

Japan to provide comprehensive end-to-end linen management services to hospitals in India

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Japan-based Toyota Tsusho Corp and Tokai Corp launch Valabhi Hospital Services in India

Toyota Tsusho, a renowned global trading company within the Toyota Group in Japan, has teamed up with Tokai Corp, a specialist in hospital linen supply and medical peripheral businesses in Japan, to launch Valabhi Hospital Services in India.

It will provide comprehensive end-to-end linen management services to hospitals in India, with the aim of revolutionising hospital linen management and offering an improved hygiene in healthcare institutions.

Toyota Tsusho Corporation and Tokai Corporation have collaborated to offer comprehensive linen management services to hospitals in India, with a 55% and 45% stake respectively.

Valabhi Hospital Services will operate in Bengaluru alongside its partners, Adityavani Facility Service and Vashkleen Laundry Services. The venture plans to expand its operations in other peripheral services in interstate cities and neighbouring states in the near future.

Speaking on the launch, Toshiaki Asai, Representative Director, Sr. Executive Director, Tokai Corp, said, "Hospital linen encompasses a wide range of items including bed linens, pillow covers, blankets, towels, curtains, doctors' coats, theatre clothes, and other materials that are used in outpatient departments, inpatient wards, staff rooms, and office areas. The laundry management process is a comprehensive one that involves estimating the required stock of linen, identifying and segregating soiled and dirty linen, labelling for identification and traceability, collecting and transporting them in covered trolleys to the laundry, thoroughly disinfecting and sluicing the soiled linen, washing, drying, repairing, calendaring and ironing, and finally delivering, sorting, and storing the clean linen. I am happy that we are bringing in the technology and philosophy that Tokai Corp. has developed for infection control over last 69 years in India and shoulder the responsibility towards supporting medical facilities and developing public health in India."