



## Protests Over National Medical Commission Logo

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### Why in News?

The [National Medical Commission \(NMC\)](#) has recently changed its logo, which has sparked a controversy among the **medical fraternity**.

- The new logo features a colourful image of **Dhanvantri**, an avatar of Lord Vishnu who is considered the **god of Ayurveda in Hindu mythology**.
- The new logo also replaces the word 'India' with 'Bharat', and does not include the [national emblem](#).

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### Why are the Doctors Protesting Against the NMC logo?

- NMC officials justify Dhanvantri's presence in the logo as a representation of **India's rich cultural and mythological heritage in the field of medicine**.
- The **Indian Medical Association (IMA)** contends that the revised logo may promote a **specific religion and ideology**, prompting the IMA to express reservations about religious symbolism in the visual identity of a vital medical institution.
  - IMA argues that the logo of any national institution ought to capture the **aspirations of all our citizens in an equal manner** and by remaining neutral in all respects thereby eliminating any possibility of any part or section of the society feeling aggrieved in any manner.
- The logo change is also seen as disrespect to the [constitution](#), as it undermines the [secular and democratic values of the country](#).
- The logo change is also seen as a contradiction to the scientific and evidence-based nature of the

modern medical system, as it promotes a **mythical and unproven system of Ayurveda**.

## Dhanvantri

- Dhanvantri is revered as the **deity associated with Ayurveda**, the traditional system of medicine in Hinduism.
  - Dhanvantri symbolizes healing, well-being, and the restoration of health.
- Typically depicted with four hands, carrying medicinal herbs and the sacred pot, Dhanvantri is an iconic figure in the realm of health and medicine in Hindu culture.

## What is National Medical Commission (NMC)?

- NMC is the **apex regulatory body for medical education and practice in India**.
- NMC was established in 2020 by the **National Medical Commission Act, 2019, replacing the Medical Council of India (MCI)**.
- NMC 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.
- NMC 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.

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