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# India to witness 80% increase in digital health investment in next 5 years: Dr Jitendra Singh

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**Minister addresses the first ever Global Digital Health Summit, Expo & Innovation Awards at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**



Addressing the first ever Global Digital Health Summit, Expo & Innovation Awards at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 28 October, Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister for Science & Technology said, India will become a digital health leader, as we have the world's best technical manpower required and our data is the cheapest in the world, approaching 100 percent coverage. The Minister said, the recent launch of 5G will bring a new revolution in the Digital Healthcare system in India.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the whole world recognised India's leadership role during COVID-19, as it achieved the rare feat of delivering over 220 crore vaccinations through a fully digital platform – COWIN and the process continues.

He said, everyone working in healthcare needs to adopt digitalisation across healthcare. Clinicians and professionals working in pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, hospitals, and insurance will have to plan their forays for digitalisation on a fast pace basis, the Minister opined.

"80% of the healthcare systems are aiming to increase their investment in digital healthcare tools in the coming five years. Indian innovators are developing pathbreaking health-tech products and solutions. The government is applying these digital health developments through the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission", he said.

Other highlights of the event included the release of 'Women's Health Guideline' and 'Digital Health for All – By 2028', and launch of Project Concern 2028 and Health Parliament.

This summit was held in partnership with global bodies working in Digital Health and co-hosted by the Internet Governance Forum, United Nations. Over 1500 delegates from 35 countries participated in this summit.