**Structured Abstract**

The article expresses the feeling of the author in an insightfully profound and witty manner on *‘Reading the National Medical Commission Act 2019’*. However, the manner of narration should not undermine the valid point raised by the author. The accusation of ‘Soul tampering’ must be resolved in an appropriate manner by the concerned authorities and the medical fraternity alike.

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READING THE NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION ACT 2019.

National Medical Commission (NMC) is an [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) regulatory body of 33 members which regulates [medical education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_education) and medical professionals. It replaced the Medical Council of India on 25 September 2020. The Commission grants recognition of medical qualifications, gives accreditation to medical schools, grants registration to medical practitioners, and monitors medical practice and assesses the medical infrastructure in India. It was earlier established for 6 months by an ordinance in January 2019 and later became a permanent law passed by [Parliament of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_of_India) and later approved by [President of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_India) on 8 August 2019.

Main Functions of the NMC include:

* Laying down policies for regulating medical institutions and medical professionals.
* Assessing the requirements of human resources and infrastructure in healthcare and medicines.
* Ensuring compliance by the State Medical Councils with the regulations made under the Bill.
* Framing guidelines for determination of fee for up to 50% of the seats in the private medical institutions.
* The NMC will make guidelines for a new cadre of non-MBBS mid-level health service providers such as nurse practitioners and pharmacists with limited rights to prescribe Medicines.
* Appellate powers.
* Common entrance examination.

### Reading the NMC Act 2019, it felt like a cosmetic change on the healthcare landscape of my country-a change that is redundant and exorbitant as we confront the world’s largest ever pandemic, COVID -19. The Act is not an independent Act. It is not a stand-alone Act by or in itself and demands a frequent parallel read with The Indian Medical Council Act 1956. Some Provision of the NMC Act 2019 need to be simultaneously read and interpreted with MCA 1956, thereby, creating conflict of execution and questioning the very motive behind dissolution of Medical Council of India. The pertinent question thus arises, is the Medical Council of India dissolved or evolved in spirit?

### Reading the NMC Act 2019, one feels NMC is guilty of soul tampering to meets its hidden agenda of another so called ‘Reform’ that is nothing but window dressing. Read it conscientiously, read it with your heart and you’ll know what I mean!

### *NMC and or MCA –* [*Hum Aur Tum Tum Aur Hum Do Jism Ek Jaan Hain Hum. Kahan Hai Kanoon*](https://r.search.yahoo.com/_ylt=AwrVBLswhKJfkWYAi._8w8QF;_ylu=c2VjA2NkLWF0dHIEc2xrA3NvdXJjZQR2dGlkA0I5OTk4BHJ1cmwDaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cueW91dHViZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g_dj1lRUFZZ1dGM1BOZw--/RV=2/RE=1604514992/RO=10/RU=https%3a%2f%2fwww.youtube.com%2fwatch%3fv%3deEAYgWF3PNg/RK=2/RS=sUAPkdaTtMRYsNphGLLkBtUYK1g-) *?*

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