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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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