

# 'India needs to take the lead in affordable medical device manufacturing'

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India should take the lead in manufacturing of affordable medical devices, the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Mansukh Mandaviya, said on Thursday.

Speaking at the India MedTech Expo 2023 in Gujarat, the Minister said, the country is already recognised as the 'Pharmacy of the World' and it "has to become the leader in the manufacturing of affordable, innovative and quality medical devices".

"Our goal is to become self-reliant in the medical device sector and reduce our import dependency," he said.

The Export-Promotion Council for Medical Devices and a scheme for Assistance of Medical Device Cluster are



Union Health & Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

two important steps that have already been taken to promote infrastructure development and strengthen testing facilities for medical devices here.

According to Dr VK Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, the Indian MedTech sector is now at an inflection point and needs "to move in the direction of exponential growth in terms of quantity, quality and global reach".