

Weekly Newsletter
(29th October – 4th November)

Dear Reader,

We will just let this be pinned here in the introduction so that it serves you a gentle reminder that the countdown is racing fast and in no time we will be sharing with you the details of all the sessions that will unfold during the summit. **'NATHEALTH Annual Summit 2019 – Reimagining Collaboration to Strengthen India's Healthcare Growth Trajectory'** on **28th & 29th November at Lalit Hotel, New Delhi.**

Strengthening the four pillars for Healthcare- Investments, Digital Health, Skill Development and Innovations-would be the main focus areas. Check this space for more.

Last week started with a bang as NATHEALTH joined hands with Global Leader of In-vitro Diagnostics products, Roche Diagnostics India. The achievement was very well received by the media as Press Trust of India was the first one to share it.

This week's newsletter features some interesting breakthroughs from both the government as well as the private sector as the new propositions like medical implants to be treated as medicine are put on the table. Delhi government recently announced that its Mohalla clinics are a big success as it aims to achieve the golden figure of 1000 with 300 already established. Reads from various global portals like Harvard Business Review, Scientific American among others are featured in this week.

The most concerning is the National Health Profile (NHP) 2019 which was released by the Health Ministry on October 30. The NHP finds diabetes, BP and Cancer cases rising rapidly.

On policy front, the government's draft Bill proposes upto Rs 1crore fine for unsafe medical devices.

These perspectives from across the world bring insights to some of the problems that our very own Indian Healthcare System is grappling with.

Check out the newsletter to know how diagnostics sector witnessed India's first commercial biobank that helps develop novel diagnostic tests and cures and other news updates. Follow us on twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook for real times updates.

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Healthcare Policy Updates

[Diabetes, BP & cancer cases rising rapidly](#)

India is witnessing rapid rise in the prevalence of chronic non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and cancer. The National Health Profile (NHP) 2019 which was released by Union Health Ministry this week shows that acute respiratory infections top the list of communicable diseases. On positive side, it is noted that life expectancy rose to 68.7 years and

[Draft bill proposes up to Rs 1cr fine for unsafe medical devices](#)

Niti Aayog has circulated The draft Medical Devices (Safety, Effectiveness and Innovation Bill within the Ministry which proposes that medical device makers and importers can face penalty of up to Rs 1 crore if products sold in India are found to be unsafe. It also proposes to create a National Registry of Medical Devices.

[India's drug price fix is hurting healthcare](#)

The prevailing thinking in India is that drug prices should be brought down through measures such as listing drugs as essential, diluting intellectual property rights, or imposing price-caps

[IRDAI's circular: The regulator steps in to ensure enhanced health insurance coverage](#)

This circular is great news for existing health insurance policyholders and future buyers, and will significantly overhaul the benefits provided.

[Workshop to draft new health policy held](#)

Stung by the dismal performance on various health parameters of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, the state health department has started deliberation to prepare draft of new health policy.

[Trade representatives of E-Cigarettes in India forward UK's health policy body's statement to Minister of Health, Dr. Harsh Vardhan](#)

TRENDS, the trade representatives of E-Cigarettes in India have today written to the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and shared with him the latest statement issued on 29th October 2019 by Public Health England (PHE) on E-cigarettes.

[India's public spending on healthcare continues to remain lowest globally](#)

India's neighbours, such as Sri Lanka (1.68%), Indonesia (1.40%), Nepal (1.17%) and Myanmar (1.02%) are spending far more than India on healthcare, which could have an impact on its efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Healthcare Industry Overview

[Australian healthcare shares hold ground as report flags regulatory change](#)

Shares of Australia's biggest listed aged care providers bounced back from early losses on Friday after a government-backed inquiry sharply criticized care of the elderly and vulnerable, raising expectations of a far-reaching regulatory overhaul.

[Pfizer Takes Aim at Regeneron, and UnitedHealth's Earnings Update](#)

From small biotechs to big health insurance, and big pharma.

[Industry Voices—Industry reaction to shortages of lifesaving drugs underscores urgency](#)

[Drug shortages are a major challenge in healthcare. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(PDF\), the number of drug shortages is rising, with most shortage events lasting longer and resulting in a more adverse impact on public health, including added costs, delayed treatments or even death.](#)

[Why is Elizabeth Warren vague on healthcare? To allow herself wiggle room](#)

[Elizabeth Warren, a dedicated capitalist, senses the guide rails of electoral politics. She is no Bernie Sanders](#)

[Abhijit Banerjee On Meeting PM, "Global Problem" Of Healthcare- Highlights](#)

["Excellent meeting with Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee. His passion towards human empowerment is clearly visible. We had a healthy and extensive interaction on various subjects. India is proud of his accomplishments. Wishing him the very best for his future endeavours," PM Modi tweeted after the meeting.](#)

Medtech Forum

[Medical college, a boon to residents of Ramnad](#)

[The Centre's nod for establishing medical college at the district headquarters hospital here marked the fulfilment of a long-pending demand of the people.](#)

[AIG Hospitals first in India to join Mayo Clinic Care Network](#)

[AIG Hospitals, a unit of Asian Institute of Gastroenterology spread across 1.7 million sq. ft. at Gachibowli, has become the first healthcare facility in the](#)

[New guidelines released for nano drugs evaluation](#)

[The Minister for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Health and Family Welfare, today released guidelines for evaluation of nano-pharmaceuticals, which are emerging as more potent tools for treating various diseases.](#)

[Is the stethoscope dying? High-tech rivals pose a threat](#)

[At many medical schools, it's the newer devices that really get students' hearts pumping.](#)

[Developing Low-Cost Medical Devices In Bangladesh](#)

["Our children should not suffer for one extra day because of lack of technology that already exists," declared Senjuti Saha, a microbiologist at Bangladesh's Child Health Research Foundation, in September. Saha was speaking at the Goalkeepers event of the Gates Foundation, an annual stock-take of progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.](#)

Insurance Forum

[IOB launches health care plus insurance policy](#)

[Indian Overseas Bank \(IOB\) in association with Universal Sampo General Insurance Co Ltd. has launched an upgraded health care plus insurance policy](#)

[IRDAI slaps Rs 1 cr fine on Cholamandalam MS General Insurance for violating commission-paying rules](#)

[The general insurer is also directed to ensure recovery of commission paid to intermediaries on ported policies and wherever recovery is not possible, the same shall be debited to shareholders' account.](#)

[Insurance sector prepares for disruption](#)

[Big data and artificial intelligence will transform how the industry measures risk](#)

[Irdai sets up panel to evaluate application under regulatory sandbox](#)

Regulatory Sandbox (RS) usually refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may permit certain relaxations for the limited purpose of testing.

Diagnostics Forum

[Amid regulatory issues, diagnostic chains bet on mom-and-pop labs to expand presence](#)

According to a report by Research and Markets, the industry is expected to witness consolidation with several small and independent laboratory players becoming franchisees for the larger players.

[Do you visit neighbourhood diagnostic centre for blood test? You need to rethink](#)

The in-vitro diagnostics market, which includes blood analysing equipment, sophisticated reagents and related disposable market, is about \$1 billion, but is dominated by imported Chinese products in the unorganised sector meaning that results do not include any explanation of why the machine thinks a patient has a certain disease or disorder.

[Metropolis Healthcare buys 4 new labs in Surat](#)

Metropolis currently operates 13 labs in Gujarat at Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Mehsana, Rajkot, Navsari, Jamnagar and Gandhidham

[Smith & Nephew taps new CEO with diagnostics, orthopaedics resume](#)

Diggelmann, who headed up the diagnostics division at Roche before departing in 2018, has been a member of Smith & Nephew's board for the past year and a half. Prior to his time at Roche, Diggelmann worked in the orthopaedics sector at Zimmer Biomet.

[Meet 5 entrepreneurs who set up multi-crore businesses in India's growing healthcare sector](#)

Healthcare encompasses prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, illness, injury, and more. The healthcare sector in India is projected to reach Rs 19,56,920 crore (\$280 billion) by 2020, according to India Brand Equity Foundation data.

Upcoming Awards & Events

- Future Healthcare Summit (Thu, 28 – Sat, 30 Nov, New Delhi)
- Fortis Annual Psychology Conference (Fri, 13 - Sun, 15 Sep 2019, Gurugram)
- Global GS1 Healthcare Conference (Tue, 5 – Thu, 7 Nov, Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi)
- International Telemedicine Conference of Telemedicine Society of India (Fri, 29 Nov – Sun, 1 Dec New Delhi)



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Keynote Address by
Dr Harsh Vardhan, Hon. Union Minister
for Health and Family Welfare

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Lalit Hotel, New Delhi

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