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# **Key Sectoral Highlights**



# **Government and Policy**

#### Government to soon launch national tele-mental health programme, toll-free helpline number

The government is working on launching a national tele-mental health programme and a toll-free helpline number soon to enable wider access to mental health assistance across the country. This will include a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) being the nodal centre and the International Institute of Information Technology, Bengaluru (IIITB) providing technological support.

#### Panel formed to suggest ways to increase health insurance reach

The country's insurance regulator – the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) – has formed a 15-member health consultative panel to suggest ways and means to increase health insurance penetration and look into various issues facing health insurance policyholders.

#### Delhi government asks hospitals to reserve 10-15 pc beds for patients of vector-borne diseases

All the city hospitals have been asked by the government to reserve 10-15 percent of beds for patients with vector-borne diseases. Seeing the low occupancy rate of the COVID-19 beds in the last few weeks the government has also asked the hospitals to use the vacant beds to accommodate dengue patients.

## Pharma firms may face legal action for unethical marketing practices

Pharmaceutical companies could face legal action if they are found to be involved in unethical marketing practices. A high-level committee formed under NITI Aayog's Dr VK Paul will review the regulatory framework around marketing practices in the pharma sector.

# **Key Sectoral Highlights**



# **Vaccines**

#### Global roll-out of 12 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses largest-ever but access an issue: WHO

World Health Organization (WHO) director-general Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has said that global roll-out of more than 12 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses is the largest and fastest in human history. However, he also flagged the issue of inequities in access to COVID-19 vaccines.

## Ebola vaccine: Serum Institute to produce Ebola vaccine for use in Uganda outbreak

The Serum Institute of India plans to manufacture 20,000 to 30,000 doses of an experimental Ebola vaccine by the end of November for use in trials against an outbreak in Uganda, its developers and a company source said. Reportedly the vaccine doses would be supplied free of cost.

## Covid nasal spray by Oxford University and AstraZeneca not as effective as expected, study shows

The nasal-spray version of Covid-19 vaccine jointly developed by Oxford University researchers and AstraZeneca Plc has failed to deliver the desired protection in its initial testing, hurting hopes for millions who were looking for the spray to be a reliable option instead of a painful jab.

#### Biological E's Pneumonia jab for kids gets nod

Subject expert committee (SEC) of the drug regulator has reviewed and approved phase-3 infants clinical trial data of Biological E's pediatric vaccine against streptococcus pneumonia which is a leading cause of child mortality under 5 years of age in India and other developing countries.

# **Key Sectoral Highlights**



# **Others**

#### Diabetes cases set to double globally, warns study

Number of people living with Type 1 diabetes across the world is set to almost double by 2040 to between 13.5 million and 17.4 million, a modelling study published in medical journal Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology has said. The study also highlighted the need for improving the standard of care of such people across the world.

#### Indian healthcare industry sees second highest number of cyber attacks in the world: CloudSEK

India's healthcare industry faced the highest number of cyber attacks after the United States in 2021. The technological advancement in the healthcare industry such as remote health monitoring, electronic health records and the Internet of Things (IoT) provided cyber criminals with more opportunities to attack the sector.

## FICCI commits to adopt 100,000 patients under TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan

President Smt. Droupadi Murmu launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan on September 9. The scheme aims to bring together all community stakeholders to accelerate the country's progress towards TB elimination. The President also launched the **Nikshay Mitra initiative**, whose portal has a platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment--nutritional, additional diagnostic, and vocational support. The donors, called Nikshay Mitras, could be a wide range of stakeholders, including **corporate houses and industry representatives**.

\*\*More info on- https://tbcindia.gov.in/WriteReadData/1583929709Guidance%20Booklet\_02-08-2022.pdf

\*\*Contact FICCI Team @ healthservices@ficci.com for participating in the campaign.



# WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY 2022: MEDICATION WITHOUT HARM

World Health Organization announced the third global patient safety challenge as Medication Without Harm in 2017. Medication Without Harm aims to reduce severe avoidable medication-related harm by 50% globally in the next five years. It was formally launched at the Second Global Ministerial Patient Safety Summit in Bonn, Germany, on 29 March 2017.

As cited on the WHO website, unsafe medication practices and medication errors are leading causes of injury and avoidable harm in healthcare systems worldwide. Globally, the cost associated with medication errors has been estimated at \$42 billion USD annually.

There are no accurate figures around this for India. Errors can occur at different stages of the medication use process. These stages are from prescribing, transcribing, dispensing, administering, and monitoring. These errors often occur when weak medication systems and/or human factors such as fatigue, poor environmental conditions, or staff shortages can lead to medication error in any of these stages and then result in severe harm, disability, and even death. Multiple interventions to address the frequency and impact of medication errors have already been developed and recommended, yet their implementation is varied.



# **Thankam Gomez**

Founder & CEO Cygnia Healthcare

## **Industry Article**



The WHO has recommended 3 priority areas to be focused on-

- 1. High Alert situations
- 2. Transitions of Care
- 3. Polypharmacy

Each of these areas is discussed, and the solutions are suggested in the technical reports on these domains. (<a href="https://www.who.int/initiatives/medication-without-harm">https://www.who.int/initiatives/medication-without-harm</a>)

Having worked in the Indian private sector for a long time managing a large nursing workforce who are involved primarily in the medication administration and monitoring process, below are my suggestions if we care enough to address medication safety.

- First are foremost will be to capture all medication errors at a central registry so that we know where we need to start.
   This can enable us to know the nature of our own medication errors.
- This digital registry can be anonymous and must include all evidence-based factors so that root causes in this area can be easily studied.
- The hospitals can pledge to the "NO NAME, NO BLAME & NO SHAME" culture. This can promote fearless error reporting.
- When conducting root cause analysis, human factors ought to be considered on a priority basis.
- Prescriptions must be mandated to be legible, including generic name, dose, route, frequency, dilution, and any special effects to watch out for. This one compliance can educate the nurses on the medications. We must admit that with the increasing complexities of medical conditions and more patients on polypharmacy, it will be impossible for any nurse to know all the medications that she/he is handling

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- Transcribing medications must be eliminated. The prescriptions can go directly into the medication chart/electronic record.
- There must be strict competency checking of nurses for medication administration, and this ought to become a privileged procedure for nurses.
- This privileging must be preceded by training and education on the most critical domains. High Alert Medications,
   LASA medications, Antibiotics, and area-specific common medications.
- The training must cover vulnerable patients (very young, very old, patients with comorbidities) and safe medication administration practices.
- Personal accountability must be emphasized.
- All these learning domains must be incorporated into medical and nursing educational institutions.
- There must be monitoring of unsafe practices around antibiotics, as antimicrobial resistance is an established global concern.
- All audits around medication safety must be discussed with a focus on structure and human factors than on the individual.
- Honest efforts to "Learn from Errors" will pave the path to improved safety.
- Leadership matters- Create and culture of reporting and learning

"We ought to be able to learn something second-hand. There is not enough time for us to make all the mistakes ourselves" – Harriet Hall.

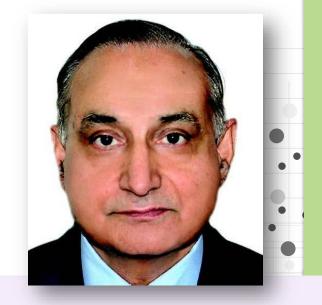


# CLIMATE CHANGE AND PATHOGENS – AN EMERGING THREAT

Climate change refers to long-term statistical shifts of the weather, including changes in the average weather condition or in the distribution of weather conditions around the average (i.e., extreme weather events). According to IPCC Global warming is reaching 1.5°C in the near-term, which would cause unavoidable increases in multiple climate hazards and present multiple risks to ecosystems and humans. On the other hand, atmospheric CO2 concentrations have also reached a concerning milestone. Climate Change induced effects such as rising average temperatures and altered rainfall patterns, are beginning to reverse years of progress in tackling the food and water insecurity that still affects the most underserved populations around the world, denying them an essential aspect of good health. Adding to these health hazards, the changing environmental conditions are also increasing the suitability for the transmission of many water-borne, air-borne, food-borne, and vectorborne pathogens. Although socioeconomic development, public health interventions, and advances in medicine have reduced the global burden of infectious disease transmission, climate change could undermine eradication efforts.

#### **Basic Framework**

Climate change can affect human health seriously when infectious diseases are concerned. Three components are essential for most infectious diseases: an agent (or pathogen), a host (or vector), and transmission environment. Some pathogens are carried by vectors or require intermediate hosts to complete their lifecycle. Appropriate climate and weather conditions are necessary for the survival, reproduction, distribution and transmission of disease..



# Prof. Dr Muzaffar Ahmad

Former Director General (Health), J&K and Former Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Govt of India

Prof. Dr Tamorish Kole & Dr Danish Ahmad

## **Industry Article**



pathogens, vectors, and hosts. Therefore, changes in climate or weather conditions may impact infectious diseases by affecting the pathogens, vectors, hosts, and their living environment. Research has shown that long-term climate warming tends to facilitate the geographic expansion of several infectious diseases and that extreme weather events may help create opportunities for more clustered disease outbreaks or outbreaks at non-traditional places and times. Overall, climate conditions constrain the geographic and seasonal distributions of infectious diseases, and weather affects the timing and intensity of disease outbreaks.

## Change in climate suitability for infectious diseases

The number of months with environmentally suitable conditions for the transmission of malaria (Plasmodium falciparum) rose by 39% from 1950–59 to 2010–19 in densely populated highland areas in the low human development index (HDI group), threatening highly disadvantaged populations who were comparatively safer from this disease than those in the lowland areas.

The biggest relative increase in basic reproductive rate of these arboviruses was seen in countries in the very high Human development index (HDI) group; however, people in the low HDI group are confronted with the highest vulnerability to these arboviruses. Similar findings are observed in the environmental suitability for Vibrio cholerae.

## Consequences on Human Health

Human activity, directly and through the effects of induced climate change, is linked to changes in the ecosystem, such as changes in vector distribution, population susceptibility, and population exposure.

Climate change will also promote the embedding and development of invertebrate vectors. The risks for malaria, dengue and dengue hemorrhagic fever, yellow fever, chikungunya, Zika virus, West Nile fever, Lyme disease, and leishmaniasis will be increased in currently endemic areas, but also in areas that are currently free of malaria and these other infections.

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The changes in infectious disease are also indirectly linked to changing vector patterns and increased risks of food- and waterborne diseases. Rising temperatures, flooding events, and abnormal water accumulation because of rainfall and stream overflows will result in changes in habitats, hibernation patterns, and the reproduction cycles of reservoir species. Additionally, migratory flows linked to climate change will also modify the geographic distribution of susceptible populations.

In India, zika virus (ZIKV) has been silently spreading across the country, as surveillance in 2021 showed the virus's presence in several states.

## Extreme weather events and infectious diseases

Extreme weather events refer to a value of a weather or climate variable going beyond a threshold near the upper (or lower) end of the range of observed values (IPCC, 2012). They include global-scale extreme events (eg. El Nino, La Nina) and regional or local-scale meteorological hazards (e.g., drought, heatwaves, flood, cyclone). Although these events are rare and occur less than 5% of the time their frequency and intensity have been on the rise and can potentially change the dynamics of human infectious diseases by impacting pathogens, vectors/hosts, or transmission routes.

Climatic hazards are bringing pathogens closer to people through shifts in the geographical range of species. It has also facilitated contact between people and pathogens by moving people closer to pathogens. Heatwaves, for instance, by increasing recreational water-related activities, have been associated with rising cases of several waterborne diseases such as Vibrio-associated infections, primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, and gastroenteritis.

In a nutshell, Climate hazards are expected to aggravate 58% of all known human pathogens. It is a matter linked to our survival as a species!



# Website Launch: India MedTech Expo 2022



Scheduled for Dec 9-11, 2022



Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare launched the website of India MedTech Expo 2022 (IMTE-22) and released the flyer for the event.

# Website: <a href="https://indiamedtechexpo.in/">https://indiamedtechexpo.in/</a>

The 3-day long event will be the 1st edition of India MedTech Expo (IMTE), being organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, on Dec 9-11, 2022, in close association with FICCI and other medical devices industry associations, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

IMTE-22 is planned around the theme 'Future of Device, Diagnostics & Digital'. The event will create opportunities to network and explore collaborations both for the sector's growth in India and its potential contribution globally, by bringing together all the stakeholders such as PLI participants, Start-ups, MSMEs, Innovative entrepreneurs, R&D facilities, Incubators, public and private Hospitals, industry at large; Academia, Research institutions, Investors, State governments, MedTech parks and key government officials.









Glimpses

October 10-12, 2022

FICCI Federation House, New Delhi











The **16th edition of FICCI HEAL** on the theme, **'Healthcare Transformation: Driving India's Economic Growth'** was organized from October 10-12, 2022, at FICCI, New Delhi. The conference was supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and NITI Aayog, Government of India.



View the conference sessions on

**YouTube** 

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12 Sessions

2 Knowledge Papers







Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated FICCI HEAL 2022, which acts as a platform to converge all stakeholders in healthcare and as a forum for sharing learnings and experiences on 11<sup>th</sup> October. While he lauded FICCI's immense contribution to the healthcare sector, he also highlighted the crucial role of healthcare industry in attaining the objective of a USD 5 trillion economy.

The Vice President invited everyone to work on the goal of universal healthcare. He said, "let us work together, public and private, centre and state, citizen and government for our collective dream of universal health care, affordable accessible, advanced and quality healthcare for our people."









Inaugural Session

# Release of FICCI-EY Knowledge Paper

# "Call for Action: Making cancer care more accessible and affordable in India"

The paper titled "Call for Action: Making quality cancer care more accessible and affordable in India" was one of the two reports release during the Inaugural Session of FICCI HEAL 2022.

Given the backdrop of a growing burden of cancer across India, this Report by FICCI Task Force on Cancer Care Infrastructure, in collaboration with EY, is an initiative to highlight the need for more effective policy measures aimed at proactive cancer prevention and treatments.



The paper intends to serve as a beacon of light to strengthen India's strategy for cancer care and help it serve as a model for other non-communicable diseases. The detailed epidemiology of various types of cancer in every state of India and global comparisons described in this report highlight the substantial variations between the states for different types of cancer and serve as a useful reference for more targeted planning of cancer control, commensurate with the trends of different cancers in each state of India.

Click here to download the Report

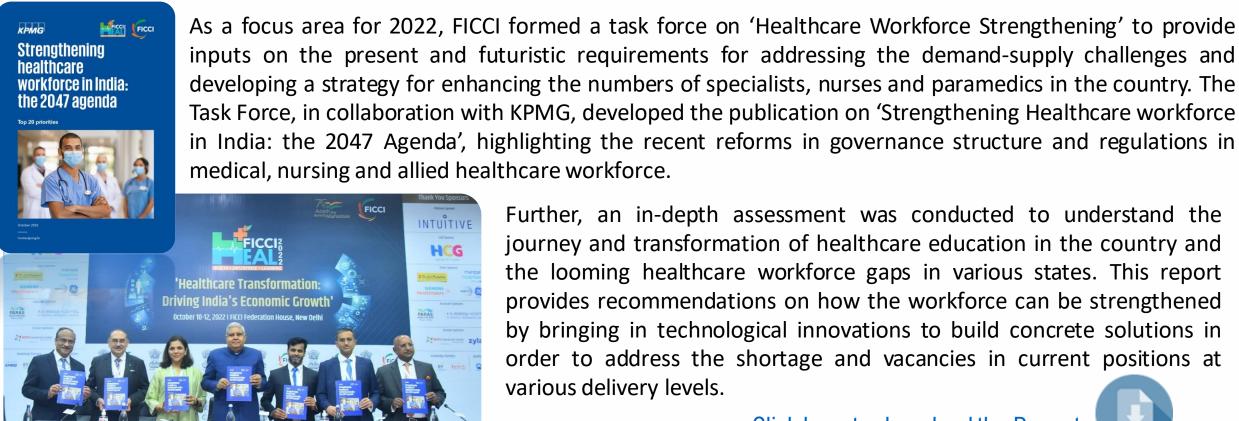




Inaugural Session

# Release of FICCI-KPMG Knowledge Paper

# "Strengthening healthcare workforce in India: the 2047 agenda"



inputs on the present and futuristic requirements for addressing the demand-supply challenges and developing a strategy for enhancing the numbers of specialists, nurses and paramedics in the country. The Task Force, in collaboration with KPMG, developed the publication on 'Strengthening Healthcare workforce in India: the 2047 Agenda', highlighting the recent reforms in governance structure and regulations in

Further, an in-depth assessment was conducted to understand the journey and transformation of healthcare education in the country and the looming healthcare workforce gaps in various states. This report provides recommendations on how the workforce can be strengthened by bringing in technological innovations to build concrete solutions in order to address the shortage and vacancies in current positions at various delivery levels.

Click here to download the Report





Day 0

# **Master Classes**







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Day 1





# **Keynote Addresses**

**Dr Sunil Kumar**, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Johns Hopkins University, USA **Dr V K Paul**, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India



## Panel Discussion I

Smart HWCs: Collaborate,
Operate and Transform



Role of healthcare industry in driving India's economic growth



# Plenary Session I

The evolving landscape of Diagnostics: A glance into the future!

2 Panels: MedTech and Diagnostics









Day 2





# FICCIHEAL2022



Healthcare workforce strengthening



Plenary Session II

**Cost-Quality Conundrum** 



Making Cancer care affordable and accessible in India



Panel Discussion IV



Special Session Heal in India, Heal by India

**Digital Health Changing landscape - Opportunities & Challenges** 





# Glimpses

## **Chief Guest for the Awards Ceremony:**

**Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development & Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India

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# **Awards Categories 2022:**

- Excellence in Service
- Excellence in Patient Safety
- Excellence in Home Healthcare
- Excellence in Capacity Building
- Excellence in Social Initiatives
- Digital Innovation in Healthcare

# **Individual Categories 2022:**

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Healthcare Personality of the Year
- Healthcare Humanitarian Award



### **GRAND JURY**



#### **Jury Chairman**



Mr CK Mishra

Former Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt, of India

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Chair, FICCI Health Services Committee and Chief Executive Officer, P D Hinduja Hospital & MRC

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# **INTERIM JURY**





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#### **Chief Guest**

**Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani**, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development & Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India



**Welcome Remarks** 

Mr Gautam Khanna, Chair-FICCI Health Services Committee; Awards Jury CoChair & CEO, PD Hinduja Hospital & MRC



Mr C K Mishra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare & Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India



Vote of Thanks
Mr Arun Chawla, Director General, FICCI









# **Congratulations Winners- 2022!**

## **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

#### HEALTHCARE HUMANITARIAN



Dr P Namperumalsamy
Chairman- Emeritus,
Aravind Eye Care System; DirectorResearch, Aravind Eye Hospital

### HEALTHCARE PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR



Dr Ashutosh Raghuvanshi
MD & CEO,
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# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY



Dr (Prof) Ashok Seth
Chairman,
Fortis Escorts Heart Institute

## **GENERAL AWARDS**

#### **EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE**

# PRIVATE HOSPITALS Gold Winner



HCG Cancer Centre

#### OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

#### **Gold Winner**



StanPlus Technologies

#### Silver Winner



**Inox Air Products** 









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# **PUBLIC HOSPITALS**

**Congratulations Winners- 2022!** 

#### **Gold Winner**



Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal

## Special Jury Recognition



U N Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre



Dept. of Health & Family Welfa Govt. of West Bengal

## **PATIENT SAFETY**

#### PRIVATE HOSPITALS

#### Silver Winner



Kauvery Hospital

#### Special Jury Recognition



Ramkrishna Care Hospital

#### **Gold Winner**



Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre









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### PATIENT SAFETY

**PUBLIC HOSPITALS** 

**Gold Winner** 



Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. Of West Bengal

# CAPACITY BUILDING

#### **Gold Winner**



Fresenius Medical Care

## **Special Jury Recognition**



Impact Guru Foundation

### SOCIAL INITIATIVES

#### CORPORATES & OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

#### **Gold Winner**



Glocal Healthcare Systems Pvt. Ltd.

#### Silver Winner



Aster MIMS

## **Special Jury Recognition**

Johnson-Johnson

Johnson & Johnson Pvt. Ltd.



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#### **SOCIAL INITIATIVES**

NGOs/ NOT-FOR-PROFIT
Gold Winner



The Akshaya Patra Foundation

### HOME HEALTHCARE

### **Special Jury Recognition**



Reach Out (Sir Ganga Ram Trust Society)

#### DIGITAL INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE

**HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS** 

#### **Gold Winner**



Glocal Healthcare Systems Pvt. Ltd.

#### Silver Winner



**HCMCT Manipal Hospitals** 

#### MEDTECH/ HEALTHCARE RESEARCH INSTITUTE/ START-UPS

#### **Gold Winner**



Turtle Shell Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

#### Silver Winner



Medikabazaar

# **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- PMJAY and H&WCs, National Medical Commission, Personal Data Protection Bill, Augmenting Healthcare Infrastructure, Strengthening Healthcare Workforce, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission 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- through Advocacy, Representations and Reports
- ✓ **Strategic support-** government-industry tie-ups; surveys for identifying resources, facilitating logistics, supplies & mobility
- ✓ Information, education and communication
- Collaborate with Industry and State Governments for Crisis Management as well as COVID Vaccination
- ✓ Support to FICCI members for Vaccination of their Employees

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