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Sibal sees India on global healthcare map

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INDIAN HEALTHCARE providers can cater to global healthcare needs.

This is what Apollo Group of Hospitals national director Dr Anupam Sibal foresees. The Apollo Group has 41 hospitals spread across the country.

Talking to Hindustan Times on Thursday, Dr Sibal, who was in Ranchi on Thursday, said the United States will alone need nearly one million nurses in the coming decade. "So far, Philippines had been supplying this vital workforce.

Now that it has reached a saturation point, India can play a leading role".

He said states like Jharkhand can tap the opportunities by establishing nursing

and other institutions and providing quality training to its workforce. "It is an era of knowledge revolution and the Indians are really doing exceptionally well in the healthcare industry".

Talking about Apollo Group of Hospitals, Dr Sibal said that it all started

as a humble 150-bed hospital in the South. "Now, there are 41 hospitals in the country with a total bed strength of 7,039. We have adopted an Apollo

Clinical Excellence Model, which will be implemented

in all Apollo Group hospitals. This model will ensure quality of service at affordable prices. The emphasis will be to provide services on par with the world's best healthcare institutions".



Dr Anupam Sibal

He said all the Apollo hospitals were being updated with state-of-the-art equipment, and the Ranchi-based franchise will not lag behind as it had already added equipment worth Rs five crore last year.

Dr Sibal, a leading paediatrician, said that Apollo will also stress on liver transplants as it was the first group in India to have gone for it in 1998.

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INTERVIEW

PACE hosts annual teachers' seminar

Face notes



HERALDING THE onset of the new academic year, PACE hosted the Annual Teachers' Seminar at the Shangri-La Hotel, Jampath, New Delhi, where over 600 teachers came together to participate in yet another thought-provoking session.

In the past, this event held exclusively for teachers, has included interesting, motivational sessions conducted by eminent speakers such as Shiv Khera, Dr Samir Parikh, Arindam Chaudhuri, and Dr Shikha Sharma among others. This year, keeping in mind the disturbing trend of exam stress taking a serious toll on student life, PACE collaborated with Apollo Hospitals to present a talk to help teachers identify and address this grave issue.

Addressing the gathering, Mrs Annapurna Sehgal, Head-Education, said that it was important that each one did their best to contribute to making a difference. Dr Anupam Sibal, Group Medical Director and Senior Consultant, Apollo Hospitals delivered a talk on 'A Teacher's Role in Eliminating Student Stress', emphasizing the importance of teachers managing their own stress in order to eliminate the stress of their students.

The talk was followed by an interactive session with teachers queries being answered by Dr. Sibal. Aruna Puri from DPS, Mathura Road put forth the question regarding ways to help reduce stress as students move from junior to middle school. Rita Sahni from Summer Fields School, Kalash Colony asked how parents could eliminate their stress regarding their children's performance, while a question on the appropriate way to let a child know about his poor results was asked by Tanushree Dey from Amity International School, Noida.

A precursor to the talk was a meaningful performance by the talented students of DPS Ibtida Shiksha Kendra, where over 700 students attend afternoon classes at the DPS national school, Noida.

The Kendra aims at raising literacy levels engaging, equipping and empowering students of lesser privileged section of society. As the Principal, Mr. M.I. Hussain rightly puts it, "The dream of a better world can only be realized if each one of us acknowledges our responsibility to mankind".

Also present on the occasion was Mrs. Suresh Singh, Headmistress, DPS Ibtida Shiksha Kendra and Mr. Venky Venkatesh, Business Head-Circulation, HT Media Ltd.