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### Apollo Medskills launches healthcare skills centre in Chennai

Apollo Hospitals has inaugurated a centre of excellence in healthcare skills in Chennai. This centre would be managed by Apollo Medskills, a joint venture between the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the Apollo Hospitals.

With over 30 courses, Apollo Medskills would provide skilling programmes for doctors and nurses. I can talk to her for hours together or play with her," she beams.

According to recent figures reported in the World Health Statistics, India has a doctor to population ratio of 0.5:1000 in comparison to 0.3:1000 in Thailand, 1.6:1000 in China and 5.5:1000 in the US.

Furthermore, the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) has estimated a shortage of 6.4 million allied health professionals in India.

"Though rural areas house 70% of India's population, 80% of India's doctors and 60% of hospitals are located in urban areas," founder and chairman of Apollo Hospitals Prathap C Reddy said.