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THAT **INSPIRE**, AND
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THAT DRIVE
**MEANINGFUL
CHANGE.****

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BUILDING A ROBUST INFORMATION ECOSYSTEM FOR A HEALTHIER INDIA BY BRINGING TOGETHER:

POLICY MAKERS**DOCTORS****INDUSTRY LEADERS****ENTREPRENEURS****PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALISTS****AI & TECH EXPERTS****JOURNALISTS****HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

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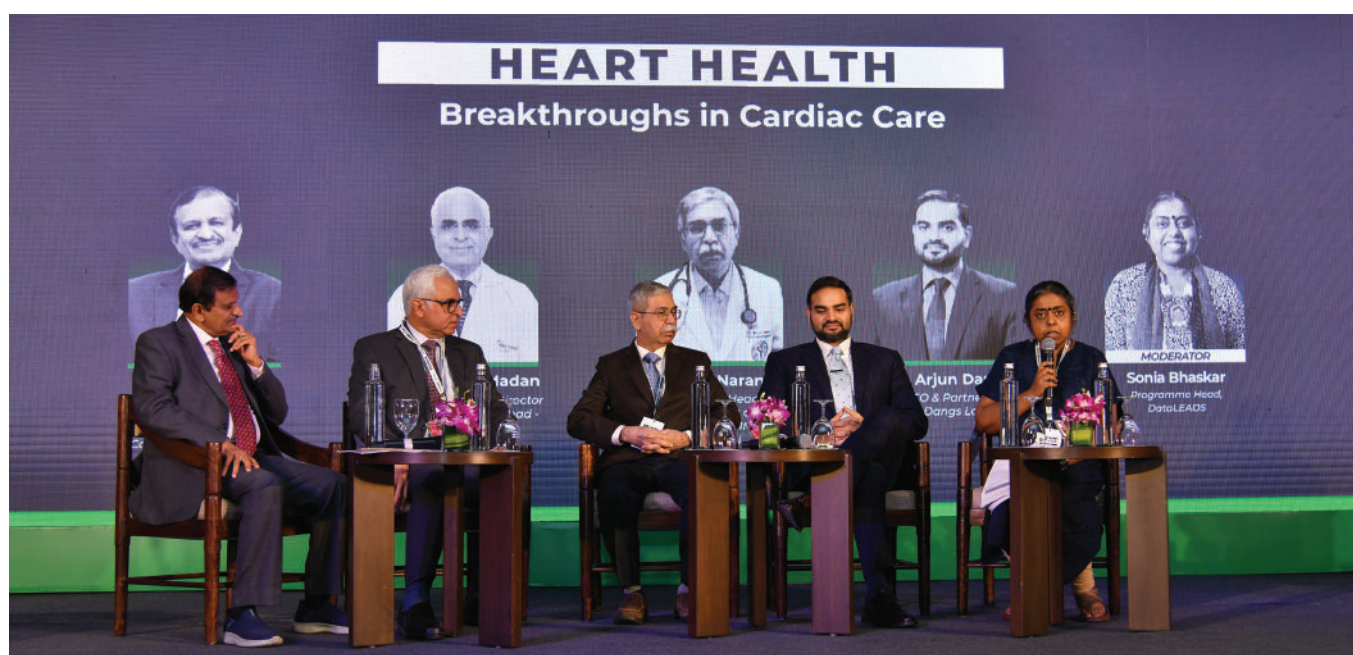


As more people seek health information online, the rapid spread of health misinformation has become a pressing issue. In this context, it is crucial for diverse stakeholders to come together and find common ground to tackle the problem effectively.

The Health of India Summit 2024 convened policymakers, healthcare industry leaders, doctors, public health specialists, entrepreneurs, AI and technology experts, journalists, and other concerned stakeholders to propose and discuss actionable strategies to address the growing tide of health misinformation. The summit saw 383 registrations from across India, with 182 delegates attending the in-person event in Delhi on December 3, 2024.

Featuring over 31 speakers and thought leaders, the summit explored a range of critical topics, including accelerating R&D innovation, breakthroughs in cardiac care, AI and health, rising cancer cases in India, and the impact of air pollution on health.

Additionally, the summit marked the release of a report titled Health Misinformation Vectors in India, published by Spotlight—the Trust and Safety and Data Intelligence unit of DataLEADS. Discussions among the diverse panelists offered valuable insights and underscored the need for a collaborative approach and multidisciplinary thinking to develop holistic solutions for modern healthcare challenges.



SUMMIT IN NUMBERS

180+
DELEGATES

30+
SPEAKERS

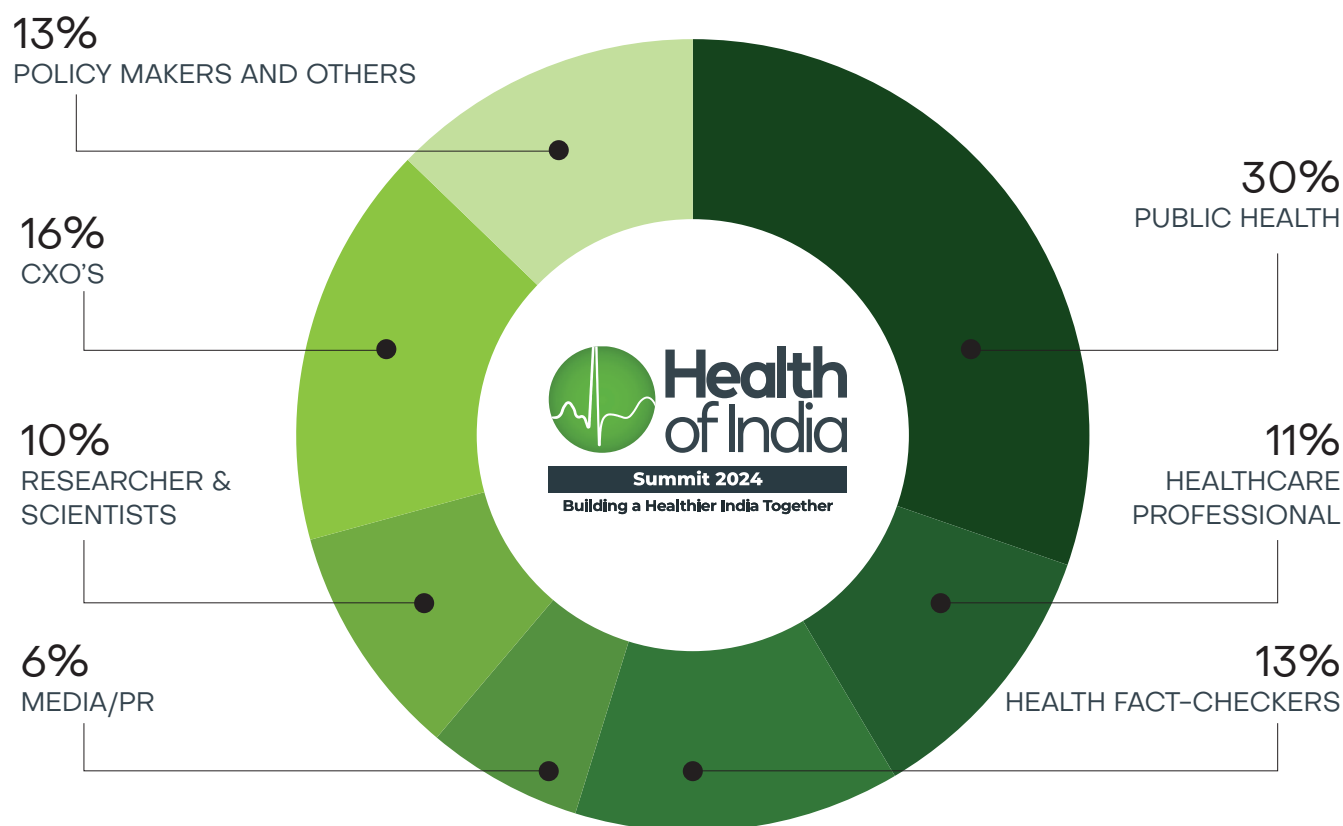
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PANEL DISCUSSIONS

7
TOPICS

2
SPECIAL ADDRESSES

1
FLASH TALK

AUDIENCE PROFILE



GENDER



42%
FEMALE



58%
MALE

SUMMIT SPEAKERS

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**PADMASHRI
DR. C. N. MANJUNATH**
MP & Former Director,
Jayadeva Institute of
Cardiovascular
Sciences & Research



**SHRI MADHUKAR
K BHAGAT**
Joint Secretary,
MoHFW



**DR. SAPNA
POTI**
Director Strategic Alliances,
Office of the Principal
Scientific Adviser to
Government of India



**DR. KANIKA
SOOD SHARMA**
Director & Clinical Lead,
Radiation Oncology
Narayana Health



**DR. RAJAT
GOYAL**
Country Director,
IAVI, India



**DR. DIVLEEN
JEJI**
India Lead,
Google Health



**PROF. YOGENDRA
KUMAR GUPTA**
President,
AIIMS, Jammu



**DR. FARHAT
MANTOO**
Executive Director
(South Asia), Médecins
Sans Frontières



**DR. TARUNA
MADAN**
Scientist G & Head
Development Research
Division, ICMR



**SHRI JACS
RAO**
CEO, State Medicinal
Plants Board,
Chhattisgarh Government



**DR. SUSIL
K. MEHER**
IT Head,
AIIMS, New Delhi



**DR. RAJIV
NARANG**
Professor & Head,
Department of Cardiology
AIIMS, New Delhi



**DR. BHARAT
AGGARWAL**
Principal Director, Radiology,
Max Hospital



**NICO
SCHETTEKATTE**
Counselor for Health,
Welfare & Sport,
Kingdom of Netherlands



**PROF. JAYANTA
BHATTACHARYA**
Dean & Head of the Centre
for Virus Research, Vaccine
and Therapeutics,
BRIC-THSTI



**DR. SHUBNUM
SINGH**
Principal Advisor, Health
Policy Confederation
of Indian Industry (CII)



**DR. HEMANT
MADAN**
Senior Consultant,
Director & Regional
Clinical Lead - Cardiology,
Narayana Health



**DR. ESHA
KAUL**
Director, Medical
Oncology (Haematology,
Hemato-Oncology, BMT),
Max Healthcare Hospital



**DR. ARJUN
DANG**
CEO & Partner,
Dr Dang's Lab



**DR. SUDEEP
KUMAR**
Senior Vice President,
Manufacturing,
Biological-E Lead



**DR. PRABHAT
SINGH MALIK**
Assistant Professor
of Medical Oncology,
AIIMS, Delhi



**ARVIND
SURI**
Senior General Manager,
Sun Oncology



**PROF. MAYANK
VATSA**
Professor,
IIT Jodhpur



**DR. NIKHIL
MODI**
Senior Consultant Department
of Respiratory, Critical Care &
Sleep Medicine,
Apollo Hospitals



**URVASHI
PRASAD**
Former Director,
NITI Aayog &
Cancer Survivor



**DR. GITA
PRAKASH**
General Physician &
Ex-Army Veteran



**DR. SHALINI
NARAYANAN**
Author,
Media educator



**RITESH
MITTAL**
Head of strategy &
customer success,
HEAPS.ai



**SARITA
JADAV**
National Programme
Officer, UNESCO



**DR. SABBA
MEHMOOD**
Co-founder and Director,
First Check



**RAJIT
SENGUPTA**
Associate Editor,
Down to Earth



**RHYTHMA
KAUL**
National Health Editor,
Hindustan Times



**DR. JYOTI MALIK
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Programme Manager,
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Founder and CEO,
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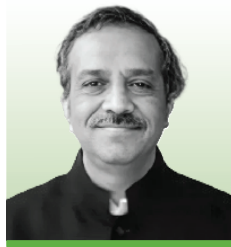
WHAT OUR SPEAKERS HAD TO SAY



There is need to combat cardiovascular diseases, which causes significant number of deaths in India, by bringing heart attack treatment to rural areas through an innovative Hub-and-Spoke model.”

DR CN MANJUNATH

Member of Parliament, & Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research



The Summit stands out for its comprehensive approach, integrating challenges in healthcare with emerging solutions like AI and digital systems. It offers a holistic perspective crucial for addressing today’s healthcare issues effectively.”

SHRI MADHUKAR K BHAGAT

Joint Secretary, MoHFW



There is a need to focus on accessible healthcare through innovations like telemedicine, low-cost diagnostics, and emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain, paving the way for affordable and effective solutions.”

DR SAPNA POTI

Director Strategic Alliances, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India



“Success lies in how leadership navigates challenges, shaping ecosystems to adapt, innovate, or overcome disruptions.”

DR SHUBNUM SINGH

Principal Advisor, Health Policy, CII



India must remain vigilant against diseases like tuberculosis, HIV, and emerging threats such as Nipah and Marburg viruses. Collaboration between science, regulation, and industry is key to enhancing our readiness for future challenges.”

DR RAJAT GOYAL

Country Director, IAVI, India



ICMR’s initiatives, such as resource-limited pandemic preparedness trials and the MedTech Mitra program, have demonstrated impactful innovation under constraints. These efforts are vital for supporting medical technology innovators.”

DR TARUNA MADAN

Scientist G & Head, Development Research Division, ICMR



Investing in prevention, screening, and early detection is crucial to reduce the financial burden of late-stage cancer care. Holistic cancer treatment must also include mental health, emotional support, and palliative care for comprehensive patient well-being.”

URVASHI PRASAD

Former Director, NITI Aayog & Cancer Survivor



“Non-communicable diseases are on the rise in India, and over 50% of them, including many cancers, are lifestyle-related. In a way, we ‘earn’ our diseases through unhealthy lifestyle choices.”

DR KANIKA SOOD SHARMA

Director & Clinical Lead – Radiation Oncology, Narayana Health



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India and the Netherlands share significant opportunities to collaborate, especially in advancing prevention and early diagnostics for better healthcare outcomes.”

NICO SCHIETTEKATTE

Counsellor for Health, Welfare & Sport Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in New Delhi, India



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Healthcare demands a national data governance framework to drive AI innovation while safeguarding privacy and ensuring responsibility.”

DR SUSHIL K MEHER

IT Head, AIIMS



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The key to addressing India's cardiac health burden lies in raising awareness, starting with diagnostics, and India is making significant progress in this area.”

DR ARJUN DANG

CEO & Partner, Dr Dangs Lab



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Health misinformation is a concern for us all, and the collective wisdom and collaboration seen at the summit reaffirm that coming together to engage with and combat misinformation is one of the most effective ways to address it.”

DR FARHAT MANTOO

Executive Director, MSF South Asia



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“The private sector has pioneered advancements in cardiac care, but a stronger integration with the public sector is essential for equitable and effective healthcare in India.”

DR HEMANT MADAN

Senior Consultant, Director & Regional Clinical Lead - Cardiology (North), Narayana Health



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“AI is revolutionizing the fight against health misinformation by enabling rapid, cost-effective detection and breaking linguistic barriers on social media.”

DR DIVLEEN JEJI

India Lead, Google Health



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India has made remarkable advancements in cancer care over the past decade, turning cancer from a dreaded diagnosis into a condition where hope and effective treatment are now realities.”

SHRI JACS RAO

CEO, State Medicinal Plants Board, Chhattisgarh Government



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“The Health of India Summit is doing an excellent job of guiding people to discern accurate information online and providing a platform to share essential health insights with the public.”

DR NIKHIL MODI

Senior Consultant, Department Of Respiratory, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Apollo Hospital, New Delhi

THEMES DISCUSSED



- 1 ACCELERATING R&D INNOVATION
FOR INDIA'S CURRENT
& FUTURE DISEASE NEEDS
- 2 HEART HEALTH: BREAKTHROUGHS
IN CARDIAC CARE
- 3 AI & HEALTH: HOW IS AI
TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE?
- 4 CANCER CONUNDRUM:
HOW TO TACKLE RISING CANCER
CASES IN INDIA AND SOME
RECENT ADVANCES IN ITS CARE?
- 5 HEALTH MATTERS, FACTS MATTERS:
TACKLING HEALTH MISINFORMATION
- 6 THE RIGHT TO BREATHE:
AIR POLLUTION AND ITS IMPACT
ON HEALTH
- 7 INTEGRATING HERBAL MEDICINE INTO
MODERN HEALTHCARE: A PATHWAY
TO SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SOLUTIONS

RELEASE OF THE REPORT

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HEALTH MISINFORMATION VECTORS IN INDIA

A high-level, insight-based report by Spotlight in collaboration with First Check

A new high-level, insight-based report by Spotlight in collaboration with First Check, **Health Misinformation Vectors in India**, was released at the Health of India Summit.

The report illustrated, in great detail, how a general reluctance toward conventional medicine, coupled with the widespread availability and affordability of natural remedies, often draws individuals away from evidence-based treatments. Faith and local traditions, deeply ingrained in the social fabric, further influence health-seeking behaviors, sometimes reinforcing misinformation. These factors are compounded by the absence of localized policies designed to effectively counter health-related misinformation online.

It emphasized the detrimental effects of such misinformation on public health and medical decisions, and urged stricter regulations, better local health worker training, and leveraging technology to improve health literacy to counter vaccine misinformation.

The full report is available on First Check website: www.firstcheck.in

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