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Foreword



Healthcare is a crucial part of human development, and in India, it's a major sector in terms of revenue and employment. It encompasses various aspects such as hospitals, medical devices, clinical trials, outsourcing, telemedicine, medical tourism, health insurance, and medical equipment. The Indian healthcare sector is experiencing rapid growth due to efforts to expand access, improve services, and increased investments from both public and private sources. This growth is driven by the demand for accessible and affordable healthcare, making it a top priority for the government and private industry. Factors like technological advancements, telemedicine, health insurance expansion, government initiatives, and tax

incentives are contributing to this growth.

In Northeast India, despite commendable health indicators like a lower Infant Mortality Rate compared to the national average, challenges persist in governance and comprehensive development within the healthcare sector. Communicable and non-communicable diseases remain significant concerns, warranting a fundamental overhaul of the healthcare system. Many northeastern states grapple with shortages of healthcare personnel and struggle to deliver quality healthcare services. The region's geographical remoteness and inadequate connectivity emphasize the need for a digitalized healthcare approach. While initiatives like Ayushman Bharat and maternal healthcare policies have been implemented, local experts underscore the significance of local innovation, community engagement, and an emphasis on preventive and primary healthcare services. These steps are crucial for achieving a holistic and inclusive healthcare system in the Northeast, ultimately contributing to healthier and more resilient communities.

This "NEDFi Databank Journal" on "Healthcare Sector" with special reference to North Eastern Region, consists of two volumes. The first volume covers rural healthcare, providing statistics on infrastructure, manpower, and facilities with growth analysis. The second volume focuses on urban and tribal healthcare, presenting statistical data, growth analysis, vital statistics, performance of key HMIS (Health Management Information System) indicators, and various health-related statistics from National Health Profile.

We hope that the relevant data/ information provided in this Journal will be useful to our readers and all the stakeholders. We also look forward to your feedback and suggestions for further improvement.

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