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PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES 12TH CONVOCATION OF ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND DR RAM MANOHAR LOHIA HOSPITAL

CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 The President of India, Droupadi Murmu graced the 12th convocation of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi today (November 20, 2026).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that today the concept of 'One Health' is of paramount importance in the field of global health. Due to the constant contact between humans, animals, plants, and the environment, a health issue arising in one domain can affect others as well. Many infectious diseases spread from animals to humans, while air and water pollution, climate change, and environmental imbalances also pose serious challenges to human health. It is, therefore, essential to work in collaboration with experts from the fields of human medicine, veterinary medicine, and environmental science. This integrated approach will not only facilitate disease prevention and timely detection but also enhance our preparedness to address future health crises.

The President said that understanding the social, economic, nutritional, and environmental conditions is crucial for the prevention and treatment of diseases, as these factors have a direct impact on human health. Research into treatment and preventive measures tailored to local health challenges and circumstances should be encouraged.

The President said that, in assessing the evolving health needs, the Government of India has revised the Health Policy in 2017. Within this comprehensive and inclusive Health Policy, greater emphasis was placed on preventive and promotive services, alongside curative solutions. The focus on rehabilitative and palliative care was also strengthened. In view of the rapid rise of non-communicable diseases such as mental stress, diabetes, and cancer, special emphasis is being placed on various aspects related to their prevention.



President said that the initiatives undertaken by the Government of India in the health sector over the past decade are yielding far-reaching effects. These have led to a significant expansion of healthcare services, spanning from primary to tertiary levels.

The President told graduating doctors that through their research and efforts, healthcare services can become more effective, accessible, affordable, and people-centric. She underlined that their expertise should also benefit marginalized communities in remote areas, as well as the country's primary healthcare services. Their thinking and actions should be such that the benefits of their skills can reach the underprivileged sections of society.

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