

## AHPI & AIMED collaborate to promote Indian Medical Devices Industry

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Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) and Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AiMeD) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to support Make in India of Medical Devices to transform India into a global medical devices manufacturing hub and simultaneously promote the India Certification of Medical Devices Scheme (ICMED) country's first indigenously developed international class quality assurance system for India manufactured medical devices.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator, AiMeD and Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI.

As per the MoU, AHPI and AIMED will work together to jointly promote Indian Medical Devices Industry and specially promote ICMED (from Quality Council of India) certified products in over 10000 member Indian hospitals aimed at enhancing patient safety, increasing consumer protection along with providing much needed product credentials to manufacturers to instill confidence among buyers. The scheme is also intended to significantly eliminate trading of sub-standard products or devices where supply chains are unknown, a widespread and injurious occurrence in the Indian market.

The move is likely to have a huge positive impact on 'Make in India' program while giving a big shot to manufacturing of medical devices within the country, promote Medical Devices manufactured in India as high quality products, promote "Buy Indian" initiatives and bring esteem to the Indian Industry & Nation thereby building Brand India.

Both AHPI and AIMED recognize specifically the need for setting up of an independent, multi stakeholder governing structure for the Scheme(s). AHPI shall operate the Scheme(s) by setting up independent multi-stakeholder steering committee(s) and any other committees necessary for the purpose in consultation with AiMeD.

AiMeD shall provide the technical documents developed by by QCI for ICMED quality management system certification and ICMED Plus product certification to AHPI for enabling 1 Step Beyond Endorsement and shall provide all technical support to AHPI in managing and promoting the Scheme(s).

Under the joint mechanism, both associations will soon roll out activities to achieve the objectives of this MoU.