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## **OBSERVATIONS**

for The Church at large in India towards the Health Commission

- Health is not yet a right as per the Constitution of India. It is only an entity that is desired.
- The church must re-think its altruistic alternatives by ideating research projects, capacity building exercises and focus on local skill building in Parish Communities.
- Encouraging Generic Drugs must be debated as the Govt of India imported \$2.2 Billion worth drugs and vaccines from Chinese companies whose efficacy may be of questionable repute and the entire programme in glaring contrast to the Prime Minister's Make in India agenda.
- Mission Hospitals must focus on Video Consultation and Telemedicine in-order to strengthen partnerships with Major Christian Missionary Institutions like St Johns, Fr Mullers, CMC Vellore, CMC Ludhiana.
- CBCI must have a directory of Catholic Doctors across India and State wise records must be available.
- Tie- up with YMCA and organize a Conference of Christian Doctors/ Nurses/ Allied Health Sciences respectively, once in two years/three years depending on feasibility issues.

Yours Sincerely,

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