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"Last month we had the privilege of hosting a national science conclave, i3 Summit विमर्श 2025 that brought together India's leading scientists, policymakers, innovators, and changemakers to bridge research with real-world solutions for a Healthy and Inclusive India. We were honoured to host **Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari**, who shared his vision of making India a global hub for medical tourism, powered by world-class infrastructure, skilled professionals, and innovation in healthcare.

Special guests **Padma Shri Prof. Balram Bhargava**, Former DG, ICMR, and **Prof. Vijay Chandru**, Co-founder, Strand Life Sciences & Chairman, CrisprBits, inspire us with their remarkable contributions to science and public health. The summit also witnessed the launch of the **₹20 crore National Science Prizes** by BFI, to celebrate and accelerate groundbreaking research in India."



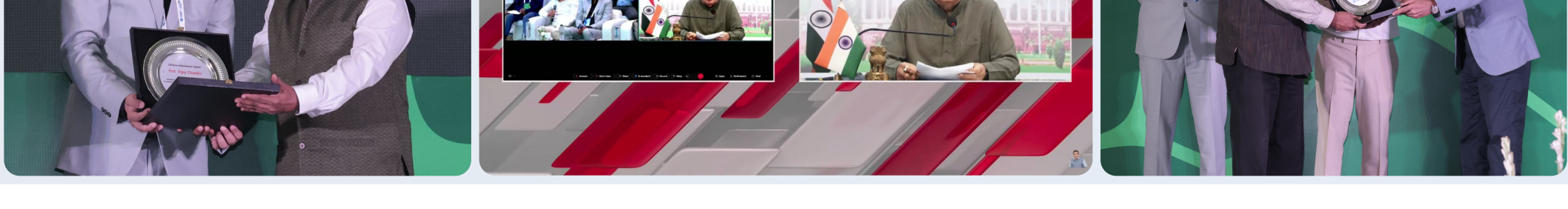
Sandeep Nailwal

Founder, BFI; Co-Founder & CEO, Polygon Foundation; Co-Founder, Sentient AI

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Special Address By Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Road Transport And Highways Minister At I3 Summit – Vimarsh 2025

"व्यापार, व्यवसाय और निर्यात भारत की प्रगति के लिए महत्वपूर्ण हैं प्रधानमंत्री जी का लक्ष्य है कि भारत विश्व की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बने इसके लिए मैन्युफैक्चरिंग और निर्यात में तेज़ वृद्धि आवश्यक है इसी सोच से यह मंच वैज्ञानिकों, नीति-निर्माताओं और नवोन्मेषकों को एकजुट कर रहा है, ताकि Healthy and Inclusive India के विज़न के तहत हम वैश्विक मानक स्थापित कर हर नागरिक के लिए प्रगति और कल्याण सुनिश्चित कर सक"



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BFI Launches ₹20 Cr National Science Prizes At विमर्श 2025 To Empower Innovators And Accelerate India's Scientific Leadership.

₹20 Crore National Science Prizes were launched under the Sandeep Nailwal Academy, a landmark initiative to strengthen India's scientific research landscape. Established by philanthropist and tech entrepreneur Sandeep Nailwal, the awards aim to incentivize groundbreaking research and celebrate exceptional contributions across disciplines, aligning with India's vision of science and technology as key drivers of progress. Spanning categories from Lifetime Achievement to Young Indian Scientist, the prizes also include the India First Award and Global Excellence Award, offering support of up to ₹5 crore to leading innovators. This year's Lifetime Achievement honours went to Padma Shri Dr. Balram Bhargava and Dr. Vijay Chandru for their outstanding contributions to science and healthcare.

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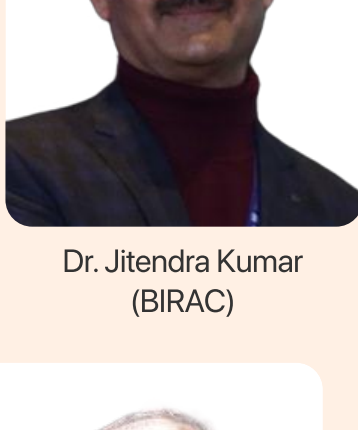
BFI I3 Summit – Vimarsh 2025: Panels & Notable Contributors

The BFI i3 Summit विमर्श 2025 hosted a dynamic series of panels and dialogues, bringing together leading voices from science, healthcare, policy, and technology to chart the future of India's R&D ecosystem.

Panel Highlights

- Indian Healthcare Innovation & Translation – Bridging gaps between research and implementation
- The Emerging AI Future in Healthcare – With leaders like Dr. Geetha Manjunath (NIRAMAI), Ms. Laina Emmanuel (BrainSightAI), and Dr. Anand Sivaraman (Remidio)
- Designing Responsive Health Systems – Insights from UNICEF, PATH, SEWA Social Security, and PHFI
- Bridging Clinicians, Startups & Academia – Fostering meaningful cross-sector collaboration
- Fostering Public-Private Partnerships – Lessons from a decade of biomedical translation
- Engaging Media with Science – Strategies to boost public engagement with bioscience

Notable Contributors



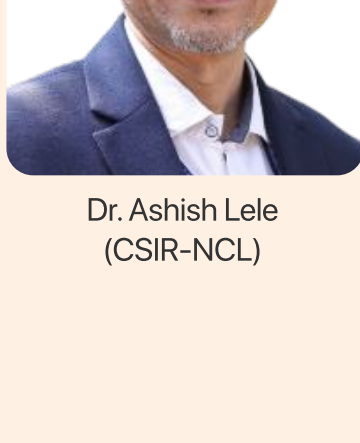
Dr. Jitendra Kumar
(BIRAC)



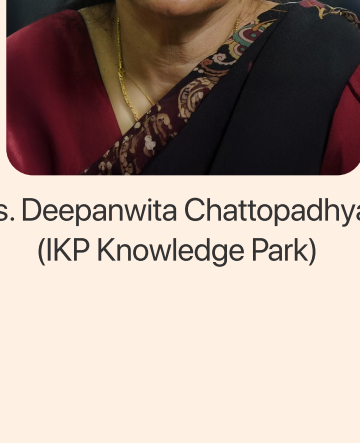
Dr. Rajesh Gokhale
(DBT)



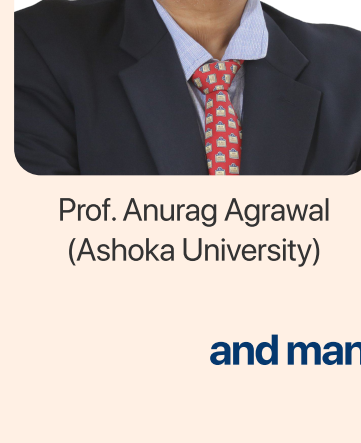
Dr. Radha Rangarajan
(CSIR-CDRI)



Dr. Ashish Lele
(CSIR-NCL)



Ms. Deepanwita Chattopadhyay
(IKP Knowledge Park)



Prof. Anurag Agrawal
(Ashoka University)

and many more....



BFI'S JOURNEY SO FAR!

Strengthening India's Biomedical Future At I3 Summit विमर्श 2025

The summit saw over **25 MoUs & LOIs** exchanges, uniting leading institutions like AIIMS Delhi, CMC Vellore, Sankara Nethralaya, TMC Kolkata, LV Prasad, PGI Chandigarh, IISER Pune, IIT Delhi, CSIR-IGIB, SCTIMST, and global partners like UNDP & UNICEF. These collaborations span cancer, infectious diseases, ophthalmology, maternal health, rare diseases, and cross-disciplinary biomedical innovation, powering BFI's mission for a **Healthy and Inclusive India**.

Impact number till date

under **BFI-BIOME**

50+

Research Projects

15+

Research Institutions / Universities

40+

Start-ups

15+

Medical Colleges / Hospitals

600+

Innovators Impacted

15+

Workshops

What's new with BFI

Wall of Innovation - Spotlight on Transformative Health Tech

At विमर्श 2025, BFI's Wall of Innovation celebrated cutting-edge biomedical solutions from across India portable diagnostics, CRISPR-powered tests, women's health devices, AI wearables, and indigenous Organ-on-Chip models. Each innovation is designed to solve real-world healthcare challenges, from early disease detection to equitable access and preventive care.

By bringing these changemakers face-to-face with clinicians, policymakers, funders, and public health leaders, BFI is accelerating the journey from prototype to impact.

Interconnect By BFI

Interconnect is India's first digital platform designed to bridge the collaboration gap in healthcare and biomedical innovation. Launched by Blockchain For Impact (BFI), it brings together researchers, doctors, startups, funders, and NGOs to post projects, find collaborators, and co-develop impactful solutions.

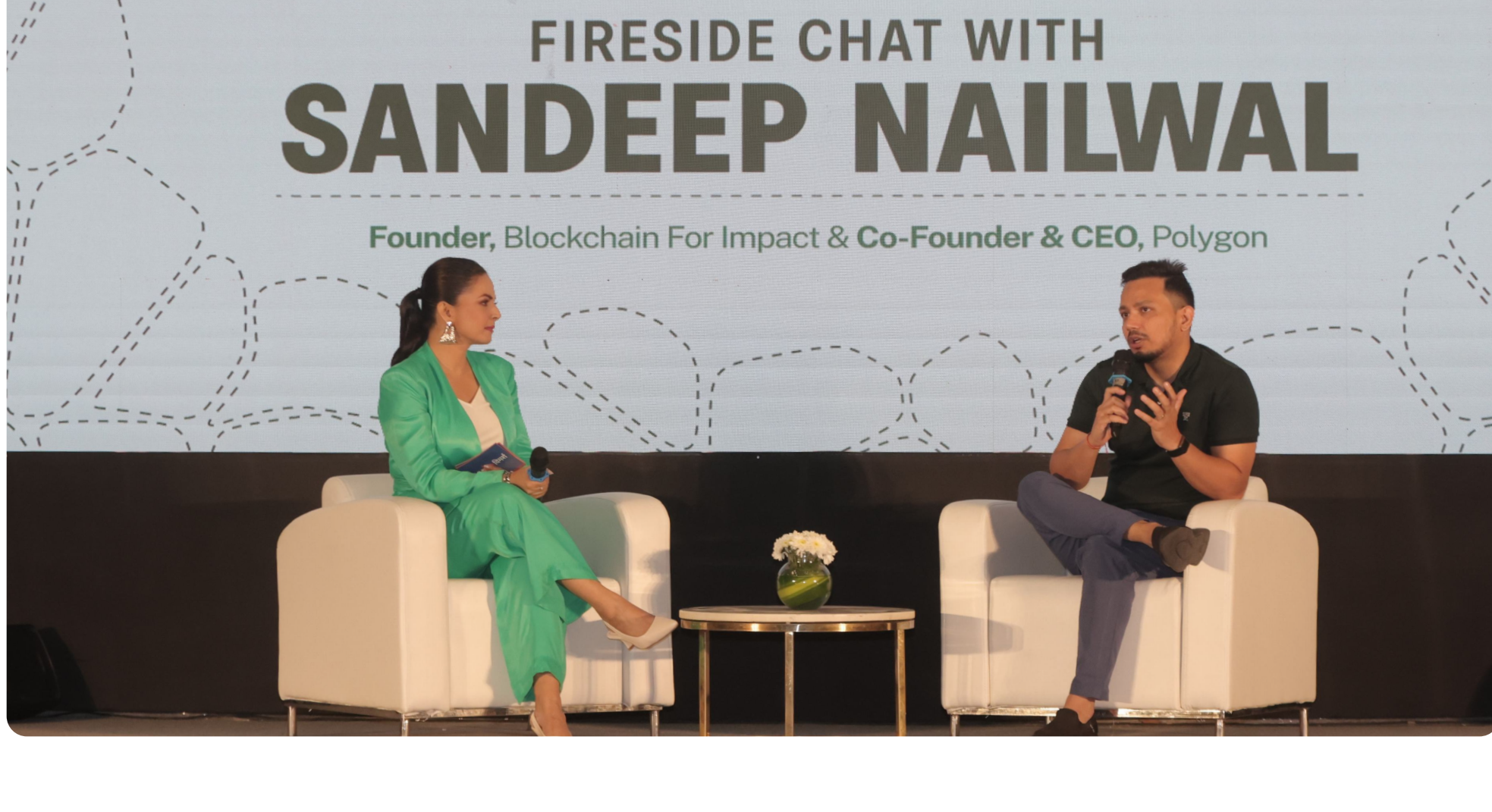
With features like project posting, in-platform messaging, collaboration tools, and the iPoints reward system, Interconnect makes it easier to build partnerships across disciplines and bring powerful ideas to life.

Top collaborative projects will earn the chance to pitch at the i3 Summit विमर्श and compete for visibility, mentorship and funding from a cumulative pool of **₹5 Cr**.

Ready to collaborate?

Visit the Interconnect Webapp:

<https://interconnect.blockchainforimpact.in/>



Founder's spotlight: Fireside Chat with Mr. Sandeep Nailwal (BFI), Leading Indian Philanthropist

From Ramnagar to the global stage, Sandeep Nailwal, Founder of Blockchain For Impact (BFI) and Co-founder of Polygon, has built his journey on the belief that ambition and altruism go hand in hand. Through BFI and its flagship BIOME program, he is catalyzing India's biomedical research by funding high-impact projects, driving collaboration, and championing indigenous innovation.

"At BFI, our goal is to empower innovators to think big, take risks, and build solutions for a healthier, more inclusive India. One breakthrough can change the course of our future."

[Watch the highlight of Fireside chat with India Today](#)

IN MEDIA

- 1 [₹20 Crore in national science prizes to champion India's leading scientific tale](#)
- 2 [BFI launches awards to boost med-tech research in India](#)
- 3 [Vimarsh 2025: ₹20 crore science prizes announced to honour Indian innovators; Nitin Gadkari emphasises research, infrastructure and global health vision](#)
- 4 [Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister, to Address Vimarsh, India's Premiere Conclave on Science and Research to Encourage Collaboration](#)
- 5 [विज्ञान रिअनुसंधान सम्मेलन 'विमर्श' को संबोधित करेगा गडकरी – Jansatta \(owned by The Indian Express Group\)](#)