



*Amneet P Kumar,
Secretary & Mission
Director, National Health
Mission, Government of
Haryana, inaugurating
8th Healthcare Leaders
Forum Summit,
Chandigarh*

A day-long conference was organised in Chandigarh to deliberate upon various facets of healthcare ecosystem. The Conference, 8th Healthcare Leaders Forum, organised by the Elets Technomedia, Asia and Middle East's premier media and technology research organisation, brought together policymakers, international experts and industry leaders to brainstorm about conducive policies, reaching out to the last mile with healthcare services, importance of technology and innovation for health and challenges and opportunities.

The conference started with inaugural session "Importance of Conducive Policies, Effective Implementation & Encouraging Innovation: Future of India's Healthcare Spectrum", where eminent guests including DR G Dewan, Director Health-Family Welfare and Mission Director, National Health Mission, Chandigarh UT, Amneet P Kumar, Secretary Health & Mission director, National Health Mission, Government of Haryana, delivered insightful speech on healthcare initiatives. At the inaugural session, Dr Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot presented medical education perspective while Shipra Bansal, Councillor, Chandigarh Municipal Corporation apprised about healthcare programmes by the local administration.

Many enlightening panel discussions including "Tech led Hospital Management: Challenges & Opportunities", "New Health Policy: Boost to Medical Devices Manufacturing Sector", "Smart Healthcare through Technology & Innovation" and "Building Future: Importance of Innovation based Medical Education" were organised at the conference held on 27 May, 2018.

Through these sessions, healthcare leaders discussed about various challenges engulfing Indian healthcare industry. Panelists threw light on what needs to be done to do away perennial issues of healthcare sector.

On this occasion, the Industry leaders and healthcare organisations were also felicitated for their exemplary initiatives and innovative solutions in healthcare sector.

Inaugural: Importance of Conducive Policies, Effective Implementation & Encouraging Innovation: Future of India's Healthcare Spectrum



Dr G Dewan, MD, NHM, Chandigarh, during the eHealth magazine launch



Amneet P Kumar

Secretary Health & Mission Director, National Health Mission, Government of Haryana

"We are working towards vaccination programmes on mission mode. We recently launched Mission Indra Dhanush which is re-immunisation of children programme. There has been lot of success in that. Recently Chief Minister of Haryana launched Measles Rubella Campaign which will cover around 80 lakh students, children for nine months. Burden of diseases is increasing in slum areas"

Dr G Dewan

Director Health-Family Welfare & Mission Director National Health Mission, Chandigarh UT

"A well-functioning health system is built on the basis of trained and motivated health workers, a well-maintained infrastructure, reliable supply of medicines and technologies backed by adequate funding, strong health plans and evidence-based policies. Adopting innovations is increasingly becoming the norm across all the sectors including healthcare"





Dr Raj Bahadur

Vice Chancellor

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

"We have started eEvaluation of the papers. In years or so, the national board of examination which conducts a national examination will also be adopting this model of evaluation. The theories papers are all bar-coded. Each page is bar-coded and scanned. These pages are then converted into a PDF at the end. We also transfer the paper through E-transfer mode"



Dr Gurbir Singh

Regional Medical director, North & East Region,
Fortis Healthcare, Chandigarh

"Indian healthcare is largest employer. It gives employment to almost 48 lakh people in the country. It has an impressive growth records and if it does continue with 22.87 per cent, in 2020, we could see 280 billion industry in our country. We have strong fundamentals. We are growing economy and income. Focus has shifted from curative to preventive care"

Chander Shekhar Sibal

Executive Vice President
Fujifilm

"We are at the forefront of digitisation of X-Rays. We have computed radiography (CR system), digital radiography (DR system), teleradiology, picture archiving and communications system (PAC system). Recently we have done digitalisation of X-Rays in Assam through PPP mode. We have installed 100 CR systems at small places. Digitisation is key to success"



Shipra Bansal

Councillor
Chandigarh Municipal Corporation

"There are around 20 dispensaries under Municipal Corporation Chandigarh. We are currently working for baby kits. A baby kits to girl child contains 30 items, a basic necessity which a mother and child require at early age. This is done on regular basis in different slum areas and villages surrounding Chandigarh. Check up at dispensaries is being done on quarterly basis"





Panel Discussion: Smart Healthcare through Technology & Innovation



Naveen Sharma

GM-Operation and Head
Business Development, Pushpawati Singhania
Research Institute, New Delhi

"We have tied up with one of the telecom companies and built 60 telemedicine centres in tier two and tier three cities. We have taken this decision to help hospitals. If they have any kind of tertiary care patients, they send us the report through telecom companies which has been set up there. Our super specialists sitting in Delhi guide general physician along with patient available there"



Ritesh Mittal

Unit Head
Paras Hospitals, Chandigarh

"We in Paras have a growing technology, feeding every single out-patients' prescription that is being written in OPDs. Technology enables us to read the prescription, interprets it and sends out a reminder to patient on their registered mobile about the next follow up appointment. In addition, it also sends out reminder about medication which was written on prescription. Third, it tells my hospital where were the gaps"



Satinderpal Singh Chahal

Consultant Health informatics
National Health Mission, Punjab

"Technology is available on telemedicine front but actual challenge is how to harness its benefit. In villages, majority of people have smart phones but they don't know how to use the apps to their benefit. Whenever they have any medical issues, they visit local doctor or nearest PHCs. Primary healthcare infrastructure needs to be strengthened"

Tanushree Roy

DGM-Head, Corporate Communications,
Max Healthcare, New Delhi

"We as marketers and communicators have to create a positive impact of technology in healthcare whether it is procedure or clinical outcomes. It could be through various campaigns involving various stakeholders, the Government, private healthcare and end consumers. Transparency and communication play a major role"



Lakshman Kumar

CIO

Asian Institute of Medical Sciences, Gurugram

"Technology is like double edged sword. It has both positives and negatives. In many areas, technology is proving instrumental to enable excellence. But we should be careful in using technology. At the same time legal aspect should also be taken care of. There should be a protocol for telemedicine service in rural areas"



Dr Rajesh Gulia

Director

Mayo Hospital, Chandigarh

"Health is a social sector. We are taking telemedicine to primary centres in villages and tier-three cities. Are we having enough Government policies to sustain acquired knowledge by capable, qualified MBBS doctors? Technology is being used to fine-tune things in healthcare sector"



Dr Neeraj Nagpal

Director

Hope Gastrointestinal Diagnostic, Chandigarh

"We need to identify the problem and then develop our weapon to tackle it. We need to develop physical centres in rural areas and those centres have to adapt first to cater people on telemedicine front. Then they need to be given constant touch with expert faculty"





Panel Discussion: Tech-led Hospital Management: Challenges & Opportunities



Dr Gurbir Singh

Regional Medical Director, North & East Region, Fortis Healthcare

"Technology in hospital management is an asset. With proper technology lots of medical data can be archived, reducing the burden of having volumes of papers. In hospital management there has to be quick records. Going through paper records is time consuming. Technology as a tool is appreciated by doctors and healthcare professionals in the right spirit"

Shuchin Bajaj

Founder Director
Cygnus Hospitals

"Technology is a handy tool provided we should convince our entire staff and ecosystem to upskill themselves. Doctors spend a lot of their time in upskilling themselves on surgeries and on robotics. Staffing and labor cost consume more than 50 percent expenses of hospitals and IT support can make it cost effective. The money spent on technology should be considered as an investment"





Dr Priti Nanda Sibal

CEO
Medi-Skool & AB Hospitals

"If technology adds cost to patient, doesn't give much benefit then it becomes a challenge but if it's cost effective and benefiting the patient then it's an opportunity. Technology makes things simple and swift in healthcare. Patient can get all details of any medical test on hospital's website. Patients get to know everything well in advanced, what are dos and don'ts before going for any medical test"

Chandra Shekhar Sibal

Executive Vice President
Fujifilm India

"Scope of medical tourism is increasing in India and for that we should have latest technologies and latest machineries. Going forward we can see Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) and cloud computing in healthcare sector which will make things more transparent in healthcare sector. At the same time, it will improve ease of access"



Dr S S Gill

Medical Director
Shalby Hospitals, Chandigarh

"Simulation training is costly but it is for the long term benefit of the hospital and the patient outcome. Technological advancement has led to increase cost in the health industry. Considering this, if technology comes with an affordable cost to patient then it's surely welcomed"



Dr P N Kakar

Medical Director and Chairman Quality
Park group of Hospitals

"In the international forum, Indian healthcare is at the forefront of innovations. Indian doctors across the globe are doing wonderful job. Anywhere and everywhere Indian healthcare and doctors are appreciated"



Panel Discussion: Building Future Importance of Innovation based Medical Education



Dr Devendra Chopra

Director, Shivalik Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Chandigarh

“There is a huge shortage of doctors and paramedics in our country. We should provide platform to paramedics like lab technicians and OT technicians. We can increase their eligibility. There are innovations happening in medical field. Health education needs innovation too. Policy makers and authorities must bring innovations in health education”

Dr Jagat Bhushan

Director, Dr Harvansh Singh Judge Institute of Dental Sciences, Chandigarh

“The standard of medical education sector has dwindled over the time. There is drastic need to change the system of education. One of the reasons is that we have been following traditional education model where we understand, remember then reproduce the stuff. The system has to be changed. We need to get adequate leads to institutions so that they can have quality improvement in education”



Dr S S Gill

Medical Director
Shalby Hospitals, Chandigarh

"University should be given more autonomy in their curriculum, in their method of teaching and selection. Single test is very dangerous. Let the university should become independent. There should be some basic guidelines"



Professor Preethi Pradhan

Dean, Chitkara School of Health Sciences,
Chandigarh

Getting a right human resource in healthcare is not just an overnight or a short term process. We still lack right workforce required to run any hospital. We are encouraging evidence based teaching at Chitkara"



Educational Presentation

Dr Gopal Munjal

MD & CEO
Ind Swift Group

"What is written in the book is already invented. What you can do out of the brain and out of these boundaries if that kind of education system we adopt that will set a roadmap for innovative future of India. Today 99 per cent of innovative things what we are using that have already been invented by all other countries not by our own country. We are importing software and technology from outside. Education system should be changed."



AWARD PRESENTATION



Dr Gopal Munjal, MD & CEO, Ind Swift Group (On the left)



Chander Shekhar Sibal, Executive Vice President, Fujifilm India (On the left)



Lakshman Kumar, CIO, Asian Institute of Medical Sciences, Gurugram (On the left)



Cura team receiving award (On the left)



Dr Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot (On the right side)



Dr S S Gill, Medical Director, Shalby Hospitals, Chandigarh (On the left)



Dr P N Kakar, Medical Director and Chairman Quality, Park group of Hospitals (On the left)



Dr Gurbir Singh, Regional Medical Director, North & East Region, Fortis Healthcare (On the left)

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