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# **INDIA'S HEALTHCARE SECTOR**

- **US \$ 17 billion Industry and is surging ahead with an annual growth rate of 13% a year**
- **India's huge population represents a big opportunity**
- **An internationally acceptable and credible quality health system is required**

# **INDIA'S HEALTHCARE SECTOR**

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- **The thrust is to promote India's health care delivery facilities.**
- **Delivery of world class health facilities and better quality standards of health care delivery would increase India's competitiveness**
- **The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) govern the conduct of trade in services internationally.**

# **4 MODES OF SUPPLY**

## **UNDER GATS**

- **Mode I** - Cross border delivery of trade
- **Mode II** – Consumption of Health Services abroad
- **Mode III** – Commercial Presence
- **Mode IV** - Movement of Health Personnel

# IMPLICATIONS OF TRADE IN HEALTH SERVICES UNDER GATS

<u>MODES</u>	<u>OPPORTUNITIES</u>	<u>THREATS</u>
<b><u>Mode I</u></b> Cross border delivery of trade	enables most cost-effective surveillance of diseases and helps upgrade skills	cater to the affluent few
<b><u>Mode II</u></b> Consumption of Health Services abroad	generating foreign exchange and additional resources for investment in health care	results in a dual market structure

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<b><u>Mode III</u></b> Commercial Presence	generates additional resources for investment in upgrading of healthcare infrastructure, generates employment	huge initial public investments
<b><u>Mode IV</u></b> Movement of Health Personnel	generates remittances and transfers, and help upgrade skills and standards in the country	Brain Drain

# **SERVICES COVERED UNDER**

# **HEALTH SERVICES IN THE GATS**

- **Medical and Dental Services**
- **Services provided by mid-wives, nurses, physiotherapists & paramedical personnel**
- **Hospital Services and other human health services**

# **GLOABALISATION**

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## **THE NEED FOR ACCREDITATION IN INDIA**

- **Deficiencies with respect to quality of healthcare**
- **Absence of legislation for regulation**
- **Opening of the health insurance sector**
- **Increased demand for good quality of healthcare**

# WHAT IS ACCREDITATION ?

- Three primary approaches for evaluating quality of healthcare
  - **LICENSING**
  - **CERTIFICATION**
  - **ACCREDITATION**

# **OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP**

- **Examine regulation of health providers, with special reference to accreditation of health care providers**
- **Examine the purpose of accreditation for different stakeholders of health care in India**
- **Examine ways and means of implementing quality dimensions and monitoring systems for health facilities**
- **Examine ways forward for developing a system of accreditation of health**