13th Global Healthcare Summit 2019

Context:

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 13th Global Healthcare Summit organized by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) and Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), in Hyderabad.

Details:

- The VP called for paying increasing attention to Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in rural areas, since nearly 86 percent of all the medical visits in India are made by people living in rural areas with a majority required to travel long distances.
- He also expressed his concern over the rising incidence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) which accounted for 61.08 percent of all deaths in the country in 2016.
- He also talked about bridging the gap between the required and present number of medical practitioners in India by opening more medical colleges and increasing the number of seats in the graduation and post-graduation levels.

About the Global Healthcare Summit:

- The summit brings together healthcare experts, academicians, technology experts, and people from the industry and the government to discuss, brainstorm and share advancements and opportunities in modern healthcare.
- The 13th Edition is being held from 21st to 24th July in Hyderabad.
- There would be over 100 speakers and about 500 delegates attending.
- The theme for 2019 is: “Opportunities in Modern Healthcare for Young minds and Businesses”.
- There would be exhibitions, presentations and awards given.