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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PME-2) DEPARTMENT
Letter (D) No.93, dated : 21.01.2026

From
Dr. P. Senthilkumar, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Medical Education and Research, Chennai – 600 010.
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai – 600 006.
The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai – 600 006.
The Director, Board of Paramedical Education, Chennai – 600 032.
The Additional Director of Medical Education and Research /
Secretary, Selection Committee, Chennai – 600 010.
The Registrar (FAC),
The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai – 600 032.
The Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Allied and Healthcare Council, Chennai – 600 006.

Madam / Sir,

Sub : Allied and Healthcare – Discontinuance of the term "Paramedical" and adoption of the term "Allied and Healthcare" in all forms of official usage – Instructions issued – Regarding.

Ref : 1. From the Secretary, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi Circular, dated 01.07.2025.

2. From the Director of Medial Education and Research (FAC), Letter Ref. No.064994 / PME/1 / 2025, dated 01.08.2025.

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I am directed to invite attention to the references cited.

2. In the reference first cited, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has, with a view to ensuring uniformity, standard terminology and alignment with the provisions of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 (Central Act 14 of 2021), issued instructions recommending, inter alia, that:

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).

3. In view of the above recommendations of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions, it is hereby requested to adopt the term "Allied and Healthcare" in place of the term "Paramedical" in all official communications, academic and administrative records, notifications, prospectuses, advertisements, institutional nomenclature and other related documents under their control, and to ensure necessary compliance by all concerned authorities, institutions and stakeholders under their respective jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

21/01/2026

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