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Khosla succeeds Sushobhan Dasgupta, MD, Johnson and Johnson Medical India, and VP, Diabetes Care Asia Pacific.

A NATHEALTH statement informs that OE Healthcare President & CEO, India & South Asia, Milan Rao, has been elected as the Vice-President, while BD Managing Director Varun Khanna is the new Secretary.

Daljit Singh of Fortis Healthcare has been elected as the Treasurer.

Speaking to DTMT, Rahul Khosla said, "At NATHEALTH, we have established a unique collaborative platform to usher progress healthcare as a priority sector. We look forward to developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to achieve the vision of universal and consistent healthcare in India."

Khosla further said that the government and private healthcare providers need to work in tandem to develop a cohesive blueprint for healthcare provision and funding.

"There are wonderful opportunities to improve infrastructure, talent, regional outreach and consistency in access, affordability and quality of the Indian healthcare ecosystem," the new president of NATHEALTH said.

"Private healthcare providers, with the help of government, need to work in tandem to develop a solid blueprint for healthcare provision and funding," Khosla added.

New Delhi, Apr 21 (ANI): Alarming increase in Diabetes cases among Indians calls for high-impact public health interventions to CHECK and prevent this lifestyle disease. Stakeholders of the health sector gear up to extend full support to the government in this battle.

Being the apex platform representing the healthcare sector, NATHEALTH, in its reports and recommendations, has been emphasizing the need for high-impact interventions, multi-stakeholder engagement and effective awareness programmes to CHECK this life threatening disease.

Rahul Khosla, President, NATHEALTH said, "Immediate steps are necessary to ensure the transformation of India's healthcare system, and we need to scale up and expand current programmes to control NCDs, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer, with care offerings that integrate screening, prevention, treatment and follow-up, enabled by partnerships, both private-private and public-private and across the delivery, insurance, technology and pharmaceutical sectors of the healthcare industry."

Anjan Bose, Secretary General, NATHEALTH said, "Government is focusing on ensuring multi-stakeholder engagement for prevention, CHECK and care to make India a healthy country."
Government's recent announcements in the Union BUDGET were commendable. Announcement of National Dialysis Service programme is a welcome measure for the health sector 15 percent increase in government spending on the social sectors with focus on healthcare should go a long way in ensuring universal health coverage. It will further strengthen the Government's vision for a better and healthy India."

"We need to adopt a long-term vision and roadmap to prevent and control lifestyle diseases. Rolling out high-impact public health interventions is certainly one of the key requirements to battle diabetes," emphasizes Bose. NATHEALTH's Aarogya Bharat Report reveals that there has been an increase of over 100 percent in diabetes cases since 2000. India has its 38 million urban population diabetic and more than 80 million Indians are pre-diabetic, making every fifth diabetic in the world an Indian.

Prevention and early diagnosis are the most cost effective ways to control non-communicable diseases. Prevention at primary stage is essential but there are major loopholes in the treatment cycle which makes drop-offs in diagnosing issues, treatments and appropriate care and awareness among people.

"There is an immediate need to be aware about symptoms and effects of diabetes enabling prevention and initiate diagnoses at an early stage. Today, late diagnosis is the norm, and it imposes a high cost of treatment. Treating diseases early improves survival rates and results in lower costs," said Bose.
According to the report, if a Type-II diabetic takes the treatment in early stages then the total spending on treatment is as low as Rs. 2500. At the same time if a diabetic patient goes for diagnosis with major complications, he/she has to spend 10 times more on diagnosis and treatment i.e. Rs. 25000. This results in creating major loss to the economy.

"It is estimated that non-communicable disease will cost India USD 6.2 trillion by 2030. A 10 percent rise in chronic disease will result in 0.5 percent lower rates of annual economic growth," the NATHEALTH Report revealed.

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Medical Devices Market expected to grow to $8.6 billion by 2020: NATHEALTH-Deloitte 'Make In India' Paper

NATHEALTH, Healthcare Federation of India, an apex body for the healthcare sector partnered with Deloitte to present imperatives and develop recommendations for actualizing 'Make in India' for the medical devices industry and released 'Code of Ethics' in collaboration with Indian Medical Association (IMA).

"The healthcare sector is expected to reach $145 billion by 2018 and over $280 billion by 2025. Though India's healthcare sector has evolved significantly in the last decade, challenges exist in providing access to quality healthcare in the country," said Mr Anjan Bose, secretary general, NATHEALTH.

"Lower financing and expenditure on healthcare, inadequate healthcare infrastructure and dual diseases burden are key challenges faced by the sector," added Mr Bose.

Medical technology cost in setting up a tertiary care hospital amounts to 30-40 percent. Cost of medical technology/equipment/devices is 20-25 percent of total healthcare cost for a patient.
“Given the increasing demand for healthcare and the critical role of medical devices in providing affordable and accessible health, the time is right to align the eco system to view medical devices as a strategic driver. The 'Make in India' initiative is the perfect opportunity to create a step change in Indian healthcare and especially in the medical devices industry,” said Ms Charu Sehgal, partner and Life Sciences and Healthcare Leader, Deloitte India.

The medical devices market is estimated to grow organically at 15 percent to $8.6 billion by 2020. Though the current domestic medical devices market represents only 1 percent of the global market, India is among the top 20 in the world and among the top 4 in Asia (after China, Japan, South Korea). The medical devices market has grown at 10 percent in the past decade and is expected to have an organic growth of 15 percent in the medium-term against global industry growth of 4 - 5 percent," informed Mr Sushobhan Dasgupta, president, NATHEALTH.

Industry estimates that India's medical devices market has the potential to become $50 billion industry by 2025 when the contribution of India to the incremental medical devices industry growth would become substantial at 31 percent.

While export of medical devices has been increasing, 'local innovation' by MNCs and domestic manufacturers is expected to drive growth. Medical devices exports have been growing at a CAGR of 12 percent which indicates a promising domestic manufacturing industry, added Mr Dasgupta.

As the demand for medical devices increases, India is expected to contribute significantly to the growth of global medical devices industry. MNCs like General Electric, Philips, Medtronic, Siemens etc. have been increasing their manufacturing footprint and research centers in India both for Indian market as well as for exports.

Newer markets are opening up due to India-based innovation. USA, Africa, Middle East, China and South East Asia are a few key export destinations from India. India presents a good opportunity for companies to de-risk their business from dependency on one manufacturing location and tap potentially huge domestic market at the same time.
Given the criticality of medical devices for growth of the healthcare sector and challenges faced in medical devices manufacturing, it is imperative for the stakeholders in the medical devices and the larger healthcare ecosystem to constructively engage with the Government to facilitate 'Make in India' for the medical devices industry, emphasized Mr Bose.

The Government can shape the growth of indigenous manufacturing in its role as a policymaker, development agency and buyer of medical devices. NATHEALTH-Deloitte recommends incentivize medical devices manufacturing - Provide CENVAT/Duty credit on raw materials of medical devices, enable concession duty, VAT parity with imported equipment; facilitate FDA or FDA equivalent certifications for ensuring quality.

NATHEALTH asks for separate regulations for medical devices and stresses on state specific incentivization for manufacturing. Trust deficit and unethical practices being a major issue of healthcare industry. NATHEALTH has also developed 'Code of Ethics' in collaboration with Indian Medical Association (IMA) which was released at the event.

Ms Preetha Reddy, vice chairperson, Apollo Hospitals and the Champion of the Code of Ethics Initiative at NATHEALTH said, "Over the last few decades, our country has witnessed a revolution in medicine. There is a much greater understanding of diagnosis and treatment of diseases, medical care has become lot more accessible and affordable, technology is changing the care paradigm, innumerable lives have been saved, and the noteworthy aspect is that at the core of all this positive progress is the resolute commitment to provide superlative patient care. The private sector has worked with the government to bring in quality standards in the country and now the time is right to bring in a change in the way the private healthcare sector is being perceived. This initiative, a voluntary Code of Ethics initiated by NATHEALTH, a model of self-regulation resonates with this valued goal and it speaks of intent for continuous improvement."

Dr KK Aggarwal, Honorary secretary general, IMA explained, "The Code is intended to provide guidance to the members with regards to their conduct and interactions with patients/end users, and other stakeholders so as to ensure that their daily activities, efforts and interactions are undertaken in an ethical, honest manner within the parameters of law for the advancement of healthcare and improved patient care in India."

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