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Need to have 'Make in India' strategies for Indian healthcare disease management: Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS for NE Region & PMO

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in association with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, recently organised the ninth annual FICCI Heal conference in New Delhi. The two-day conference on 'India's Healthcare: Time for Paradigm Shift' discussed various steps and measures for bringing a paradigm shift in the Indian healthcare sector.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for development of North Eastern region and Minister of State for Prime Minister Office, Government of India, addressed the inaugural session. Commenting on the conference theme, he said that today the nation and society is going through a paradigm shift as the nation is evolving and growing rapidly, thanks to technological revolutions and experiments with stem cells. Anticipating the global issues which India is likely to face, Singh highlighted that globalisation is an issue because whatever changes and development we are seeing in India are happening in parallel at the global level as well.

Referring to the gap in healthcare service delivery in urban and rural areas, Singh mentioned that there is a need to provide affordable healthcare services to 600 million people in rural areas. Rural areas lack quality healthcare and equipment which requires immediate attention. "We have to overcome the rural -urban divide. Urbanisation in rural areas has happened very fast and now we are seeing a lot of lifestyle diseases in rural areas as well. So, we need to have rural infrastructure similar to that in urban areas," Singh informed.

While informing about malpractices in the Indian healthcare sector and immediate steps which need to taken, Singh pointed out that in rural areas, people are dying from diseases like diabetes, heart ailments etc. while on the other hand, urban patients are undergoing avoidable stent surgeries. This is where we need to put in healthcare strategies, advocated the Minister.

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