

Dear Friends

As we prepare to close year 2019 soon, NATHEALTH takes this opportunity to thank you all for continuous support and wishes a very healthy and prosperous 2020. It is also a time to review our efforts and be prepared for the next year.

It is very promising to note that this year, we achieved several milestones in terms of forming bigger collaborations. Moreover, we engaged with all stakeholders including the government meaningfully and we are getting positive outcomes as well. We started with the National Health Authority (NHA) in February this year to collaborate on the pricing structure for Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY and offered technical experts' support to the Mission. Further, we expanded our scope of collaboration with the NHA to drive innovations in the sector.

NATHEALTH focused on bigger and cohesive collaborations/partnerships throughout the year and joined hands with NASSCOM, Welltech, Genesis Rehabilitation Services India, Roche Diagnostic, Startup Nation Central of Israel, and AHPI. All our efforts and vision culminated in **Annual Summit 2019 on the theme– Reimagining Collaboration to Strengthen India's Healthcare Growth Trajectory- held on November 28-29**. Strengthening the four pillars for Healthcare- Investments, Digital Health, Skill Development and Innovations were the main focus areas. We would continue to strengthen these pillars with the same zeal in the next year.

During this week, Express Healthcare carried a detailed report on the Diagnostic Industry based on our Study. The report highlighted the challenges and opportunities in the diagnostic segment. The Report emphasized that the diagnostic industry suffers from a limited focus on quality standards and cost pressures driven by high custom duty and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure.

This week also witnessed a confrontation of the industry with the government on non-payment of CGHS bills. Healthcare organizations such as AHPI and IMA drew the attention of the government on the issue. Private providers have expressed their inability to continue cashless services under CGHS and ECHS as their reimbursements under these government schemes, running into crores, are pending for several months.

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NATHEALTH Leadership Series

Indian diagnostic industry critical in achievement of UHC, SDGs: NATHEALTH Study

The Indian diagnostic industry plays a critical role in the achievement of the vision of universal health coverage (UHC) as well as the sustainable development goals (SDGs). The industry, however, suffers from a limited focus on quality standards and cost pressures driven by high custom duty and the Goods and Services Tax(GST)structure, reveals a diagnostic study, released by Healthcare Federation of India-NATHEALTH.

There was an Elephant in the Room @ NATHEALTH Summit Inaugural

The mandate of NATHEALTH, Healthcare Federation of India, is to bring voice of private healthcare providers onto one platform and facilitate fair engagement with the government. But where was the voice in NATHEALTH's Summit last month? Was there any voice at all? There was undeniably an elephant in the room.

Healthcare Policy Updates

Here's what transpired in the Indian pharma and healthcare industry in 2019

The year 2019 has been an action-packed one for pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors, with the USFDA warning letters and government policy actions.

The Medical Devices Bill, explained

Government-run think tank Niti Aayog will roll out the Medical Devices Bill according to media reports, marking a significant overhaul of the regulatory apparatus surrounding medical devices in India.

Non-payment of CGHS, ECHS dues may force pvt hospitals to suspend cashless services: IMA

Private hospitals may be forced to suspend cashless services under CGHS and ECHS as their reimbursements under these government schemes, running into crores, are pending for several months, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) said.

India: The National Medical Commission Act, 2019. Community Health Providers: Legitimate Or Not

This blog post is part of a multi-part series. Our previous posts 1, 2 covered the salient features of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (NMC Act) where we highlighted some issues arising out of the same. The NMC Act has some interesting aspects that relate to Community Health Providers (CHPs). We attempt to shed some light on this proposal.

Healthcare Industry Overview

Pending dues hit Delhi private hospitals

Major corporate hospitals have threatened to withdraw services under the Central Group Health Scheme and the Ex-Servicemen Health Scheme, saying that the Union government owes over Rs 700 crore to them

[How far is India from the US and European markets in adoption of high-end medical imaging solutions?](#)

[The healthcare Industry in India has made rapid progress in the last decade but still lags behind developed nations in terms of the quality and accessibility of medical services. Major issues that cause these lags include the large population, disparity in economic health, lack of proper medical equipment and trained human resource and, out-of-the-pocket medical care expenses.](#)

[Natco launches cut price versions of cancer drug ibrutinib in india](#)

[Hyderabad-based Natco Pharma NSE 0.07 % has launched a cut price version of ibrutinib, an anti-cancer drug, under its own brand name Ibrunat. The patent for the drug is held by Pharmacyclics for three to four more years in India.](#)

[Why corporate hospitals are changing hands in India ?](#)

[The fiercely competitive private hospitals, which have highly invested in building infrastructure, interiors, customer care services, regularly upgrading medical equipment, always showcasing differentiation and advancements amongst the competitors, is now in a period of consolidation](#)

[Why Indian Units Of Pharma MNCs Are Emerging As A Safe Bet For Investors](#)

[Listed subsidiaries of foreign drugmakers have outperformed their domestic peers and the benchmark Nifty Pharma Index this year on the back of new product launches and the government's push for.](#)

[Medtech Forum](#)

[New advancements in spinal surgical robots market in nearby future | ravishing key vendors: mazor robotics, medtech s.a, tina vi medical technologies, globus medical](#)

[Spinal surgery involves the modification of the affected area of the back bones and nerves. The implantation of one or more screws or components is a very delicate surgery.](#)

[Surgery platform Pristyn raises Series B funding from Sequoia, others](#)

[Pristyn Care, a platform for planned surgeries, said it has raised \\$12 million \(Rs 85 crore\) in a Series B round of funding from new and existing investors. New investors that brought in capital are Hummingbird Ventures, Greenoaks Capital and AngelList, said Pristyn Care in a statement](#)

[Robotic assisted heart surgery: The new benchmark](#)

[The robotic heart surgery unit assures minimally invasive technology which reduces trauma, bleeding and downtime for patients, and helps cardiac surgeons operate with a higher degree of precision.](#)

[Online Pharmacy Start-up Medlife Raises INR 110 Cr from Wilson Global Opportunities Fund](#)

[Online pharmacy start-up Medlife has raised INR 110 crore through the issue of 1,10,000 non-convertible secured debentures from Wilson Global Opportunities Fund according to Registrar of Companies \(ROC\) filings accessed by Entrepreneur India.](#)

[Insurance Forum](#)

[Do you need a claim adviser for health plans?](#)

[IRDAI recently cautioned policyholders against entities who call themselves 'claim advisers' as they do not come under its purview and are unregulated. It's best to take the help of your agent, TPA or insurance company through which you bought the policy](#)

[Health insurance policy new rules: Now you can choose a TPA of your choice](#)

[Gone are those days when health insurance policy customers buyers were solely dependent on insurers for third-party administrators \(TPAs\) for health coverage.](#)

[5 insurance policies you should have in New Year](#)

[Insurance gives us financial protection in times of need. Depending on the types of insurance, the policyholder gets financial protection in times of accident, serious health issues, untimely death, or property loss.](#)

[Digit Insurance Launches Health Insurance – DIY, Doctor Approved and Simplified by Kids](#)

[Digit Insurance that has been awarded the 'General Insurance Company of the Year 2019' in Singapore by Asia Insurance Review Awards, has been named the Fastest Growing General Insurance Company in the world and has earned the trust of 50 lakh customers in less than 2 years with a 1% market share \(Q2 FY2019-20\), has fortified their product portfolio with the launch of retail Health Insurance product Digit Health Care Plus.](#)

[Diagnostics Forum](#)

[Global Medical Imaging Diagnostic Equipments Market Data Analysis 2019-2025 – GEHealthcare, SiemensHealthcare, Philips, NeusoftCorporation](#)

[An extensive Study on Medical Imaging Diagnostic Equipments Market 2019 | Strategic market assessment by prominent players like GEHealthcare, SiemensHealthcare, Philips, NeusoftCorporation, China Resources Wandong Medical EquipmentCo., Ltd., Mindray Medical International Limited and Others.](#)

[Global Lung Cancer Diagnostics Industry](#)

[3 Billion, driven by a compounded growth of 8%. Imaging Tests, one of the segments analyzed and sized in this study, displays the potential to grow at over 7.5%. The shifting dynamics supporting this growth makes it critical for businesses in this space to keep abreast of the changing pulse of the market. Poised to reach over US\\$1.6 Billion by the year 2025, Imaging Tests will bring in healthy gains adding significant momentum to global growth.](#)

[Liquid Biopsy & Other Non-Invasive Cancer Diagnostics Market, 2030 Outlook - Advances in Biotechnology have Enabled the Establishment of Several Minimally Invasive Approaches for Disease Diagnosis](#)

[The "Liquid Biopsy and Other Non-Invasive Cancer Diagnostics Market \(3rd Edition\), 2019-2030: Focus on Circulating Tumor Markers such as CTCs, ctDNA, cfDNA, Exosomes and Other Biomarkers" report has been added to ResearchAndMarkets.com's offering.](#)

[Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging Market Overview With Demographic Data And Industry Growth Trends 2019-2027](#)

[New Statistical Research for Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging market 2019 displays the latest industry insights with future trends and analysis of the products and services, enabling you to deeply penetrate the Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging market with high profitability..](#)