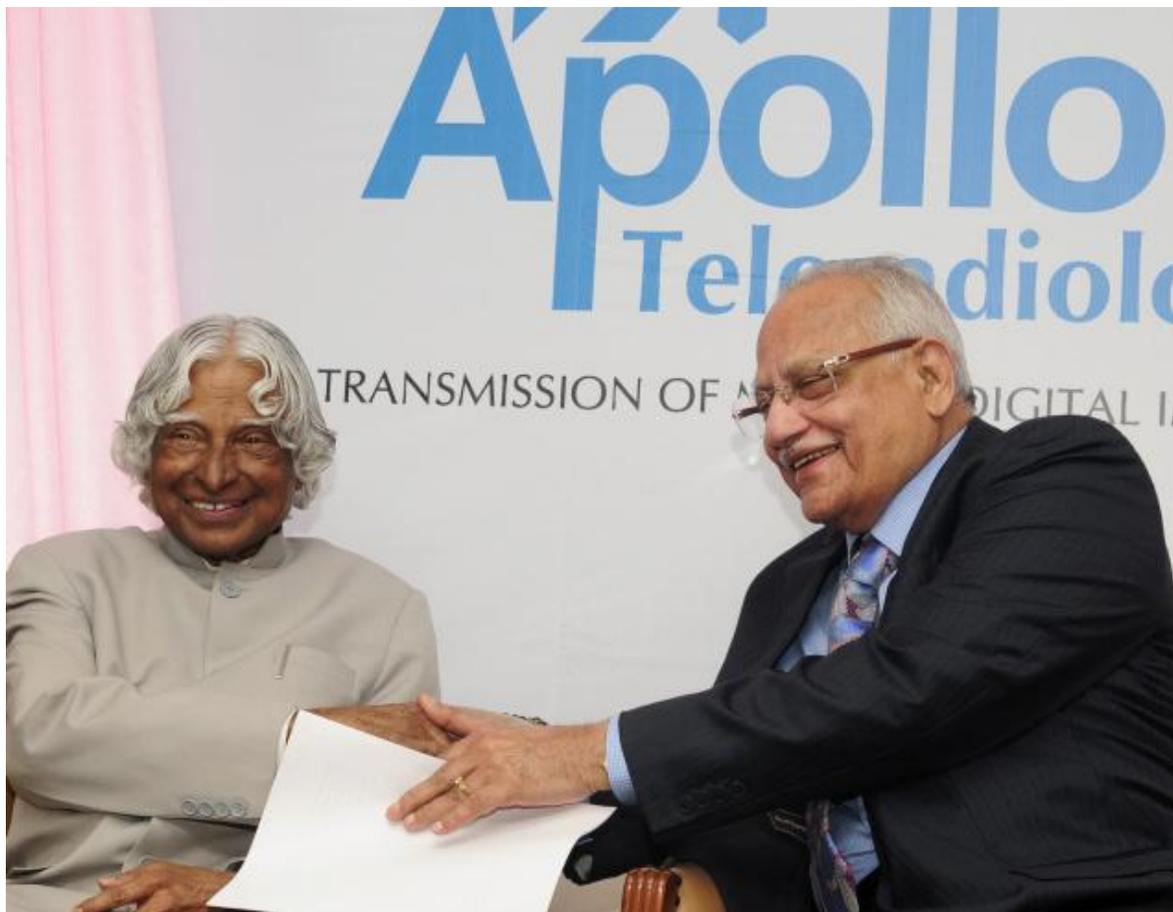


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## Apollo Hospitals launches tele-radiology services in Chennai



Former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with Prathap C. Reddy, chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group

Apollo Hospitals on Monday introduced tele-radiology remote consulting and diagnostic services. The technology will help diagnostic radiology centres transmit images from distant locations to radiologists for a diagnosis.



Former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who inaugurated the tele-radiology services, said the digital transfer of X-rays will help primary health centres in the country.

“With the introduction of tele-radiology, healthcare services will reach patients and enable super-specialty doctors to provide an immediate diagnosis and treatment through the use of ICT. This will help patients in rural and remote areas and in emergency situations. The technology will help the exchange of expert opinion anywhere in the world,” he said.

Talking about the healthcare scenario in the country, Mr. Kalam said Indian healthcare has been transformed from what it was in the early 1980s.

“No one goes abroad for treatment now. Rather, a large number of foreigners come to India to receive world-class treatment at competitive costs,” he said.

### **Need of the hour: affordable healthcare**

The need of the 21 century, according to Mr. Kalam, was affordable healthcare without compromising on quality and preventive healthcare, stressing on hygiene education, lifestyle care as well as the upkeep of the environment.

Prathap C. Reddy, chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group and Preetha Reddy, managing director of Apollo Hospitals participated in the programme.

### **What is tele-radiology?**

Through this, an X-ray, CT, MRI or any other clinical image can be transferred to a centralised data centre. It can be electronically accessed by radiologists at the Apollo Tele-Radiology Reading Centre.

Medial inferences and recommendations are electronically reported to the remote diagnostic centre/hospital and the patient is informed of the diagnosis, a press release said.



This will help reduce a patient's waiting time for a diagnosis, treatment can begin faster and costs can reduce, the release said.

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