

Rs 800 crore to be spent to strengthen healthcare in state: Rajasthan Government

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With the recent launch of the Nirogi Rajasthan Campaign, the government is trying to facilitate smooth medical services and spread public awareness across states: Cabinet Minister of Medical and Health, Medical Education, Ayurveda and DIPR, Government of Rajasthan

Without a proper healthcare management system, no medical institution can successfully run their operation smoothly. Looking at the demographics of the state and increasing population, it is a challenging task to reach every person and facilitate the medical facilities for them. However, with the help of private players and NGO's, Government of Rajasthan is continuously making efforts towards achieving these goals said Dr Raghu Sharma, Cabinet Minister of Medical and Health, Medical Education, Ayurveda and DIPR, Government of Rajasthan, who was addressing the management students during the e-convocation ceremony (sixth convocation) of IIHMR University, Jaipur as the Chief Guest of the Ceremony. Priyanka Agarwal, Managing Director & Partner, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), New Delhi, was the Guest of Honour for the convocation. Dr Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University welcomed the guests and presented the university's annual report. Dr SD Gupta, Chairperson, IIHMR University also addressed the students.

While announcing the investment of over Rs 800 crore (MLA fund of two years) to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in the state, the Medical and Health Minister said, "We need to develop a robust healthcare system that is cheap and accessible to the common man. With the recent launch of the Nirogi Rajasthan Campaign, the government is trying to facilitate smooth medical services and spread public awareness across states. Even during the COVID-19 health crisis, Rajasthan is one of those states that successfully managed to contain the spread of COVID-19. We have also implemented the valuable suggestions of Dr Ashok Agrawal, Trustee, IIHMR University, and Dr Gupta who are an important members of COVID-19 Task Force, Government of Rajasthan."

Aggarwal while addressing the e-convocation as a key speaker and Guest of Honour, said, "The graduating students are amongst the smartest and most intelligent in the country having made it to the prestigious university. They have a unique advantage of looking at this time to set the stage for India's post-2020 healthcare. The kind of passion students holds for transforming healthcare in India will bring the humanitarian approach to healthcare breakthrough. We need passionate and focussed healthcare professionals to contribute to the development of society. I request students to keep alive their passion, dream big, and never stop learning."

Congratulating students and their parents on this historic occasion, Dr Pankaj Gupta, said, "My heartfelt congratulations with a special appreciation to those students who will be receiving awards, medals, and distinctions. He said, every student is a star in the little corners of our hearts, and everyone will contribute to the development of

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society and nation as that is what we taught them here at IIHMR University, Jaipur. Our initiative of conducting 50+ webinars with 100+ virtual speakers, during COVID-19 lockdown, helped our students to stay ahead and updated with the healthcare scenario across the world. The University has conducted 25+ FDPs / Distinguished Academic Leadership sessions for the faculty and research scholars of IIHMR University, during the year 2019-20. He suggested students for a life-long commitment towards learning.”

Presiding the convocation, Dr SD Gupta addressed the students- “You should be mindful to prepare and conduct yourself to the healthcare industry’s professional world. Remember, the first job is significant; it should be an opportunity that would open the door for future success as a professional. Employers look for high personal and professional integrity, and commitment to work. Your behaviour would matter a lot for the organisation. You must hone up your inter-personal relationship skills and behaviour. When you have a problem, think of a solution as well. While you work for the growth of the organisation, you choose, think of your personal growth to develop yourself as a future leader. He further encouraged the students to publish papers in reputed Journals, which will help them position as specialists in the area of interest. He urged the students to master the data analytic skills and to use information in decision making and problem-solving as well”.

Dr PR Sodani, Dean & Pro President, IIHMR University, moderated the convocation ceremony. He congratulated the students for their hard work and commitment they showed during the last two years. He said “I believe that you will contribute adequately to the health sector as you are trained now and have acquired the skill set required in India and globally. We will start a new chapter together to build a strong health system globally.”

The sixth convocation of IIHMR University went online this year amidst the COVID-19 lockdown. A total of 216 students were given their management and doctorate degrees during e-convocation, where eight students were awarded gold and silver medals. Among them, four girls were given a gold medal, while three girls and one boy were awarded a silver medal. The details are mentioned below:

Management Stream	Student Name	Medal Category
Hospital Management	Ayushi Sahastrabudhe	Gold Medal
	MitaliSethi	Silver Medal
Health Management	Akanksha Rakesh Jambusaria	Gold Medal
	Rupan Saini	Silver Medal

Pharmaceutical Management	Manreet Kaur	Gold Medal
	Shwetha T	Silver Medal
Rural Management	Reema Kachhap	Gold Medal
	Kartik Goutam	Silver Medal

Extending good wishes to the passing out students, Hem Kumar Bhargava, Registrar, IIHMR University, said, “The 2018-20 batch is special for us as they are passing out during a pandemic. We expect our students to innovate and bring a difference in the existing field of healthcare management.”

Students of IIHMR University, Jaipur were awarded their due degrees of MBA in Hospital Management, Pharmaceutical Management, and Rural Management, along with the doctorate degrees. Dr Sodani, Dr Saurabh Kumar, Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Management, Rahul Ghai, Dean, School of Development Studies, shared the memories of their association with students and congratulated them for their achievement.

The ceremony culminated with the singing of National Anthem. It was an evening of fond remembrance and achievement for the young management graduates who received their degrees in the ceremony, said, Dr Rani S

Ladha, Provost, IIHMR University. Even during this virtual moment, they were upbeat and expressed their elation.

