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Apollo Knowledge and BITS Pilani partner to build India's healthcare technology workforce

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Collaboration will cover joint research, work integrated learning programmes for healthcare professionals



Apollo Knowledge and the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani) have come together to work on healthcare research, education and workforce development.

The collaboration brings together the clinical environment of the Apollo network and BITS Pilani's strengths in engineering, technology and data science. Clinicians and BITS Pilani researchers will explore joint research on clinical and healthcare problems, with specific areas to be identified as the collaboration develops.

The two institutions will collaborate to develop Work Integrated Learning programmes for healthcare professionals. These programmes allow doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and healthcare managers to earn a qualification while continuing in their jobs. Potential areas include healthcare logistics and supply chain, pharmacy, and hospital finance, with the curriculum built around the work these professionals actually do.

The partners will also explore technology learning for students, built around the role each student is training for. This would extend to learners at The Apollo University, at the medical and nursing colleges in the Apollo network, and at Apollo Healthcare Academy's partner institutions.

Specialised programmes in allied health and healthcare technology are a further area the two institutions will explore, combining BITS Pilani's competency centres with clinical training in Apollo hospitals.