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Kerela Govt. collaborates with UK for healthcare

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The Kerala government has collaborated with a UK university for making changes in its healthcare model. The main objective is to address issues surrounding capacity development for primary care, training and research.

The model will be based on UK's state-owned National Health Service (NHS), the largest and the oldest single-payer healthcare system in the world that provide healthcare benefits to every citizen.

Recently, a delegation led by Kerala's Health Minister K K Shylaja Kumari concluded a two-day visit to the University of Warwick in central England to explore how the general practitioner (GP) system has adapted to pressures caused by population changes.

The delegation also visited the University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS and local general practices in Coventry city centre, along with local clinicians and members of the academic unit for primary care at Warwick Medical School.

Kerala has the highest literacy rate and the highest life expectancy in India, and is experiencing a rapidly aging population and an increase in non-communicable diseases such as diabetes. In order to address these issues, the Kerala government is planning to establish training programmes to teach primary healthcare workers such as GPs and nurses.