

C-CAMP and Nagaland Govt ink MoU to strengthen public healthcare

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Bridging the gap between innovation in health technologies and unmet clinical need



Bengaluru-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), a Department of Biotechnology, Government of India supported initiative, along with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, have announced their strategic partnership to strengthen the state's public health system through deployment of innovative, indigenous health technologies.

Dr Taslimarif Saiyed, C-CAMP Director & CEO and Anoop Khinchi, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), Government of Nagaland made this announcement.

This collaboration builds on C-CAMP's earlier efforts to support Nagaland's public health system. C-CAMP successfully established two oxygen-supported augmented hospital facilities in the state during the COVID-19 pandemic: a 50-bedded facility at Dimapur District Hospital and a 39-bedded facility at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH), Mokokchung District. These facilities played a crucial role in enhancing oxygen-supported care capacity during the pandemic surge and continue to serve patients today.

Anoop Khinchi, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, said "The objectives of this partnership include introducing and implementing innovative technologies for improving health outcomes in public health settings together with C-CAMP. Our vision for this partnership is long-term. We want to build a resilient, inclusive and innovation driven health system that ensures equitable access to quality care for every citizen of the state"

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Taslimarif Saiyed said, "This MoU provides a structured path to work with the state of Nagaland, the Department of Health and Family Welfare and build evidence of impact on the field. At C-CAMP, through our technology impact initiatives, we have impacted 19 states, trained over 5000 health care workers and touched more than 6 Lakh lives. But more importantly, it has generated evidence which paved way for scaling of various technologies in different states. It is a big day for everyone here at C-CAMP today. We look forward to working closely and creating an impact for the people of the state."

Through this MoU, C-CAMP and the Government of Nagaland will work together to introduce innovative health technologies that address state-specific health challenges, strengthen healthcare infrastructure and enhance clinical capacity in priority areas. This strategic partnership will also foster stronger linkages between innovators, clinicians, and health workers to ensure effective adoption of these technologies for better health outcomes.

Dr Saiyed indicated that immediate next steps under this partnership will include identification and deployment of cuttingedge indigenous health technologies in areas such as maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, and other critical public health areas relevant specifically to the state of Nagaland through structured initiatives.