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Healthark sets agenda for Next Generation of Life Sciences and HealthTech GCCs at RISE 2026

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Minister D. Sridhar Babu launches Healthark's new thought leadership on India as a strategic hub for Life Sciences & Healthcare GCCs



Healthark, a healthcare and life sciences strategy and capability-building firm specialising in building niche and specialised global capability centres (GCCs), brought together senior leaders from global pharmaceutical, medtech, healthcare and technology companies at RISE Health Innovation Summit 2026 in Hyderabad, with a strong focus on how India can become a global hub for high-value healthcare and life sciences capabilities.

A key highlight of the RISE summit was the launch of Healthark's new publication, *Unlocking India as the Strategic Hub for Life Sciences & Healthcare GCCs*, by D. Sridhar Babu, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Government of Telangana.

The publication examines the evolution of India's life sciences and healthcare GCC landscape and the opportunity for global companies to build increasingly sophisticated capabilities in India across regulatory affairs, clinical development, medical affairs, quality, analytics, digital, AI and other specialised functions.

It also brings together perspectives and experiences from industry leaders associated with Novo Nordisk, Roche, Opella and other global organisations, alongside Healthark's own experience working with healthcare and life sciences companies. Key statements by these leaders are annexed.

The summit comprised a two-day virtual programme on September 22 - 23, followed by a live summit in Hyderabad on September 24. Across the three days, RISE 2026 brought together speakers from Novo Nordisk, Caelon Global Solutions, Opella, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Roche, Deloitte, Bosch, Medtronic, Sandoz, 4baseCare, Biostate, CRISPR Bits and MedGenome, among others who shared insights on how India's role in global healthcare and life sciences is changing from the growth of specialised capabilities and R&D to the increasing use of AI, analytics, engineering, genomics and biotechnology to solve complex global problems.

Addressing the audience, Minister D. Sridhar Babu said "RISE 2026 brings together an important cross-section of leaders from healthcare, life sciences, technology, GCCs, research and innovation at a time when India's role in the global economy is evolving significantly. Hyderabad is particularly well positioned for this next phase, with a strong life sciences ecosystem, deep technology and engineering talent, and an increasingly connected innovation landscape. Our opportunity in Telangana is to bring these strengths together and create an ecosystem where science, technology, talent and industry work together to solve real problems."

Commenting on the event, Dr Purav Gandhi, Founder & CEO, HealthArk, said, "The conversation around GCCs is changing. For healthcare and life sciences companies, the opportunity is no longer simply about moving more work to India. It is about deciding which capabilities can be built here, creating the right operating model and developing teams that can take global ownership. We believe India can become one of the most important global centres for specialised healthcare and life sciences capabilities."

Sudeep Krishna, Co-Founder & President, HealthArk, added: "Building a successful GCC requires much more than access to talent. Companies need the right domain capabilities, leadership, operating model and integration with their global organisation. Healthark's focus is to help companies navigate that journey - from strategy and capability design through to building and scaling teams on the ground."