

## '61.8 pc of deaths of Indians directly or indirectly related to faulty diet'



New Delhi, Aug 19 (UNI) Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday said 61.8 per cent deaths from non-communicable like diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular complications were directly or indirectly related to faulty diet.

"Even communicable diseases like tuberculosis disproportionately affect people who are undernourished. People of the same household have been showing different

responses to Covid based on their immunity acquired through nutrition," he said presiding over an online orientation workshop organised by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) as part of its Eat Right Challenge virtually.

The minister noted that 47 million children had stunted growth while another 25 million were wasted. About 500 million were deficient in micro-nutrients and 100 million suffered from food-borne diseases.