

Indian, Australian government host roundtable on "Enhancing health workforce training and skill pathways"

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Dynamic opportunities for Indian professionals in the Australian healthcare sector signal a favorable juncture to elevate bilateral relations



The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, in collaboration with the Australian Government, recently hosted a roundtable on "Enhancing Health Workforce Training and Skill Pathways", in New Delhi. The distinguished event saw the participation of Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care, Government of Australia, alongside Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India.

Secretary, MSDE, emphasised the significance of nurturing this crucial partnership through enhanced collaboration in skill development. This collaboration would entail content sharing, removal of barriers hindering international mobility, and streamlining the associated time and cost for skilled Indian professionals.

During the roundtable, comprehensive strategies were discussed aiming to transform ideas into actionable outcomes. These strategies included a cost-efficient testing model with expense reimbursement for international mobility, a dual language assessment approach, streamlined regulatory procedures for skill migration, a UK-Ireland-like approach to experience requirements, mapping of job roles with Australia for harmonisation of skills, customised and tailored courses as per the need and requirement of the Australian Health Sector market & demand, importance of recognition of qualifications of Indian Workforce in Australia, eased out process for visa, reduced cost of assessment by Australia and exploring market-driven incentives for recruitment agencies. This focused discourse reflects the commitment to enhance health workforce training and skill pathways, making the roundtable a pivotal platform for collaborative progress.