

## Health Ministry announces opening of new headquarters of National Dental Commission

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### MoU signed between the Dental Council of India and Quality Council of India

In a significant step towards dental healthcare, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the new headquarters of the National Dental Commission (NDC) in Delhi, and laid the foundation stones for three Nursing Colleges in Andhra Pradesh and one in Jammu and Kashmir virtually.

Additionally, Dr Mandaviya presided over the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Dental Council of India and Quality Council of India for the assessment and rating of undergraduate dental colleges and launched the National Dental Register under the National Health Digital Mission. Dr Mandaviya was joined by Dr Manik Saha, Chief Minister of Tripura and Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir joined virtually.

Through the Dental Commission Act, the government has made an effort to make dental education more practical, affordable and bring transparency in the entire system, simultaneously providing patients with affordable and good treatment.

Addressing the gathering, the Union Health Minister emphasised that with the launch of National Dental Register (NDR) created under One Nation One Register, the people of the country will get the identity and qualification of dentist in a transparent manner. He further added “NDR will provide Unique Identification (DCI ID) to all dentists practicing in India after verification from the respective State Dental Council. The NDR will also help citizens identify dentists verified by state dental councils.”