

## North India's first govt homeopathic college to open in Kathua, J&K

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**"Kathua all set to emerge as North India's cost-effective and state-of-the-art centre of medical facilities", says Dr Jitendra Singh**

"North India's first Government Homeopathic College, centrally funded at a cost of Rs 80 crore will come up in Jasrota area of district Kathua in J&K", Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said.

Dr Jitendra Singh visited the proposed site of the college in Jasrota village, where work for the boundary wall has already started.

The Minister was briefed by the engineers and senior experts from the Department of Ayush about the institution. He said the institution will be spread over an area of more than 8 acres, adding that the adjoining three acres may also be added to the existing premises in due course of time.

"The proposed structure will include a hospital complex, a college, an administrative block and one hostel each for male and female students", Dr Jitendra Singh informed. He further informed that the open space will be utilised later on for construction of an auditorium, playground, etc.

Highlighting the medical infrastructure of Kathua built in the last ten years, Dr Jitendra Singh said the district now has a government medical college and a cancer treatment facility being provided by Tata Memorial Centre, Bombay. "The addition of a government Homeopathic College will make Kathua an integrated and cost effective healthcare centre of North India in times to come", he underlined.

The Minister added that with this, Kathua is all set to emerge as North India's cost-effective and state-of-the-art centre of medical facilities.