



## **NABH and HSSC join forces for skilling initiatives of healthcare professionals across India**

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### **Creating placement opportunities for skilled healthcare workforce**

Dr Atul Kochhar, CEO of National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) and Ashish Jain, CEO of Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at recognition of HSSC certification for NABH accreditation; develop training programmes for Skilling, Reskilling and Upskilling required for healthcare professionals.

The collaboration will help in achieving the goal of enhancing healthcare quality in the country. The MoU was signed in the presence of Dr Selvakumar I.A.S, Secretary, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka and Dr Devi Shetty, Chairman, Healthcare Sector Skill Council.

Dr Atul Kochhar, CEO, NABH said, "Our partnership with HSSC will assist us in further strengthening the entire ecosystem of patient safety and healthcare delivery. Over the years, NABH standards have brought paradigm shift in delivering healthcare services and it has helped in sensitising health care workers about their responsibilities. However, a country as diverse as India, growing at an unprecedented rate, requires many professionals who are skilled, continuously reskilling and upskilling. Today, our overall medical professional count per 1000 patients is much below than WHO standards across doctors, patients and para medics category. This partnership will also help us in exploring solutions and addressing this gap."

Ashish Jain, CEO HSSC, briefed that HSSC collaboration with NABH will facilitate better placement and apprenticeship opportunities for HSSC certified healthcare professionals across the country. HSSC works closely with industry and academia to create a skills eco-system in the healthcare sector, which helps in development of skilled and work ready professionals as required by the industry.

This landmark initiative is envisaged to provide impetus to quality training, skilling, creating placement opportunities for skilled healthcare workforce leading to enhanced quality of healthcare for patients.