

## Testing facilities being set up in AMTZ

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TUV Rheinland India, a global leader in testing, training, inspection, consulting and certification of medical devices, has joined hands with Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) to set up testing facilities in the country's first medical technology manufacturing park on the public private partnership mode.

The subsidiary of TUV Rheinland Group, Germany, will invest about Rs 85 crores over a period of four-five years in the recently established medtech park at Visakhapatnam to help it achieve its objective of reducing medical device imports, production cost and partner with industry to deliver quality medical devices to local market, and eventually increase the export of world class medical devices to the international market.

The contract was signed by Thomas Fuhrmann, Managing Director of TUV Rheinland India and Dr Jitendar Kumar Sharma, Director and CEO of AMTZ. While agreement signing kick-starts a series of technical works, a formal exchange of this agreement is shortly scheduled at a high-level event.

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Also, as these world class test facilities are within the zone, medical device manufacturers can use the labs that are available in next door.

TUV Rheinland is the only certification body in India that boasts of an accredited welding institute offering welding courses to the industry in order to enhance the technical skills of its employees. The company has ambitious plans for setting up of laboratories in other parts of India as well in the near future.