

# Decoding The Healthtech Space In India: What Is Stopping It From Being Healthy?

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## The Regulatory Maze

**Regulations have also caused polarity in opinions** when it comes to healthtech. While some players believe that regulations in the sector need to ease, others believe that it is a minimally-regulated sector, given its sensitivity.

Girish believes that healthcare is not at all regulated. He explains, “Indian healthcare is the worst-regulated. Anybody can get in, anybody can start anything be it a hospital or diagnostic centre, you don’t require any kind of basic qualifications or licenses. Compare this with the situation in any developed country and you will find that the difference is stark. It also has led to malpractices. The government should come out with a very clear-cut and well-defined framework for companies and organisations to operate in this particular sector.”



The same views were endorsed by Dhruv who believes that **healthcare should always be regulated**, as only then ‘quality’ and ‘trust’ will be maintained at least out of ‘fear’ by people running the business. He adds that regulation agencies need to regularly engage with new age healthtech companies to get their feedback and make it easy for them as far as relevant policy changes are concerned so that these regulations are not draconian, in nature.