

## Karnataka highlights practical approaches for making medical education accessible

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### Healthcare, medical education unaffordable for people, says Minister



Appreciating the efforts of Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai for starting a free medical college in Karnataka for rural poor students, Dr K Sudhakar, Minister of Medical Education and Health of Karnataka Govt, said that medical education and healthcare are unaffordable for millions of people. Dr Sudhakar was speaking at an international conference on post-pandemic reforms in medical education for accessible and affordable rural healthcare organised by Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence.

The conference brought together leading medical education experts from India and other countries to share their ideas and programmes and lead the way to national and international reforms in format, curriculum, structure, funding, evaluation, and access to quality medical education.

“Today, I am so glad to announce that Chikkaballapur will have two medical colleges and two super-speciality hospitals. To promote traditional medicines, the Government of Karnataka has taken a step to establish an autonomous Ayush University in Shivamogga,” Dr Sudhakar added.

The objective of this conference was to develop practical approaches for making medical education and training accessible and equitable, to increase the access to high-quality integrative medical education and training the students from rural, tribal and underserved areas, based on their educational accomplishments and future academic portal, and to enhance the quality of medical education system by developing national metrics to evaluate the credentials & social impact of individual, faculty, departments, programmes and institutions.