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*Dear Colleague,*

LaQshya initiative was launched in December 2017 with an objective of providing high quality obstetrics care including provision of quality emergency services around birth at high case load facilities. Key interventions under the initiatives include NQAS certification of labour room and maternity OT with delivery of respectful maternity care.


It is observed that in many states, services provided in labour room have been LaQshya certified but similar attention has not been given for improvement in maternity OT services.

This situation defeats the purpose of LaQshya initiative. Hence following decisions have been taken overall programme.

1. Under the 'LaQshya Initiative', only those facilities would be taken which have functional Labour room and Maternity OT. Such facilities should be in a position to provide comprehensive emergency obstetric care.
2. The facilities would be encouraged to apply for simultaneous LaQshya certification of Labour room and Maternity OT as well.
3. If the state has applied for certification of only one department or only one department has successfully completed the certification assessment, such certification would be provisional. The remaining department must attain the LaQshya certification within one year. Failing which the provisional certification of one department is liable to be suspended.

State/UTs are requested to adhere to the above-mentioned protocol pertaining to the certification process under the LaQshya.

*warm regards*  
Yours Sincerely,

  
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To,

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