

Sector Brief – October 2015

India's healthcare companies to spend \$1.2 billion on IT

Healthcare providers in India are expected to spend \$1.2 billion on IT products and services in 2015, an increase of 7 percent over 2014, including spending by healthcare providers on internet services, software, IT services, among others. ITO will be the largest sub-segment in IT services recording a 10 percent increase in 2015 to reach \$103 million in 2015. The software market will grow 6.7 percent in 2015 to reach \$102 million, up from \$96 million in 2014.

India emerging a leading medical tourism destination

With its quality healthcare and low cost services, Indian Medical/Healthcare industry is emerging as one of the leading destinations of medical tourism in the world. About 1.27 million medical tourists are visiting India annually from countries including the US, the UK, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and China. India is currently providing e-visa to 130 countries which shall be extended 150 countries and it would definitely facilitate the medical tourism industry.

Policy Level Update

Ministry of Healthcare Publishes National Health Profile 2015

Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda released e-book National Health Profile 2015 (11th edition) prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) which covers demographic, socio-economic, health status and health finance indicators along with comprehensive information on health infrastructure and human resources in health.

The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill is on anvil

The Ministry of Health & family Welfare is considering to bring forth a new legislation namely "The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill". The proposed legislation aims at proper regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics and banks in the country, and for safe and ethical practice of surrogacy in the country.

Health Ministry to accelerate Organ Transplant Programme

In an attempt to address the institutional gaps to promote organ donations, the Government has decided to promote Organ Transplant Programme of the Ministry. Apart from senior officers of the Ministry, technical experts including senior doctors from the Government and the private sector took part in the meeting. It was decided that the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) would be awarded with more autonomy and be a registered body.