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Key Sectoral Highlights

[DGCI approves new drugs for the treatment of mild-to-moderate Covid-19 cases](#)

The Drug Controller General of India last week approved Merck and Ridgeback's antiviral molnupiravir which works by introducing errors to the genetic code of the virus, preventing it from replicating further.

[All you need to know about Florona: A double infection of flu and COVID-19](#)

Some experts have also flagged Delmicron, a combination of Delta and Omicron variants. Moderna's chief medical officer Dr Paul Burton has said it was possible that both the strains can swap genes and trigger a more dangerous variant.

[Guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination of children between 15-18 years and precaution dose to HCWs, FLWs & 60+ population with comorbidities](#)

Government of India has laid down guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 15-18 years which will come into effect from 3rd January 2022 & will be reviewed from time to time

[Vaccines still effective against Omicron as T cell immunity holds up better against new variant, says WHO Chief Scientist](#)

"As expected, T cell immunity holding up better against Omicron. This will protect us against severe disease. Please get vaccinated if you have not," said Swaminathan in a tweet. Either vaccines or prior infections with COVID-19 trigger human T cell response.

[Covaxin for Children: Study says robust safety, immunogenicity in 2-18 year old volunteers](#)

Bharat Biotech had conducted phase II/III, open-label, and multicenter studies to evaluate the safety, reactogenicity, and immunogenicity of Covaxin in healthy children and adolescents in the 2-18 age group, a press release from the vaccine maker said.

Key Sectoral Highlights

[Omicron antibodies could provide immunity against Delta Covid variant: Study](#)

The variant has been shown to be highly transmissible and have extensive evasion of neutralising antibody immunity elicited by vaccination and previous SARS-CoV-2 infection.

[Kerala, TN, Telangana, Andhra & Maha top health index](#)

Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have topped the NITI Aayog's 2019-20 health index among larger states while Uttar Pradesh is the worst performer and stood at the bottom of the index with Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar being other four laggard states at the bottom.

[CDSCO panel recommends emergency use authorisation for SII's Covid vaccine Covovax](#)

"The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on COVID-19 of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) reviewed the emergency use authorisation (EUA) application for the second time and after detailed deliberation recommended granting emergency use authorisation to Covovax," an official source said.

[Cadila Healthcare's US arm receives FDA nod to market Pimavanserin capsule](#)

The approval by the US Food & Drug Administration for the generic Pimavanserin capsules is for the strength of 34 mg, Cadila Healthcare said in a regulatory filing. "The drug will be manufactured at the group's formulation manufacturing facility at SEZ Ahmedabad," it said.

[Emcure Pharmaceuticals to launch oral COVID-19 drug in a week's time in India](#)

The company plans to launch the oral drug under the brand name Lizuvira in the Indian market

Key Sectoral Highlights

[Vaccinations for children between 15-18 years; booster shots for frontline workers, senior citizens with comorbidities](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on Christmas night and announced two big changes in the vaccination policy.

[Covaxin gets nod for use in kids above 12](#)

Bharat Biotech said Covaxin is formulated uniquely such that the same dosage can be administered to adults and children.

[Coronavirus can persist for months after traversing entire body](#)

The coronavirus's propensity to infect cells outside the airways and lungs is contested, with numerous studies providing evidence for and against the possibility.

[Remdesivir to be used in patients with moderate to severe COVID-19: Health ministry](#)

The Tocilizumab drug may be considered for use in the presence of severe disease (preferably within 24 to 48 hours of onset of severe disease/ICU admission), according to the guidelines.

[Tata Medical develops fast-testing solution for COVID-19](#)

Last year, the company had launched its COVID testing kit, 'TataMD CHECK', developed in partnership with CSIR-IGIB. It has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research and Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).

[Covid: US halves isolation time for asymptomatic infection](#)

US health officials have halved the recommended isolation time for people with asymptomatic Covid-19 from 10 to five days, amid a surge in cases.

Key Sectoral Highlights

[ICMR designs kit for omicron detection; invites EOI from manufacturers for its commercialization](#)

The ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, NE, Dibrugarh, one of the institutes of the ICMR, New Delhi, has developed a novel technology -- real-time RT-PCR assay for detection of Omicron (B.1.1.529) variant of SARS-CoV2 and a kit for the same.

[WHO issues emergency use listing to Covovax-Serum Institute's COVID-19 vaccine](#)

Covovax™ is a subunit of the vaccine developed by Novavax and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). It requires two doses and is stable at 2 to 8 °C refrigerated temperatures. The vaccine uses a novel platform and is produced by creating an engineered baculovirus containing a gene for a modified SARS-CoV-2 spike protein.

[Take measures to avoid mixing-up of vaccines: Health minister](#)

“To avoid mixing-up of vaccines during administration, separate COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs), separate session sites, separate queue (if at same session where adult vaccination is ongoing) and separate vaccination team (if at same session site) are to be strived for,” Union Health Minister said.

[SII gets DCGI nod to manufacture drug substance, test it for developing jab against Omicron](#)

Looking to undertake vaccine research against the Omicron variant, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs at SII, Prakash Kumar Singh, recently had submitted an application to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for grant of permission to manufacture Drug substance of SARS-CoV-2 rS Protein (COVID-19) Recombinant Spike Nanoparticle Vaccine (Omicron Variant) for examination test and analysis.

[Omicron variant resistant to antibodies, two vaccine doses: Study](#)

However, the study found that a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine, and mixing Pfizer and AstraZeneca preventives may protect well against the variant.

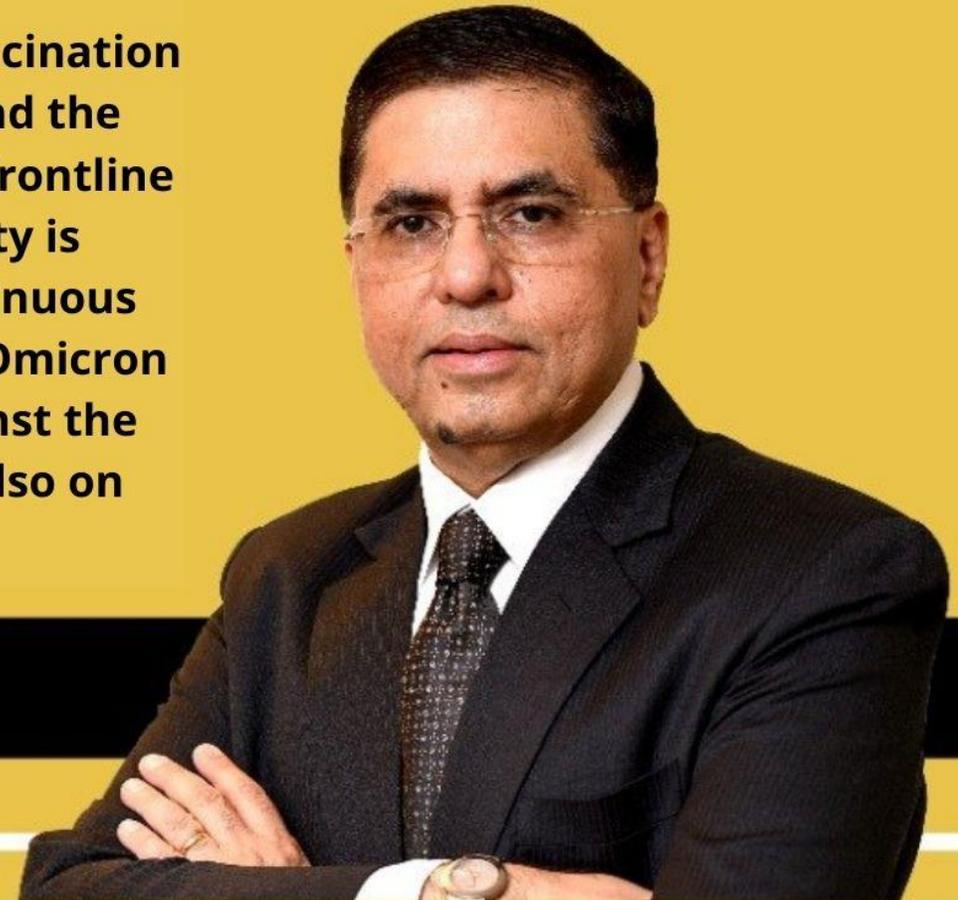
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Prime Minister's announcement of opening up vaccination for kids between the age of 15 years to 18 years and the introduction of booster doses for healthcare and frontline workers and those above 60 years with comorbidity is significant. This will go that extra mile in our continuous fight against COVID-19 and the new threat of the Omicron virus. As was mentioned by the PM, our fight against the virus is on track with the nasal and DNA vaccine also on the anvil.

Mr Sanjiv Mehta
President, FICCI



OPTIMISING ANTIBIOTIC USE IN INDIAN COMMUNITY SETTINGS

- An OASIS and FICCI partnership for the rationale use of antibiotics

Background

India has among the highest levels of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in the world and the highest consumption of antibiotics worldwide, driven by excessive and inappropriate use in both the human and animal health sectors and the environment¹. India has both a public health sector that provides primary and secondary care to its rural population and a larger private health sector. Over 70% of the population seeks healthcare from private providers, many of whom do not have a formal medical qualification^{2,3}. Antibiotic stewardship is challenging in complex pluralistic health systems due to information asymmetries, the nature of pharmaceutical value chains, and weak governance, accountability and regulation of the multiple actors involved.

The OASIS project is a research collaboration among five partner organisations in India and the United Kingdom. The study takes a One Health approach towards understanding antibiotic use and its drivers in human and animal health, with the ultimate goal of using the study findings to co-design an antibiotic stewardship intervention through multi-stakeholder engagement.

The study's formative research was conducted with rural households, informal and formal primary care providers, veterinarians and para-veterinarians, health and regulatory department stakeholders, and stakeholders in pharmaceutical value chains in rural West Bengal. This was supplemented by an online pan-India survey of primary care physicians, non-physician (informal) providers, vets and paravets on their SARS-CoV-2-related practices, including use of antibiotics. Our formative research revealed several drivers of antibiotic use, both intrinsic such as knowledge gaps and economic interests of informal providers, and extrinsic such as patients' physical and economic needs, the public health sector's reliance on informal providers, and regulatory challenges⁴.

Stakeholder consultations and next steps:

Since January 2021, the project team, in partnership with FICCI, held a series of consultations across four key groups of medical, veterinary, pharmaceutical and high-level government stakeholders. These included leaders from institutions like the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), the Indian Medical Association (IMA), the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA), the NITI Aayog, as well as leadership from the pharmaceutical industry.

The objectives of these consultations were:

1. To co-design, a novel antibiotic stewardship intervention with multiple stakeholders: informal providers, rural communities, formal doctors and veterinarians, key pharmaceutical actors and health and regulatory system representatives, to reduce and improve antibiotic use for humans and animals by rural informal providers
2. To assess the feasibility and acceptability of this antibiotic stewardship intervention at the policy, community, training and practice levels, and how it will affect formal and informal provider knowledge, attitude and practice?

All groups strongly recommended below key areas for intervention:

- a. tier wise guidelines for antibiotic use in human and livestock health starting with para-professionals (these do not exist currently)
- b. continuing training and orientation (ideally digital) about antibiotics for all supply chain actors and communities
- c. strengthening mentorship links between formal and informal providers
- d. prescription audits for professionals and
- e. a code of conduct for pharmaceutical industry stakeholders

Moving forward with these recommendations, the **team is in the process of constituting an Expert Committee comprised of professionals** who previously participated in the stakeholder consultations to **develop a set of draft guidelines** for local use of antibiotics at the primary care level. These guidelines will be shared with the project's State-level partners. Once draft guidelines are developed, they would eventually be incorporated into a mobile phone based digital application which will function as a digital clinical decision support system for rural health providers. This intervention would be piloted in one of the partner states.

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Reflections from the Pandemic

In India, the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be receding with gradual reduction in positivity rate as well as daily new cases. Amongst the eligible adult Indian population, nearly 80% have received 1 dose and 50% have received 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by now. However, in spite of high vaccination rates, many countries continue to struggle with containing the spread of infection. As borders open up, emergence of new mutations presents grim reminders that maintaining covid appropriate behaviour along with vaccination, continue to be the most important tools towards pandemic management.

Having spent more than 40 years in healthcare sector and serving in various capacities such as an Academician; Clinician and Administrator, this pandemic has definitely been an unprecedented calamity. It demonstrated unpreparedness and deficiencies in healthcare services across nations, India being no exception. In spite of the huge challenges faced by us in India, the resolve and determination of our medical professionals stood out as second to none.



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However, the silver lining to these challenges and difficult times are the associated learnings, which should make us a more enlightened and resilient community in future.

Self-reliance and sustainability in

- Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients to manufacture essential drugs
- Protective equipment (PPE, Masks, Gloves etc.)
- Essential equipment (Ventilators, monitors)
- Medical grade Oxygen

Focus on Public Health measures

- Enhance public healthcare spending
- Enhance disease surveillance and preparedness
- Strengthen community health centres

Practice Evidence Based Medicine

- Described as the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about individual patients (David Sackett)
- It involves integrating individual clinical expertise with best available clinical evidence based on research
- Sharing of clinical evidence with peers for enhanced patient care

Multi-disciplinary teamwork between various Surgical and Medical teams

- In a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach, activities of healthcare professionals from different fields are coordinated together, using a patient care plan while working towards a specific set of goals.
- MDT is a mechanism to jointly assess, plan and manage complex patient care needs.



Reflections from the Pandemic...

Harness India's capabilities and leverage its competitive advantage in areas such as biotechnology, pharma, and epidemiology

Vaccine production

Augment Clinical research and trial capabilities

Aspire for new patents (drugs, machines)



Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

E.g., personally involved in implementing a successful project in Odisha to manage COVID-19 pandemic.

Arrangement between Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Government of Odisha and Odisha Mining Corporation (CSR partner).

A dedicated 500 bed COVID-19 facility at Bhubaneswar with 45 Critical Care beds and dedicated 64 slice CT scan.

A 200-bed hospital in Baripada, 200 bed hospital in Balangir and a 150-bed hospital in Phulbani were established to provide healthcare services at zero cost to public.

Information Technology services in healthcare

Remote monitoring capabilities

Tele-consultation

Producing a “Wow” effect while deploying Telehealth

With Covid-19 acting as a Global Chief Transformation Officer, Telehealth is slowly getting integrated into the core of the healthcare delivery system. The Central Government, State Governments, PSU's, corporate, trust hospitals, polyclinics and individual doctors are accepting that remote health care is here to stay. For the last 21 years the author has been evangelising that distance is meaningless and that Geography has become History. It is therefore reassuring that rules and regulations regarding telemedicine are being formalized. Hundreds of webinars have sensitized stakeholders in the eco system, about importance of Digital Health. It is heartening to see the National Digital Health Mission taking proactive steps. The existing public-private, urban-rural health divide is narrowing and converging.

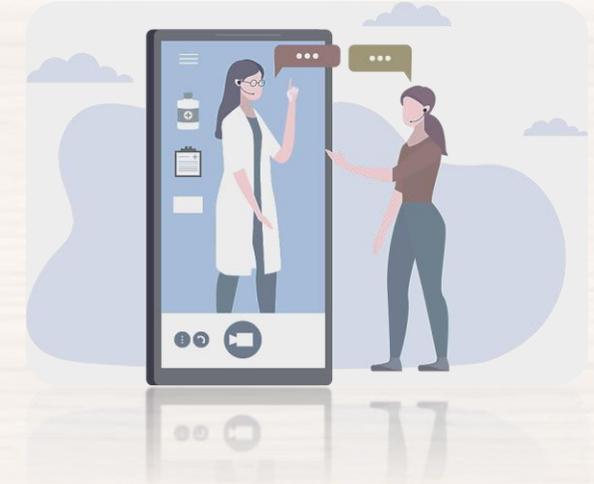


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Producing a “Wow” effect while deploying Telehealth

As a clinician belonging to the BC era (a neurosurgeon trained, before computers came to hospitals) I am concerned that the emphasis now is on technology. Digital doctors will become experts in deploying software, hardware, handling connectivity issues, video conferencing systems, Apps on smart phones, digital manipulation (pun intended !) UPI, EMR, PHR, HIS etc. He/ she would be future ready.



Somewhere along the line is there a real danger of the smart young doctor forgetting that technology is only a means to an end and not an end by itself. A fool with a tool is still a fool ! Exercising clinical judgement is contextual. SoP's and protocols are guidelines. In healthcare one size does not fit all. We need to cater to the specific wants and needs of the beneficiary, who is on a screen at the remote end. We need to get into his/ her mind. We need to listen, listen, listen . Building patient rapport, confidence and trust is vital in a teleconsultation. Body language and webside manners need to show how much you care, not how much you know. Healthcare is a calling not a business, an art based on science. On a screen, caring is conveyed through body posture, voice intonation, the way one looks/sits, attire, movement of hands and arms and spontaneous smiling. A proper teleconsulting chamber, conveying sympathy, empathy and TLC (tender, loving, care) virtually will do wonders in producing a “wow” effect. Every beneficiary of Digital Health will then be a brand ambassador. 5G, 200 Mbps bandwidth, super smart phones or giant screens cannot replace a virtual personal touch.

FICCI-EY report: Prevent, Plan and Prepare - Strategies to win against the pandemic

Released on November 2, 2021

India's historic achievement of vaccinating majority of its population is a significant milestone in the country's fight against COVID as vaccines are known to be effective in significantly reducing the severity of infection and mortality. However, given that most countries have faced COVID-19 pandemic in waves and the situation in parts of Europe and Central Asia is deteriorating, it is imperative to prepare as well as plan appropriately for any future waves.



FICCI, in partnership with EY, has prepared a report titled 'Prevent, Plan and Prepare: Strategies to win against the pandemic' which studies past trends and recommends measures to prevent future waves and remain prepared for any eventuality. The highlight of the report is that there is no homogenous data which can be relied on to predict future waves, so any response will have to be highly localised and adaptable to the specific circumstances of a breakout infection. Moreover, above a certain threshold of infections, surge capacity has to be created to deal with mild / moderate cases so that the hospital system is not overloaded.



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AYURVEDA ROADMAP FOR SEASONAL HEALTHY AND TASTY FOOD HABITS

Ayurveda is embodied as nectar of life as it concentrates both on preventive and curative aspects of health. The concept of Ayurveda is based on the theory of Dosha, Dhatu and Mala which has practical applicability in day to day life as well as in treatment. Maintaining equilibrium in Dosha and normalcy of Dhatu and Mala is the main object of Ayurveda. Food being one of the three supporting pillars of health helps to maintain this equilibrium and is part of healthy lifestyle which is described in detail under the context of Dinacharya and Ritucharya.

Dinacharya deals with daily practices from wakefulness to sleep which are required to be followed to maintain equilibrium of Dosha, dhatu and mala while Ritucharya i.e. seasonal regimens are exclusively described as Diet and Lifestyle to acclimatize seasonal changes in order to maintain homeostasis which forms corner stones of preventive approach of medicine.

Ayurveda Roadmap for Seasonal Healthy and Tasty Food Habits



The year is divided into two solstices (Ayanas) which are Uttarayana and Dakshinayana and six seasons (Ritu). In these seasons, there are specific changes in atmospheric conditions which influence changes in Dosha, Bala (strength) and Agni (digestive power). These atmospheric changes affect all living beings in the universe. Dakshinayana is inherently soothing while in Uttarayana the Sun with its hot rays absorbs moisture from the environment which further causes dryness leading to reduced strength. This leads to differences in the food habits to be followed during these seasons.

For instance, In Greeshma ritu i.e. Summer season, sweet, unctuous (Snigdha), cold nature (Sheeta) items are suggested like Rice, lentil, buttermilk, fruit juices, churned curd with pepper, milk with sugar candy are to be consumed. Dishes like coconut milk (Narikela Kshira), Rasaala (a recipe prepared from curd and sugar), Paanaka (juice) can be used to balance the increased pitta.

In this way, Ayurveda classics have mentioned a specific Varga, named as Krutannavarga dedicated to various recipes having preventive potential. Thus, conjugating the roadmap given in Ritucharya with the Krutannavarga, it is possible to draw some recipes preferably having Rasayana potential to make the preventive potential stronger. India's nutraceutical market is poised to be a global leader expected to grow upto 18 million US dollars by 2025. Many flour-based products explained in this varga can have a modified ready to eat forms. Various seasonal drinks can have their ingredient managed as per seasons and be customised according to prakruti.

Pandemic: Lessons, Realisations and Resolutions

Believe me, how much ever we prepare, there is always room for more. As healthcare professionals, we all learnt our lessons. When COVID-19 first raised hood, we could neither fathom the scale, nor gauge the impact it would have. As a result, it rose to pandemic proportions, and we had to pay a heavy price for it. We were just not prepared for it, be it personnel or skills or resource availability.

In India, the challenges are multi-fold - from training relevant personnel to upscaling the infrastructure to managing the inflow of patients through right and safe channels. As medical fraternity, while we are doing all that we can, it is also up to the individuals to take ownership of their own health. They need to adhere to all the necessary safety protocols and be disciplined in leading a healthy lifestyle, so that co-morbidities, if any, will have lesser consequences if infected.



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Pandemic: Lessons, Realisations and Resolutions

While individuals and communities play their part, it is up to the government and healthcare providers to collaborate with a unified vision and derive result-oriented solutions to mitigate the impact during such unprecedented scenarios. This would also require a combination of approaches, from policy making, fiscal measures to reorientation of healthcare services and stronger community action.

With a focus on building long-term resolutions, the government, public health providers and private healthcare providers should share equal responsibilities in laying a cohesive platform for the future. While the government concentrates on management excellence, public and private healthcare providers should extend their expertise with a continuum of healthcare services in a seamless way. For that, all the stakeholders should strategically invest in resources to enhance professional capabilities, technological prowess, and infrastructural competence.

While lessons can be many, it is the realizations and resolutions that propel us to make a difference. Let's aim for excellence in thought, action, and execution. Let's collectively progress towards a healthy and strong India.



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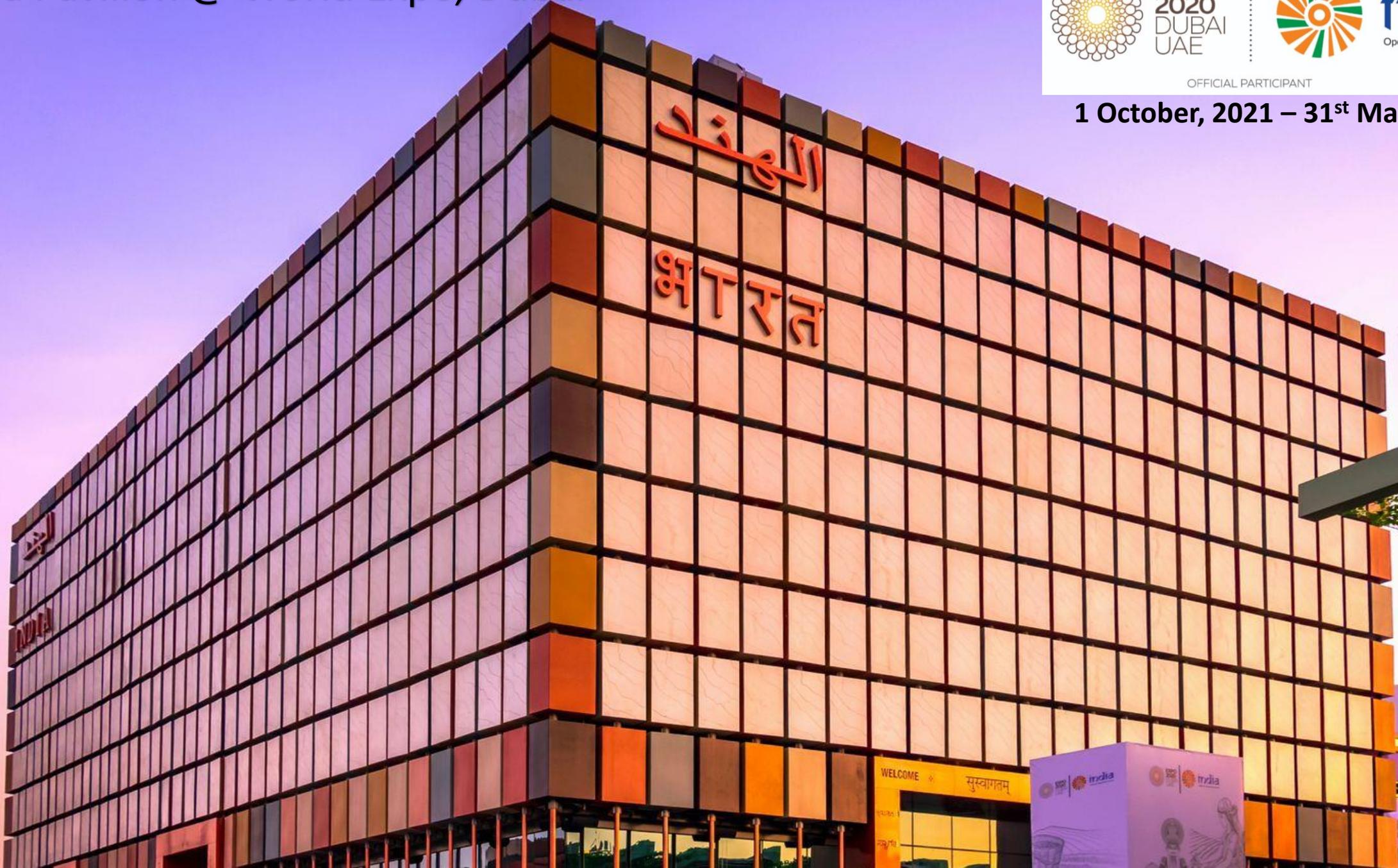
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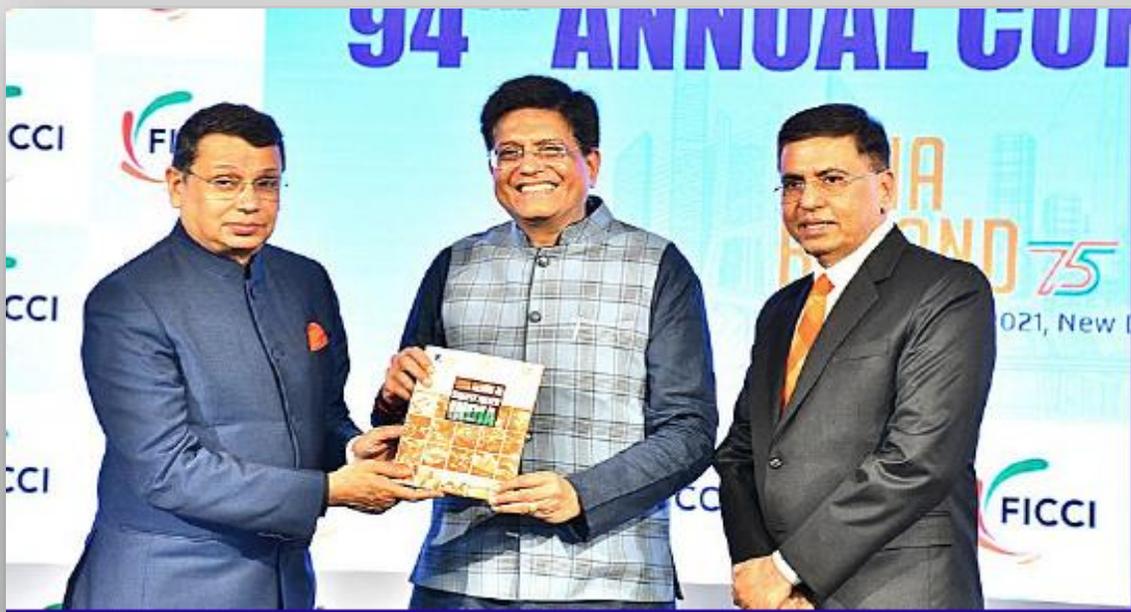
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Minister of Commerce & Industry lauds FICCI's efforts in making India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai a grand success

Addressing FICCI's Annual Convention & 94th AGM on the theme India Beyond 75, Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India lauded FICCI's efforts for the unparalleled success of the India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai. "The India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai has been a matter of pride for every Indian and I would like to place on record my deep appreciation for the work that FICCI has done to make the India Pavilion happen," said the Minister.





Health and Wellness Week

(January 27 - February 4, 2022)

FICCI along with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Pharmaceuticals and Ministry of AYUSH is organising a week-long thematic event showcasing India's prowess in sectors combining Healthcare, Medical Value Travel, Medical Device, Pharmaceuticals and AYUSH **from 27th January to 4th February 2022 at the India Pavilion, World Expo, Dubai.** The intent is to focus on opportunities, building businesses, bringing innovative and technological solutions, global partnerships and collaboration in the field of healthcare and allied sectors

FICCI is collaborating with members and various healthcare stakeholders, government departments, international education and research institutions as well as Indian and global manufacturers and innovators for showcasing the sectoral opportunities in this upcoming Health and Wellness Week. Various bilateral meetings including government and business delegations will be organised along with the tours to partnering country pavilions.



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Health and Wellness Week (January 27 - February 4, 2022)



Tentative Program

DATE / TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Day 1 : January 27, 2022, Thursday		
1000-1300	Visit to Arab Health	
1500-1630	Panel Discussion: R&D and Innovation in Medical Device Sector	Conference Hall
1700-1830	Investors Roundtable for Medical Device Sector	Conference Hall
Day 2 : January 28, 2022, Friday		
1000-1700	G2G, B2G Meetings with Healthcare Delegations from identified countries Israel, UK, Ireland, USA, Sweden etc.	India Pavilion & Pavilion of identified countries
Day 3 & 4: January 29 & 30, 2022, Saturday & Sunday (Being a weekend, Day Free)		
DATE / TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Day 5: January 31, 2022, Monday		
1000-1300	Visit to Dubai Health City	
1500 – 1630	Towards bringing innovation and capturing scientific validation in AYUSH	Conference Hall
1700 – 1830	AYUSH sector Roundtable with America & European Countries : Collaboration on Opportunities Ahead	Meeting Room 1



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Health and Wellness Week (January 27 – February 4, 2022)



Tentative Program

Day 6: February 1, 2022, Tuesday

0915 - 0955	Partnerships for Achieving Global Equity in Healthcare Systems	DEC Hall 1A South
1110 - 1150	Health & Medical Tourism	DEC Hall 1A South
1200 - 1500	Visit to Country Pavilions	
1530 - 1700	MVT Roundtable : Focus GCC	Meeting Room 1
1730 – 1900	MVT Regional Roundtable : Focus CIS/ASEAN/African Countries	Meeting Room 1

Day 7: February 2, 2022, Wednesday

1030 - 1200	Pharma Roundtable on Exports issues with Gulf countries	Conference Hall
1230 – 1400	Pharma Roundtable on Collaboration for R&D and Innovation	Conference Hall
1500 – 1545	Ministerial Session for Health & Wellness Week	Conference Hall
1600-1730	Roundtable on Digital Technologies in Health: Leapfrogging to the Future (India - Sweden collaboration) Showcase of the winning start-ups Innovation Challenge of the India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre and announcements	Conference Hall
1730 - 1930	Meetings being planned between Government of India and other countries/business leaders	At Dubai Expo
1930 onwards	Ministerial Dinner (by Invite only)	Leadership Pavilion

About FICCI Health Services

FICCI Health Services Committee constituted in 2006, has been pivotal in facilitating interaction among stakeholders to jointly work towards creating the building blocks for achieving quality healthcare through initiatives like:

- Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) for tertiary, secondary and primary care
- National Costing Guidelines
- Categorization of healthcare providers
- National Electronic Health Records
- Innovations in Healthcare
- Tackling Non-communicable diseases
- Bridging the skill gaps and augmenting healthcare workforce
- Recommendations on recent programs and policies include **National Health Policy 2017, Ayushman Bharat, Digital Health Mission, Personal Data Protection Bill, National Medical Commission etc.**

For COVID-19, FICCI has been actively engaged with various Ministries, NITI Aayog, WHO as well as the Empowered Groups under the Disaster Management Act 2005 at multiple levels through:

- **Policy intervention-** submitted 100+ recommendations for strengthening Number of Specialist Doctors in India, COVID care infrastructure, testing, pricing of COVID treatment, fiscal and non-fiscal representations, public health strategies etc.
- **Strategic interventions-** mapping of isolations and ICU beds, ventilators, PPEs, testing kits, oxygen; support for logistics; facilitation for government-industry tie ups
- **Information Education Communication** material and eLearning modules on COVID care

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