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J.P. Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare recently Stressing the need for rapid expansion of medical infrastructure in the country to cater to the growing demand, J.P. Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, said that 58 new medical colleges will be established across the country by 2018 at a cost of â?¹11,000 crore.

He said the same while delivering a video-address at the convocation of Khaja Banda Nawaz Institute of Medical Sciences recently.

“We are trying to bring excellence in the field of medical education by bringing out Central schemes to set up new medical colleges across the country attached with existing doctors/ referral hospitals. Under this scheme, we would establish 58 new medical colleges by 2018 at a cost of â?¹11,000 crore,” he said.

"5,000 postgraduate medical seats had been approved by the Union government at various colleges and hospitals across the country for 2017-18 taking the total number of postgraduate seats to 35,117. In addition, super-specialty blocks are being set up in 70 medical colleges. Two National Cancer Institutes, 20 State Cancer Institutes and 50 Tertiary Cancer Care Centres are also coming up,” he added