

## P.D. Hinduja Hospital, MRC hosts a conclave called 'Skilling India'

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### The Skilling India program targets to generate 50000 skilled work force



P.D. Hinduja Hospital & MRC in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) hosted a conclave on 'Skilling India - Skilling for Healthier India' on 22nd June, 2019 in Mumbai. Globally, organizations have gained an understanding that talent is not developed in isolation but is the collective effort of diverse skill sets and continuous dedication towards maintaining and enhancing expertise. With a similar thought process, P.D. Hinduja Hospital & MRC organized a conclave and a panel discussion that aimed to introduce an integrated approach towards developing well-trained medical professionals. On the occasion, Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) also the launched Western Regional Council.

P.D. Hinduja Hospital & MRC, has always believed that quality healthcare starts with well-trained healthcare professionals. The demand and supply gap for skilled professionals in the allied health sciences area is huge and the hospital is committed to addressing this gap with niche courses and skill development programs. Under Allied Health Sciences, the hospital provides courses for Advanced Medical Laboratory Technician, Critical Care Technician, Dialysis Technician, Operation Theatre and Anesthesia Technician, Radiology Technician Certificate, etc. The duration of these courses is one year and is open for H.Sc pass/ Graduates depending on their desired specialization.

Addressing the conclave Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee IAS, Secretary, Medical Education & Drugs Department, Government of Maharashtra said, "There is a shortage of trained allied health professionals in the field of healthcare, it is therefore imperative for us to collaborate and introduce courses that can adequately address this shortage by imparting knowledge on diverse and niche skills sets. Curriculums need to be revisited and designed basis the challenges that we are facing today, apart from this we also need to collectively work towards setting high standards for healthcare deliverables in India, putting us on par with the best in global healthcare practices."

Mr. Ashish Jain- CEO, HSSC said, "We have the best of healthcare providers who have come from both public and private sector like pharma companies, medical device companies etc. The ultimate Goal for us is to cater to the demands of the overall healthcare sector which will be helpful with the Board coming together".

"We are very thrilled to be a part of this path breaking event. This is a step in the right direction and can be seen as a guiding tool for training the healthcare professionals which is the need of the hour today. Here is an opportunity, wherein the western

region of our country can identify the current need of the jobs that a public health system and healthcare providers require” said Dr. Shubnum Singh, Special Guest & Chairperson HSSC & Director, Medical Education & Research, Max Healthcare Institute Ltd.

Mr. Joy Chakraborty COO, P.D. Hinduja Hospital & MRC and also Chairman HSSC West Region said, “Under Skilling India program we are targeting to generate 50000 skilled work force and job opportunities likewise. The healthcare industry will not be able to accomplish its goals without allied health professionals and it is imperative to equip them with essential tools that can enable them to excel in their respective fields. We aim to train medical professionals who can make a positive impact on the healthcare landscape in India. We are very proud of our students and we would like to congratulate our current batch of students and wish them success in their respective careers.”

The conclave was attended by eminent personalities from the healthcare industry. The Special Guest was Dr. Shubnum Singh, Chairperson HSSC & Director, Medical Education and Research, Max Healthcare Institute Ltd, Guest of Honour was Ms. R. Vimala IAS, CEO MSRLM Government of Maharashtra and the key note address was given by Chief Guest Sanjay Mukherjee IAS Secretary, Medical Education & Drugs Department, Government of Maharashtra. The eminent speakers at the conclave were Ms Jane Karkeda , Regional Director CII Western Region, Mr Ashish Jain, CEO HSSC and Mr Joy Chakraborty, Chairman HSSC West Region and COO P.D Hinduja hospital and MRC.

The topics of panel discussions were “Allied Health Professionals: Role in Transforming Healthcare Delivery”, “Challenges in Allied Health Skilling”, “Expectation of services provider organizations from Allied Health Workforce/Training” and “Workforce Crisis in Healthcare learning from the Globe”. The panelist consisted of eminent personalities from the Healthcare industry like Mr V.Krishna Business Unit Head Meril, Dr. Manoj Gandhi, Secretary, BNHA, Ms. Anita Rajan – CEO Tata Strive, Dr. Rajkumar Patil – Medical Director, Suburban Bombay Hospital, Dr. P.M Bhujang, President Association of Hospitals, Prof Neela Dabir, Dean – School of Vocation Education, TISS, Dr. Avinash Supe, Director Hinduja Healthcare, Dr. P. Navalkar, Director, LIHS, Dr. Sangeeta Pikle, Director, HSSC Maharashtra, Dr Snjay Arora, Managing Director, Surburban Diagnostics, Dr Ankit Thakkar – Executive Director and CEO, Jupiter Hospital, Dr. Neil Sequeira – Vice President HR & Admin, KDAH and Dr. Aparna Jairam – Secretary APPI.