



Uttar Pradesh Gets Permission for New Medical Colleges

Why in News?

Recently, the [National Medical Commission \(NMC\)](#) granted permission to **seven new medical colleges** and increased seats in two existing colleges in **Uttar Pradesh**.

Key Points

- Permission has been issued for the autonomous state medical colleges in **Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Kushinagar, Pilibhit, Sultanpur, Kanpur Dehat and Lalitpur collectively** having **600 MBBS seats**.
 - Additionally, the government medical colleges in Agra and Meerut have had their seat counts increased by 72 and 50 bringing the total to **200 seats at the Agra Medical College and 150 seats at the Meerut Medical College**.

National Medical Commission (NMC)

- NMC is the **apex regulatory body for medical education and practice in India**.
- It was **established in 2020** by the [National Medical Commission Act, 2019](#), replacing the **Medical Council of India (MCI)**.
- It consists of four autonomous boards: the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board, and the Ethics and Medical Registration Board.
 - NMC also has a Medical Advisory Council, which advises the commission on matters related to medical education and practice.
- NMC is responsible for conducting and overseeing major screening tests, such as NEET-UG, NEET-PG, and FMGE.
- It also regulates the **standards and quality of medical education and training**, the registration and ethics of medical practitioners, and the assessment and rating of medical institutions.
- NMC has also achieved the prestigious [World Federation for Medical Education \(WFME\)](#) recognition, which means that the medical degrees awarded by the NMC are recognized globally.
 - The WFME was founded in 1972 by the World Medical Association, the World Health Organization, and other organizations.