

Weekly Newsletter
(30th November – 6th December)

Dear Reader,

The week following our **Annual Summit 2019 – Reimagining Collaboration to Strengthen India's Healthcare Growth Trajectory'** held on 28th & 29th November at Lalit Hotel, New Delhi witnessed good media response. The Summit surely provided new momentum to the healthcare sector. The main take away of the Summit was all stakeholders such as healthcare leaders, academia, experts and policymakers expressed keen interest in bigger partnerships and cohesive collaborations to meet the growing demand of quality and affordable healthcare services in the country.

Hence, the sector would focus on strengthening the four pillars for Healthcare- Investments, Digital Health, Skill Development and Innovations.

This week's newsletter brings you some interesting reports and articles by our leaders which have been covered by media and the summit's coverage. During the Inaugural session of the Summit Chief Guest Dr Vinod Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog had released our Lab Diagnostic Study and this week media reported the findings. The report highlights the challenges and opportunities in the Lab Diagnostic segment which is an important pivot to India's response to the twin challenges of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

It is estimated that about 70 per cent Indians rely on private healthcare for their health needs and bear out of pocket costs, which plunged 55 million people into poverty in 2012. It is promising to note that Ayushman Bharat Mission is working to identify those left out. The National Health Authority (NHA) CEO Dr Indu Bhushan has assured that coverage under the Scheme will be wider to include those left out.

On policy front, lawmakers are at work during the winter session of Parliament which began on November 18. Union Health Ministry updated both the Houses on various issues such as measures taken to improving healthcare systems, Super Speciality Hospitals under PMSSY, Assessment of Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, and upgradation of Medical Colleges and hospitals.

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[NATHEALTH Leadership Series](#)

[NATHEALTH highlights challenges in diagnostics sector](#)

[NATHEALTH Diagnostic Study was recently released by Dr Vinod Paul, Member \(Health\), NITI Aayog](#)

during the 6th Annual Summit of the Federation. The report highlights the challenges and opportunities in the Lab Diagnostic segment which is an important pivot to India's response to the twin challenges of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

[NATHEALTH and NHA to set up accelerator programme to support healthcare startups](#)

As a part of its 6th Annual Summit, apex healthcare industry body NATHEALTH in association with National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India organised a carnival for healthcare startups in Delhi around the themes of digital health, investment, skilling, and mainstreaming innovation to drive a stronger healthcare narrative.

[Two-day Annual Summit on 'Reimagining Collaboration to Strengthen India's Healthcare Growth Trajectory,'](#)

Healthcare Federation of India –NATHEALTH - two-day 6th Annual Summit on 'Reimagining Collaboration to Strengthen India's Healthcare Growth Trajectory,' in New Delhi, achieved a milestone by bringing the voice of healthcare onto one platform.

[NATHEALTH partners with NHA to strengthen healthcare startups](#)

The innovation carnival focused on digital health, investment, imparting skills and mainstreaming innovation, which was organised by NATHEALTH in association with NHA(National Health Authority)as a part of its 6th annual summit.

Healthcare Policy Updates

[ET ILC members discuss possibility of integrated healthcare system in India](#)

Integrated healthcare at a macro level means managing the overall well-being of the nation by putting the consumer at the centre; it involves delivering the required level of efficient and quality care to the consumers across their lifetime by connecting diverse stakeholders across the healthcare value chain

[India's Healthcare Should Not Go Down the Dangerous US Model Path](#)

In a recent NITI Aayog report, essential areas like population health and primary healthcare receive only ritualistic treatment.

[In 2018 India had 15.86 lakh cancer patients: Govt tells Lok Sabha](#)

There were 15.86 lakh cancer cases in the country in 2018, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said in Lok Sabha on Friday. The minister said cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care system and the treatment of cancer is by surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and palliative care.

[Ayushman Bharat working to identify those left out, says CEO Indu Bhushan](#)

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Healthcare Industry Overview

THE DIGITAL HEALTH ECOSYSTEM: The most important players, tech, and trends propelling the digital transformation of the \$3.7 trillion healthcare industry

Until now, healthcare was the only remaining industry that had yet to feel the rapid impact of digitization endured by retail, banking, and media. But consumer adoption of digital tech, regulatory overhauls, and a shifting reimbursement model are forcing healthcare players' hands.

India 2020: How Govt's initiatives will shape up the healthcare narrative

India's healthcare has become one of the largest sectors - both in terms of revenue and employment. Healthcare sector not merely medical care but also covers all aspects of pro-preventive care too.

Medicine sales rise 14.5% in Nov, Indian pharma firms lead growth

A low base coupled with an early festival season helped pharmaceutical sales rise 14.5% year-on-year to ₹12,624 crore in November, with sales of most Indian drug manufacturers outpacing their foreign peers, data from market research firm AIOCD-AWACS showed.

Reliance's biotech arm eyes tie-ups to enter diagnostics business

India's richest man, now wants a share of your diagnostics budget, in a move that can potentially shake up the sector similar to the disruption in telecom market after the entry of Reliance Jio.

Can Generics fill the existing quality gaps? : Dr Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, DG, ICMR

While the objective to make healthcare affordable by making generics accessible sounds promising, a critical cause of concern is that generics are not bio-equivalent to the brand name drug and there is no way for the consumer to determine whether the cheaper generic is just as effective as the branded drug.

Medtech Forum

Global Excimer Laser Devices Market Insights 2019 – ornier MedTech, Biolitec, Cynosure, Lynton Lasers, Novartis AG

Global Excimer Laser Devices Market Report identifies the assessable estimation of the market including Industry Analysis, Size, Share, Growth, Trends, Outlook and Forecasts 2019-2026" present in the industry space. The report studies historical data, facts, attentive opinions, current growth factors, and market threats with competitive analysis of major Excimer Laser Devices Market Players, value chain analysis, and future roadmap.

Laparoscopy Robots Pricing Structure 2019 in Global Market- Intuitive Surgical, Stryker, Restoration Robotics, Medtech S.A, Mazor Robotics

The report offers a holistic overview of the Laparoscopy Robots market with the help of application segments and geographical regions(United States, Europe, China, Japan, Southeast Asia, India, Central & South America, ROW) that govern the market currently.

[Universal EDM Market Share, statistics, Billings, Technology System, Challenges to 2024](#)

[The report firstly introduced the EDM market basics: definitions, regional analysis\(United States, China, South Africa, Netherland, Russia, Southeast Asia, UK, Australia\), classifications, applications and industry chain overview; industry policies and plans; product specifications; manufacturing processes; cost structures and so on.](#)

[\[Startup Bharat\] This Thiruvananthapuram-based healthtech startup is helping doctors organise medical records](#)

[After working for almost 12 years in Mumbai, Nishant Nambiar decided to return to Thiruvananthapuram for better job opportunities. There, he started working in the sales department of NeST \(Network Systems and Technology\), an enterprise-level IT company. While selling the company's medical software and touching base with doctors, he realised a huge issue in the area of health informatics. Says Nishant](#)

Insurance Forum

[India: Wellness Benefits In Health Insurance: Proposed Guidelines](#)

[With a continually increasing market size and growth of almost 20% every year, health insurance products have seen an improved uptake in recent times](#)

[90% Of India's Poorest Have No Health Insurance](#)

[Only about 10% of the poorest one-fifth of Indians in rural \(10.2%\) and urban India \(9.8%\) had any form of private or government health insurance, show data from India's largest national survey on social consumption, conducted between July 2017 and June 2018.](#)

[Lack of health insurance is deepening the poor-rich divide, shows survey](#)

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[TCS 1st Tata Group firm to offer health insurance benefits to LGBT employees](#)

[IT services major Tata Consultancy Services \(TCS\), which employs over 4 lakh people across the world, has become one of the first Tata Group companies to announce changes in its health insurance policy in order to provide benefits to employees involved in a same-sex relationship.](#)

Diagnostics Forum

[Need for developing low-cost diagnostics, Health treatment to make India Medical Tech Hub: President Kovind](#)

[Read more at Medical Dialogues: Need for developing low-cost diagnostics, Health treatment to make India Medical Tech Hub: President Kovind <https://medicaldialogues.in/need-for-developing-low-cost-diagnostics-health-treatment-to-make-india-medical-tech-hub-president-kovind/>](#)

[After Ecommerce, Reliance Gears Up For Diagnostics Business](#)

[After shaking up the telecom sector with Jio, Reliance is now planning to do the same to the diagnostics sector. The biotechnology subsidiary of RIL, Reliance Life Sciences \(RLS\), plans to set up pathology labs across India.](#)

[Pvt labs join hands to fight battle against TB](#)

[In a move that may further push India's battle against tuberculosis in a big way, public health researchers have demonstrated how the prices of superior TB diagnostics can be brought down significantly even in the private sector, if the laboratories](#)