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 Mediskills 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.