

for the rest of the aspiring lot; and then curricula and governance at such colleges has also become questionable.

This means, a serious and significant alteration of the existing curricular at every level and for all medical institutions, whether well know or not. There is also a great need for less emphasis on the theory component and more on the practical usage of the same. Therefore, the medical educational system should cater to a horizontal and vertical integration of pre-clinical, para-clinical and clinical subjects that can assign more time to clinical teaching. With this will emerge a new generation of doctors that are more equipped with clinical competencies and a right attitude to serve the patient.

**Problem solving- a mindset**  
 There is another interesting way to ensure that medical practitioners are not merely churned out as better crammers. Indian medical practitioners must be proficient in problem solving. For this, some medical learning institutions like Yenepoya University have introduced a self learning and interactive E-learning platform, especially for MBBS and BDS courses. They use inbuilt software called the 'YENGAGE'. Through an open forum, students get to be continuously evaluated on their understanding and practical application.

**Progressive evaluation**  
 In order to have a more robust workforce of Indian medical practitioners, there is an urgent need to revamp the existing evaluation system as well. There needs to be tectonic shift; from merely evaluating memory power to accessing objective application. The Art and Science colleges are now happy; making use of choice-based credit system and a continuous evaluation framework. The same can be applied for doctors and medical practitioners in the making.

#### HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITIES IN INDIA

Sl no	Name of STATE FUNDED UNIVERSITY	No of affiliated colleges
1	Pandit Bhagavat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences Rohtak, HARYANA	82
2	Dr.NTR University of Health Sciences Vijayawada, AP	274
3	Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Bangalore, KARNATAKA	598
4	WEST BENGAL University of Health Sciences Kolkata, WB	124
5	MAHARASTRA University of Health Sciences NASHIK MH	369
6	BABA FARID University of Health Sciences	145