

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Dear Reader,**

*We are elated to bring you this week's fresh batch of healthcare with the launch of Eldercare Vertical, exclusive interview of Dr. Ballal with ET Healthworld, and much more from the last week. NATHEALTH's Elder Care forum will receive leadership support from elder care experts Genesis Rehabilitation Services India (GRSI) and Max Antara Senior Living. The issue of Non implementation of Ayushman Bharat in New Delhi was recently raised by a plea to which Delhi High Court has sought a plea from the government.*

*The health industry overall witnessed dialogue on E-Cigarettes ban, expansion of Health insurance in Tier 2 and 3 cities. In a critical move on procurement of stent products locally, Minister for Health laid foundation stone for manufacturing unit in Medical Park at Sultanpur.*

*India continues to import over 75% of medical devices however with the goal of transforming Indian Health care by leveraging medical technology, Entrepreneur magazine finds out other alternatives. Other developments include Use of Biosensors for cancer diagnosis, investments of over 980 crores by the state of Telangana.*

*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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**NATHEALTH Leadership Series**

- [Steer your way to success through hard work: Dr H Sudarshan Ballal](#)  
In an exclusive interview in Leadership Success Mantra column for ET Healthworld, Dr. Ballal shares his thoughts on leadership, fitness levels of doctors and much more
- [NATHEALTH establishes elder care and rehabilitation vertical](#)  
As the need for robust elder care facilities in India continues to develop, NATHEALTH has taken an initiative to institutionalize, standardize, and galvanize elder care in India
- [NATHEALTH focuses on the aging population](#)  
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- [Apollo Hospitals to organise two international conference](#)  
[Apollo Hospitals Group will be organising the 8th edition of the International Patient Safety Conference and the 9th edition of the International Conference on Transforming Healthcare with Information Technology \(THIT\) on September 13-14 here.](#)

### **Healthcare Policy Updates**

- [E-cigarette ban is no cure to India's tobacco problem](#)  
[With over 267 million tobacco users in India, the country needs a solution to its tobacco problem. Rushing into unilateral approaches to this multifaceted problem by banning e-cigarettes needs careful thought and reflection](#)
- ['Why Centre's health plan not in Delhi?'](#)  
[Issue of Non implementation of Ayushman Bharat in New Delhi was recently raised by a plea to which Delhi High Court has sought a plea from the government.](#)
- [The expanding health insurance landscape in India's Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities](#)  
[The insurers have even enhanced their network of hospitals in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities so that customers can avail quality healthcare services](#)
- [Digital disruption will help in making evidence-based healthcare a norm](#)  
[Are we making a world in which all humans can live together, or are we sinking into the abyss of an unequal future and hampered growth? Despite the economic success of India Inc, this is a question that is worrying when we look at the situation of healthcare in India.](#)
- [Associations Between Sex Composition of Older Siblings and Infant Mortality in India from 1992 to 2016](#)  
[This study examines associations between sex composition of older siblings and infant mortality by sex, to guide efforts to address excess female infant mortality in India.](#)
- [Google to ban ads for unproven medical techniques](#)  
[The new policy will prohibit ads selling treatments that have no established biomedical or scientific basis. As new findings come to light and regulatory bodies oversee developments in this field, Google will continue to evaluate policies and make updates as needed.](#)
- [Need strategy for \\$5-trillion economy: Manmohan Singh](#)  
[There have been several policy measures undertaken by successive governments that have led to more inclusive growth in India, particularly assured work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and well-designed programs of universal healthcare and education," he said.](#)

- [Cost of stents set to fall in State, says Eatala](#)

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### **Healthcare Industry Overview**

- [Why India's Pharma Industry Needs to Act Now to Win Back the Trust It Lost](#)  
Lax regulatory policing in India permits the use of lower quality ingredients and recourse in manufacturing short-cuts.
- [Praxis Healthcare Investor Report 2019 uncovers value creation opportunities in India](#)  
In 2018, by introducing Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY, which ensures universal coverage for 500M Indians, the Indian government has been anticipating support from the private sector in uplifting the country's healthcare status.
- [Healthcare standardization is lacking in India: Pompy Sridhar](#)  
In 2017, India's MMR was 130 deaths per 100,000 live births, according to Census data, while its NMR was 24 deaths per 1,000 live births and U5MR was 39 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- [Empowering primary care practitioners](#)  
It is important to reclaim health care from ivory tower structures called 'hospitals' and incentivize general practitioners
- [With A Network Of Local Pharmacies, MedCords Looks To Digitise Healthcare In Rural India](#)  
Pune-based MedCords is a telemedicine startup onboarding customers through local pharmacies. MedCords claims to have a presence in 2.5K villages with 1.1 Million digital health profiles
- [Plea wants violence against doctors made separate penal offence](#)  
The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre to respond to a plea to make violence committed against doctors and medical personnel and establishments a separate penal offence.
- [Congratulations on 100 days of 'no development': Rahul Gandhi to Modi govt](#)  
The Congress party claimed that the Modi government's 100 days in office have been characterised by "arrogance, uncertainty and vendetta politics".
- [City to get 1,000 clinics by year end: Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain](#)  
The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday took away a doctor who was speaking about the health crisis in the state that is happening due to the security clampdown, according to some media reports.

### **Medtech Forum**

- [Doctor Driven Innovation: How MedTech Players are Transforming the Indian Healthcare Sector](#)  
India continues to import over 75% of medical devices and this is how it needs to change
- [Craniopagus twins head home](#)  
India's only successfully separated craniopagus twins from Odisha — Jagga and Balia — were discharged from the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) here on Friday, two years after they were admitted, operated and started on rehabilitation at the hospital.

- [Use of biosensors in early detection of cancer stressed](#)  
Healthy World Association president suggests their manufacture in India to ensure affordability and large scale availability of devices
- [IIT-Bombay startup first to be listed on BSE Startup platform](#)  
Mumbai-based Transpact Enterprises Ltd is an ISO-certified company that makes products for vestibular rehabilitation, neuro-developmental and sensory integration therapy.
- [With Rs 980 crore investment, Telangana sets mark in medical-technology industry](#)  
At least 22 domestic companies that manufacture medical devices, supplies have decided to set up units in Medical Devices Park; firms expected to create 4,000 jobs

### **Insurance Forum**

- [Inter-ministerial panel on fintech: 'Need to look into virtual banking licences, fixed deposit dematerialisation, gold bonds'](#)  
In its report submitted to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday, the panel suggested putting in place a comprehensive legal framework to protect consumers of digital services.
- [After PSU banks, public insurers in trouble? National Insurance, Oriental Insurance among downgraded](#)  
Amid turbulence in the PSU bank space, public insurers also seem to be facing challenges after a global rating agency downgraded National Insurance, United India Insurance and Oriental Insurance.
- [10 Lessons From Health Care on Quality Improvement](#)  
Pitfalls and promising practices drawn from experimentation with quality-improvement methods and performance management in health care.
- [Triple burden of diseases a challenge: Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan](#)  
Govt has rolled out free drugs and diagnostics initiative to check disease burden and high out-of-pocket expenditure, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan tells Sumi Sukanya Dutta.

### **Diagnostics Forum**

- [Drive launched to make Odisha malaria-free State](#)  
The 'Malaria No More India' on Saturday launched a Malaria Action Coalition (MAC) under the leadership of Government of Odisha with a vision to make the State malaria-free.
- [How Healthcare Mobile Apps are Making Healthcare More Accessible](#)  
Adoption of IT and technology in the healthcare sector has been able to enhance the relationship between the doctor and his patients.
- [State steps up effort to track missing TB](#)  
Efforts for elimination of Tuberculosis to get a boost as Maharashtra Government steps up to ensure notification of every person diagnosed with the disease
- [The rise of digital pathologies](#)  
Lal PathLabs, Thyrocare and Metropolis trade at 28, 21, 30 times FY21 earnings estimates, respectively. Competition for the big three has contracted considerably

### Upcoming Awards & Events

- InnoHEALTH 2019 ( 4<sup>th</sup> October, Vivanta New Delhi, Dwarka)
- Asia Health (16th October, New Delhi)
- Fortis Third Annual Psychology Conference 2019 (Fri, 13 Sep, Gurugram)
- 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)