

## Naidu calls private sector to expand footprint in healthcare

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## Addressing the inaugural session of the three-day 'FICCI HEAL-2020' virtually



M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India has acknowledged the role of private hospitals in rising to the occasion and battling COVID-19. He also urged the private sector to take full advantage of the Atmanirbhar Abhiyan and give a fillip to the manufacturing of various medical devices.

Addressing the inaugural session of the three-day 'FICCI HEAL-2020' virtually, Naidu said, "We have to make available good quality healthcare, accessible and affordable to all. We must capitalize on the core competence of each stakeholder in the country. We must also draw best from the world to strengthen our healthcare delivery system."

Naidu further urged the private sector to come forward and expand their footprint through public-private partnership and setup modern healthcare facilities in the rural areas.

"Private players have added to the capacity and capability of our healthcare system in the country. They will continue to play an important role in augmenting the infrastructure and skills in the sector. There has to be a collaborative effort from the industry and the civil society in supporting the government's initiatives," he emphasized.