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IGBC and CAHO partner to advance green healthcare infrastructure in India

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MoU to promote wider adoption of green healthcare practices through institutional collaboration, knowledge exchange, research and policy advocacy



The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organisations (CAHO) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote sustainable, resource-efficient and climate-resilient healthcare infrastructure across India. The MoU was signed by Dr Lallu Joseph, President, CAHO, and S. Karthikeyan, Executive Director – IGBC, GreenPro and CIES, CII Green Business Centre.

The partnership aims to strengthen institutional collaboration between the two organisations and accelerate the integration of green principles into the healthcare sector. Through this collaboration, IGBC and CAHO sought to enhance awareness, build sectoral knowledge and encourage healthcare institutions across the country to adopt environmentally responsible practices.

A key focus of the MoU is to encourage the wider adoption of the IGBC Green Healthcare Facilities Rating System, which provides a framework for healthcare organisations to integrate green healthcare principles and resource-efficient practices into their infrastructure and operations.

The initiative is expected to support healthcare facilities in improving energy and water efficiency, optimising resource utilization, reducing healthcare acquired infections (HAI) and enhancing their resilience to climate-related challenges.

The collaboration also envisages joint research initiatives, knowledge-sharing platforms, capacity-building programmes and policy advocacy to address emerging sustainability priorities in healthcare infrastructure. The collaboration marks an important step towards integrating sustainability into India's healthcare infrastructure development agenda.

Through this partnership, IGBC and CAHO aim to create greater momentum for the adoption of green healthcare infrastructure and encourage healthcare institutions to make sustainability an integral part of their planning, development and operational practices.