Panel Discussion on Digital Transformation of Health Care
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Speakers:

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No. of Participants: 25

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We had an enlightening panel discussion on "Digital Transformation of Healthcare" at ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad hosted by Centre of Excellence for Digital Transformation, featuring insights from Devanand Kolothodi (Aster DM Healthcare) and Kushagra Tyagi.
The discussion highlighted the transformative impact of telemedicine, AI, and data analytics on patient care and healthcare delivery. We also addressed significant challenges such as data interoperability, privacy, security, and managing change resistance.
Great to get some insights from Sanjay Fuloria Ph.D. and opening remarks from Sandhya Raikar and Sarvaswi Patil.

Event Report:

The "Digital Transformation of Healthcare" colloquium, organized by the Centre of Excellence for Digital Transformation, highlighted how emerging technologies are reshaping healthcare. Key industry leaders, such as Mr. Devanand Kolothodi from Aster DM Healthcare and Mr. Kushagra Tyagi from BlitzPermits, discussed innovations and future trends driving this transformation. Hospitals are leveraging AI-powered geofencing systems to track staff attendance more efficiently, eliminating the need for manual input and enhancing operational effectiveness. The patient experience is being revolutionized through digital platforms like web check-ins, indoor navigation, and mobile notifications, which streamline the flow of information and reduce delays. Post-discharge care has improved with the use of predictive algorithms and telephonic follow-ups, ensuring early detection of complications and reducing readmissions. Machine learning is playing a crucial role in monitoring patients' vital signs both inside and outside hospitals, while home-based care, facilitated by remote monitoring systems, allows critical treatments like dialysis and chemotherapy to be conducted at home, reducing costs and improving patient comfort.

Telemedicine is also having a transformative impact, enhancing access to care and making healthcare more convenient and patient-centered. Additionally, AI and data analytics are optimizing care delivery by improving diagnosis and treatment planning. Data integration across hospitals, aided by initiatives like Ayushman Bharat, ensures seamless transfer of medical records, improving continuity of care. AI-powered wearables are advancing preventive healthcare by providing real-time health monitoring, while cybersecurity measures, including advanced encryption, are being implemented to protect sensitive patient data. Robotic surgeries are enhancing precision and reducing recovery times, though challenges remain in addressing emotional aspects of patient care.

Significant challenges persist in the adoption of these technologies, particularly in ensuring data interoperability, safeguarding patient privacy and security, and managing resistance to change within healthcare institutions. Moreover, the automation of pharmaceutical procurement is optimizing hospital supply chains, improving medication availability, and reducing human error. Collectively, these advancements reflect a comprehensive shift toward a more efficient, patient-centered, and digitally integrated healthcare system.