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Zimmer Biomet Holdings, a global leader in musculo-skeletal healthcare, announced a multi-year collaboration with the Indo-UK Institutes of Health (IUIH) that will increase the capacity of India's healthcare infrastructure.

The first phase of the collaboration involves the establishment of the Zimmer Biomet Institute of India, a 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical training and education facility on the campus of King's College Hospital in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

The Institute will help improve the delivery of and access to high-quality healthcare across India by training more than 1,000 orthopaedic surgeons annually on the latest orthopaedic procedures and the safe and effective use of Zimmer Biomet medical technologies.

IUIH, in partnership with UK's National Health Service (NHS) and its leading teaching institutions, plans to build 11 'Medicities' with Amaravati's King's College Hospital being the first, in major states across India.

Each Medicity campus will include a 1,000-bed hospital, a medical and nursing school, student and staff housing, hotel facilities, and a third-party-run training and education center focused on a designated medical specialty.

Zimmer Biomet estimates investing more than \$5 million in the King's College Hospital training and education center over three years, beginning in 2017.

Zimmer Biomet serves approximately 50,000 patients in India each year, and through its Zimmer Biomet Institute, has successfully trained nearly 7,000 surgeons, medical and nursing students, and paramedics since its launch in 2008.

The IUIH's Medicities program aims to establish 11 hospitals with medical colleges, with a total bed capacity of 11,000 and a throughput of between 1,100 and 1,650 medical students per year.

The initiative is backed by the UK and Indian prime ministers and governmental institutions, including UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) and Healthcare UK.

The King's College Hospital in Amaravati is scheduled to break ground later this year, and is expected to create jobs for 2,500 nurses and 500 physicians.