

Indian Biomedical Skill Consortium (IBSC)

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The Indian Bio-medical Skill Consortium (IBSC) recently signed an MoU with the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) to help biomedical engineering professionals get certifications, develop their skill for product safety and hence patient safety. This is a significant development as AAMI has certified more than 7,000 biomedical engineering professionals in over 100 countries.

This will benefit 2 lakh biomedical engineers and technicians in the country across hospitals, manufacturing units, sales and marketing, installation and servicing units and R & D laboratories. The assessment for certification and skill development will be conducted across the country through pan India assessment centres.

AAMI, a nonprofit organization founded in 1967, is a diverse community of professionals for the development, management, use of safe and effective health technology.

IBSC is a pioneer initiative of AMTZ done in collaboration with the NABCB – Quality Council of India (QCI) and Association of Indian Medical Devices Industry (AiMeD) to establish an institutional mechanism for certification and skill development. IBSC proposes to develop an equivalence system of value-based assessment covering educational training, work experience and competency possessed by practitioners of biomedical engineering skills.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Jitendar Sharma, MD & CEO, Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ) and Dr. Brad Schoener, vice president, Innovation, AAMI in the presence of Dr. Renu Swarup, secretary, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), government of India, Sunita Sanghi, director general, National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) under the Ministry of Skill Development, Shyam Sunder Bang, chairman, National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)-Quality Council of India (QCI), Rajiv Nath, forum coordinator, Association of India Medical Devices Manufacturers (AiMed) and Anil Jauhri, CEO, NABCB.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Renu Swarup, secretary, DBT applauded the initiative of AMTZ and assured all support for the encouraging development. Sunita Sanghi, DG, NSDA explained that such initiative would bolster the growth of professionals in the country and is a right move for encouraging high-end professional skill and safety of medical products.

Speaking of behalf of the industry, Rajiv Nath of AiMeD expressed gratitude for the dynamic way AMTZ has taken the matter forward ever since its inception and applauded AAMI for coming forward in forging the partnership.

Dr Brad exuded confidence about the potential of associating healthcare professionals of India whose skill levels were considered very high saying that this association would go a long way in taking Indian professionals to get recognition globally. Recollecting his experience during the visit to AMTZ, he applauded the humongous and fast work of building AMTZ as world's first medical equipment manufacturing eco-system.