

## National Institute for One Health to open in Nagpur

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**To help in investigation of outbreaks of emerging zoonotic agents concerned with public health**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone for the National Institute for One Health in Nagpur.

This new institute of medical excellence will further expedite the country's efforts in enhancing health research to serve our vulnerable populations.

With increased interaction between humans and animals – domestic and wild, and influenced by climate change, human health can no longer be seen in isolation. More than half of all infections that people get, can be spread by animals.

In this context, National Institute for One Health in Nagpur is an important infrastructural milestone for India. The Institute will focus on increasing preparedness and laboratory capabilities for identification of novel and unknown zoonotic agents. This dedicated institute will be equipped with the Bio Safety Level (BSL-IV) laboratory. It will help in investigation of outbreaks of emerging zoonotic agents concerned with public health and developing better control strategies.