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Apollo sets up skill development unit



(From left) Sangita Reddy, Executive director of Apollo Hospitals; Ranjan Choudary, principal programme development; Prathap Reddy, Chairman; Suresh Padmanabhan, CEO, Research for Training, Australia, at the press meet .

The skill development arm of Apollo Hospitals launched an academy in partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), at Anna Nagar on Tuesday. The centre, called Apollo Medskills, will provide them the necessary skill-sets and help them find jobs in hospitals and other healthcare centres. The project kick starts in Chennai with around 1,150 candidates, identified by Apollo Medskills, undergoing training. The roll-out of this programme is planned in a phased manner with the addition of 47 centres to train 4 lakh Healthcare Professionals. Youths from middle income and lower middle income groups will find this opportunity for employment useful. Centres will be started in Hyderabad, Shillong and Patna, as well.



Sangita Reddy, Executive Director -Operations, said, “It’s our constant endeavour to bring affordable healthcare within the reach of every individual. Through our association with NSDC, we aim to revolutionise the skills that youngsters have.”

The centre will have 27 courses such as medical lab technology, dialysis and non-invasive cardiac courses, radiology and imaging, and operation theatre technology for upskilling doctors and nurses and skilling paramedics and support staff.

“We believe that this initiative will pave the way for today’s youth to become independent and self-sufficient,” said Dilip Chenoy, MD and CEO, National Skill Development Corporation. “NSDC’s commitment to the project is demonstrated through our decision to pick up an equity interest of 27 per cent in Apollo Medskills.”