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These activities resulted in considerable reduction in the cost of drug produced. From about Rs.100 crores the drug budget has been reduced to Rs.80 crores per annum to purchase the same quantity of drugs. The money thus saved is utilized for purchase of medical equipments like CT scans for each District Hospitals, Ultra-sonogram machines, ECG machines, X-ray machines, pulse oxy-meters, ventilators and other utilities for the hospital services. This helped to improve the quality of health care provided through our hospitals at an affordable cost for the patient as well as the government.