

## Cabinet approves setting up of Medical College at Silvassa

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With an aim of increasing the availability of doctors and address the issue of shortage of doctors, The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of Medical College at Silvassa in the Union Territory (UT) of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

The project is expected to be completed by 2019-20 at a capital cost of Rs. 189 crore to be incurred in two years, 2018-19-Rs. 114 crore and 2019-20-Rs. 75 crore with yearly intake of 150 students.

The construction and capital expenditure of this project will be incurred as per the norms of Medical Council of India (MCI) norms and extant guidelines of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

It will also result in optimal utilization of the existing infrastructure of district hospitals and improve tertiary care facilities for the people of the two UTs and adjoining areas.

The Medical College will benefit the students, especially those of tribal and rural areas of the two UTs, which will promote social equity. Health equity will be promoted by provision of better services through improvement in the strength of doctors in the UTs.