

**Dear Friends**

*First of all, we take an opportunity to thank all our members, stakeholders, sponsors, well wishers and supporters for extending tremendous support to our Annual Summit. Even after a fortnight of 'NATHEALTH Annual Summit 2019 – Reimagining Collaboration to Strengthen India's Healthcare Growth Trajectory,' we are getting overwhelming response from the sector and media continues to highlight issues which were raised during the summit.*

*As one of the focus areas was quality healthcare and the diagnostic industry plays a catalytic role in it, we came out with a Study which highlights both the challenges and opportunities. You are aware that Dr Vinod Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog had released NATHEALTH Diagnostic Study. During this week, Mint carried a detailed report on Diagnostic Industry on the basis of our report. The Report captured several issues which are being raised by us and also quoted Dr Paul and Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, National Health Authority (NHA). The Mint Report focuses on efforts of both the government and the industry to push the diagnostic industry. Healthcare Magazines such as Healthcare Radius, Biospectrum, and Medgate Today also highlighted the findings of the Diagnostic Study. This week's newsletter features some reports which have been covered by media.*

*On policy front, lawmakers were at work during the winter session of Parliament which ended on December 13. Union Health Ministry updated both the Houses on various issues such as Ayushman Bharat, latest status of PM-JAY, Banning E-Cigarettes, new law to check violence against doctors and healthcare professionals among others.*

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**[NATHEALTH Leadership Series](#)**

**[Govt moves to offer quality diagnostic services under PMJAY](#)**

[The ministry of health and family welfare is exploring options to provide quality diagnostic services from certified laboratories to beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana \(AB-PMJAY\).](#)

**[NATHEALTH highlights challenges in diagnostics sector](#)**

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[communicable and non-communicable diseases.](#)

### [Minimum Quality Requirements, Ease of Custom Duty & Extension of Input Tax Credits for GST in Healthcare: NATHEALTH Lab Diagnostic Study](#)

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### [Healthcare Policy Updates](#)

#### [Is India's Digital Health System Foolproof?](#)

[This contribution builds on "Data Infrastructures and Inequities: Why Does Reproductive Health Surveillance in India Need Our Urgent Attention?" and seeks to understand the role that state-run reproductive health portals such as the Mother and Child Tracking System and the Reproductive and Child Health will play going forward.](#)

#### [Health system can be strengthened by comprehensive changes to its building blocks: India at UN](#)

[United Nations: India has said that the health system can be strengthened through comprehensive changes to policies, regulations and relationships across its building blocks that motivate positive changes in behaviour of service providers and users](#)

#### [Health Ministry confers UHC awards](#)

[Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare conferred the UHC Awards to best performing Primary Healthcare teams of States and UTs at the Universal Health Coverage \(UHC\) Day event organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in New Delhi recently.](#)

#### [India on its Way to Develop Inclusive Healthcare Delivery Model](#)

[India seems to be all set to transform the paradigm of healthcare delivery system, where accessible and affordable healthcare would be well within the reach of people of all strata of the society. With an objective to achieve universal healthcare goal, the Government is adopting multi-pronged approach to bridge existing wide gaps in the healthcare delivery system.](#)

### [Healthcare Industry Overview](#)

#### [Additive Manufacturing in Healthcare Industry 2019 Global Share, Trends, Market Size, Growth Opportunities and Forecast to 2025](#)

[Additive manufacturing in healthcare, also known as 3D printing in healthcare, fabricates identical body parts like vascular system, dental system, etc. It empowers the creation of prosthetics and orthotic devices that are customized as per the patient's anatomy, boosting their adequacy.](#)

#### [Blockchain Technology in Healthcare Industry Overview 2020, Global Size Estimation, Regional Analysis, Technology Trends, Business Challenges, Opportunities, Company Profile, Market Growth at 71.8% CAGR](#)

Global blockchain technology in the healthcare market size has a meager valuation at present, however, this can grow up to a remarkable CAGR of 71.8% over the forecast period covering 2018 to 2023. Market Research Future (MRFR) has marked this potential in the report with the utmost care and provides inputs using which players can maximize their growth opportunities.

### [Healthcare financing models in India](#)

The Indian pharmaceutical industry, which is expected to touch \$130 billion by 2030, is the largest provider of generic medicines globally, producing 20 percent of world's medicines. India, called 'pharmacy to the world', is the source of 60,000 generic brands across 60 therapeutic categories and home to 3,000 pharma companies with a network of more than 10,500 manufacturing facilities

### [Vision Health 2024: Roadmap of Healthy, Happy and Empowered India](#)

The paradigm of the Indian healthcare is witnessing brisk growth today due to recent advancement of technology and innovative solutions, which have not only helped to bridge infrastructural gaps but also led enriched healthcare experience to people at large.

### **Medtech Forum**

#### [Health-tech startup Arvi launches at-home medical alert system for senior citizens](#)

Arvi, a healthtech firm, recently launched a smart medical alert system for senior citizens in India. The smart medical alert system offers emergency and non-emergency medical assistance with doorstep convenience for senior citizens

#### [3 Ways Electronic Health Records Will Continue to Improve in 2020](#)

Electronic health records are not just a speculated source of physician burnout. They're a direct cause for about 13 percent of providers, according to University of New Mexico researchers who recently examined the effects of EHR implementation and use.

#### [Technology To Make Healthcare More Effective, Indian Rep Tells UN](#)

As the Indian government is in the process ensuring more inclusivity under its healthcare insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat with the help of Indian startups and innovators, the deputy permanent representative ambassador, K Nagaraj Naidu, in United Nations (UN) General Assembly, laid stress on the need for adopting new digital technologies, along with appropriate use of traditional medicines..

#### [India Should Become Hub Of Medical Technology: President](#)

President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday laid thrust on developing low-cost diagnostic treatment and rehabilitative services to provide affordable healthcare to people and said India should become a hub of medical technology.

### **Insurance Forum**

#### [Starter's guide to health insurance plans in India](#)

In India, most employers offer medical insurance to their employees. But, the unfortunate part is that the health cover provided at work is not sufficient to meet all your medical expenses. Hence, financial advisers highly recommended that you should take individual or family health insurance plans to meet your medical

requirements.

#### [Data: How lack of health insurance is affecting the poorest in India](#)

A majority of Indians did not have health insurance as of 2017-18. Coverage levels varied widely based on 'wealth classes'. The poorest were the least covered as they mostly depended on government schemes, while the richest fared better and relied more on private insurance

#### [IRDAI allows policyholders to choose their own health insurance TPA](#)

Instead of solely depending on the insurer, policyholders can now choose third-party administrator at the time of buying a health insurance policy or at the time of renewal.

#### [Income tax benefits on medical treatment and health insurance](#)

In the past few years, expenditure incurred on healthcare has been on the rise, encompassing expenses on preventive check-ups, medical insurance, etc. Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act) provides certain tax deductions for an individual in respect of such expenditure incurred on self or dependents, which have been discussed in this article

#### **[Diagnostics Forum](#)**

#### [Prostate Cancer Diagnostics Market Current Scenario and Future Growth Analysis by 2028](#)

As the name suggests, prostate cancer occurs in the prostate area of men, which basically is a small gland shaped like a walnut, which produces seminal fluid that helps maintain sperms and facilitates their transportation. With rapidly increasing instances of this cancer recorded in recent times, a dire need for diagnosing it exists, followed by treatment, consequently giving rise to the prostate cancer diagnostic market.

#### [Radiographic Film Processor Market research Detailed Analytical Overview by 2015-2025](#)

Radiography is an imaging technique that uses electromagnetic radiations such as X-rays to internally visualize the structures. Radiographic film processors operates using two technologies, Computed radiography and Digital radiography.

#### [Biosensors Market 2019 Future Forecast with Advance Technologies By Top Companies Like Abbott, Medtronic, Roche, Siemens Healthcare, Nova Biomedical, Bayer, Johnson and Johnson](#)

Increase in demand of point-of-care diagnostics, rising prevalence of diabetes and increasing geriatric populations, are the key factors driving the global biosensors market. The advancement in the field of nanotechnology will also push the biosensors market forward in near future. This has created numerous opportunities for new as well as existing players in the market.

#### [FDA authorises test to aid in newborn screening for DMD](#)

The GSP Neonatal Creatine Kinase-MM kit works by measuring concentration of a type of protein called CK-MM, which is part of a group of proteins called creatine kinase. The US Food and Drug Administration authorised marketing of the first test to aid in newborn screening for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a rare genetic disorder that causes progressive muscle deterioration and weakness.

