

# [News story: India's major healthcare system development](#)

Healthcare UK is supporting a large project in India to create a network of 11 Medicities across the country. The Indo-UK Institute of Health (IUIH) programme is one of the world's largest healthcare initiatives currently underway. It aims to partner with key NHS providers to transform the provision of quality healthcare and medical education services across India.

## **The scope of the project**

IUIH's vision is to provide integrated healthcare across India by partnering with global leaders in research, education, technology, manufacturing and health care delivery.

The project led by Dr. Ajay Gupta, Group MD and CEO, IUIH will deliver a staged rollout of healthcare services across 100 cities. It will involve the development of 11 Medicities along with a network of primary care clinics across India. The project is envisaged to take 10 years to complete, with the first phase already underway.

## **Exporting NHS healthcare services to India**

Each Medicity will be developed in partnership with a leading NHS Trust under a commercial contract. This commitment by the Indian government and IUIH has already recorded over £150 million in export wins for the UK since 2015 and continues to grow. The scale of this project signifies significant export opportunities for NHS Trusts and other healthcare services providers throughout India.

The NHS partner for the first 2 sites at Nagpur and Amravati respectively, is Kings College Hospital (KCH). Healthcare UK was responsible for introducing Dr Ajay Gupta (IUIH) to KCH. Lord Kerslake, Chairman of Kings College sees the role of KCH as "bringing healthcare expertise and advice to the project".

## **Foundation stone laying ceremonies at 2 major Medicity sites**

In the last couple of weeks, high profile foundation stone laying ceremonies have been held at the first 2 Medicity sites at Nagpur and Amravati. This milestone is a major step forward and owes a great deal to 2.5 year's hard work by Healthcare UK and the Department for International Trade (DIT) India who have provided significant support and guidance to IUIH.

Local press releases cover the stone laying ceremonies in more detail. Chief Ministers of the 2 states where the sites are located attended the ceremonies. These articles show the scale and importance of the project to the development of India's healthcare system:

[Times of India](#)

[The Indian Express](#)