

## The budget has correctly highlighted the imperative for greater emphasis on innovation, research: Paras Healthcare

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*"This Budget seems to have balanced out infrastructure and healthcare well. A lauded initiative by the FM Nirmala Sitharaman is the National Digital Health Ecosystem which will consist of digital registries of health providers and health facilities, unique health identity and universal access to health facilities. The budget has correctly highlighted the imperative for greater emphasis on innovation, research, and development, which are crucial to helping India reach the aspirational goal of becoming a \$5 trillion economy. The pandemic has accentuated mental health problems in people of all ages. To better the access to quality mental health counseling and care services, a National Tele Mental Health programme has also been launched. We are delighted that the government has recognised and considered strengthening the healthcare system for betterment of individuals, healthcare workers and hospitals along with the required infrastructure. It's a growth focussed budget which is the need of the hour."*