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The term "**Paramedical**" has long been used to describe various healthcare-related professions that provide support services in healthcare delivery. However, with the enactment of the **National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021**, the term "**Allied and Healthcare**" has been formally adopted to define, standardize, and recognize these professions under a unified framework.

2. In view of the above and for the purpose of **ensuring uniformity, standard terminology and alignment with the provisions of the NCAHP Act, 2021**, it is recommended by the Commission to implement the followings:

- a) **All State Governments, Union Territories and relevant Universities / Institutions are recommended to discontinue the use of the term "Paramedical" in all official correspondence, communications, policies, advertisements, training programmes, institutional titles, recruitment notifications, educational materials and any other Government-related documents or portals.**
- b) **The term "Allied and Healthcare" as defined under Section 2 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (j) of the NCAHP Act, 2021 shall be used henceforth in place of "Paramedical" in all forms of usage (verbal, written or electronic).**
- c) **The Health Departments of the States/UTs are requested to communicate this to all concerned authorities, institutions and stakeholders under their jurisdiction and ensure necessary compliance at the earliest.**

3. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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