

## Health Ministry inks MoU for implementation of SBI- AIIMS New Delhi smart card system

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### AIIMS-SBI Smart Payment Card for hassle free payments launched

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the AIIMS-SBI Smart Payment Card, in New Delhi. The AIIMS-SBI Smart Payment Card will ensure hassle free payments for treatment in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with regards to implementation of the SBI- AIIMS New Delhi Smart card system was also signed.

Speaking on the occasion, the Health minister highlighted that the "AIIMS Smart Payment Card will resolve the long pending issue of patients from far flung areas carrying cash with them to the hospital." He added that patients or their caretakers can get the card easily from the facilitation centres across AIIMS, New Delhi and thereafter use it for payment at various counters.

Hailing the launch as a major step in patient care services and the Digital India initiative under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr Mandaviya stated that the Digital India initiative has ushered in a new era of ease and safety which was very elusive earlier and is still a distant goal for many countries.

Referring to the Smart Payment Card as 'One AIIMS, One Card,' the Union Minister added that funds can now be transferred easily and swiftly from across the country by anyone in case of any urgent payment related requirement, for the patient being attended at AIIMS, New Delhi. He also informed that in near future the services of these cards will be extended across all the AIIMS in the country. He further reiterated the centre's commitment towards adding further convenience measures for patients across the hospitals in the country.