. The degrees granted by the Institute under the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Act are recognized medical qualifications for the purpose of the Indian Medical Council Act and notwithstanding anything contained therein, are deemed to be included in the first Schedule of that Act, entitling the holders to the same privileges as those attached to the equivalent awards from the recognized Universities of India.

At present AIIMS is imparting teaching and Research in 43 disciplines. The AIIMS faculty members have been generating research funds to the tune of Rs.23 crores approx. per year from various governmental and international funding agencies like DST, CSIR, ICMR, WHO etc. In addition, there are many grants from bilateral collaboration programme such as Indo-US, Indo- French & Indo-German. In the field of medical research AIIMS is the leader, having more than 600 research publications by its faculty and researchers. Other significant areas of research contributed in Leprosy: Pathogenesis and immunological mechanisms, Protein calorie malnutrition; causes and mechanisms, Pathogenesis of hepatitis due to viral causes: Hepatitis B,C & E and development of diagnostic tests, Effect of yoga on the nervous system and Multi- drug resistant tuberculosis.

The AIIMS is receiving a large number of patients from all over India and overseas for treatment at AIIMS and adequate medical care is provided by qualified medical faculty and para medical staff. An average of about 7000 patients per day are attended to in the General OPD and specialty clinic of AIIMS everyday.

The Institute has state of the art diagnostic facilities. It has also started telemedicine facilities since November 2002. 85 Centres are already connected with AIIMS to provide best possible patient care facilities from Leh to Andamans. Besides, the Institute also have organ transplantation facilities in respect of Heart, Kidney, Cornea, Bone Marrow, Liver and Bone Bank.

Government has taken following steps to set up infrastructure to further improve patient care services.

(i) The existing Ansari Nagar Campus of AIIMS is being re-planned for effective functioning and for decongestion of the existing OPDs and wards. Following units are planned in Phase-I:-

Expansion of OPD, Construction of "E" Wing in ward block, Centre for Mother & Child Health, Centre for Nephrology/Urology, Vertical Expansion of Dr. RPC X-Ray wing, Construction of Multi Storeyed Animal House, Construction of Kitchen & Services Block, Multi level Parking for Approx 1500 vehicles, Centre for Gastroenterology & G.I. Surgery, Construction of Convention Hall and Library, Construction of PC & Teaching Block extension, Construction of Administrative Block/College of Nursing/Library, Utility Block for garages/Central Stores, Hostel Blocks for students/resident doctors/nursing students for approx 700 beds and Advanced Centre for Geriatrics

(ii) The Institute has also proposed to create following new facilities in order to Construction of 500 bedded Centre for Women & Child, Construction of New Pre-clinical & Teaching Block, Surgical Centre, Construction of Houses Type A/B/C at Ayur-Vigyan Nagar, Construction of Hostels at Masjid Moth Campus, Strengthening of Various Departments.