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As we wrap up the year, one thing is clear to me: India is sitting on massive scientific and entrepreneurial potential, but we have to back our builders with real conviction. The gaps are known. The talent is here. What we need is sustained support, faster translation from labs to the field, and a culture that rewards product building. At BFI, we're doubling down on teams who are solving real problems for India and the world.

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Mr. Sandeep Nailwal , Founder, BFI; Co-Founder & CEO, Polygon Foundation; Co-Founder, Sentient AI

Newly Launched



BFI VK Connect

Blockchain For Impact (BFI), in collaboration with Chasing Science, has launched BFI VK Connect, an international accelerator initiative that helps India's top healthcare startups expand into the **European market**. The program offers deep insights into EU healthcare systems, tailored mentoring, and a three week immersion in Barcelona.

- **Program Duration:** February to May 2026
- **Cohort Size:** 12 startups in Phase 1; top 5 progress to Phase 2 and the Barcelona immersion
- **Cost:** No program fee; all major program expenses covered

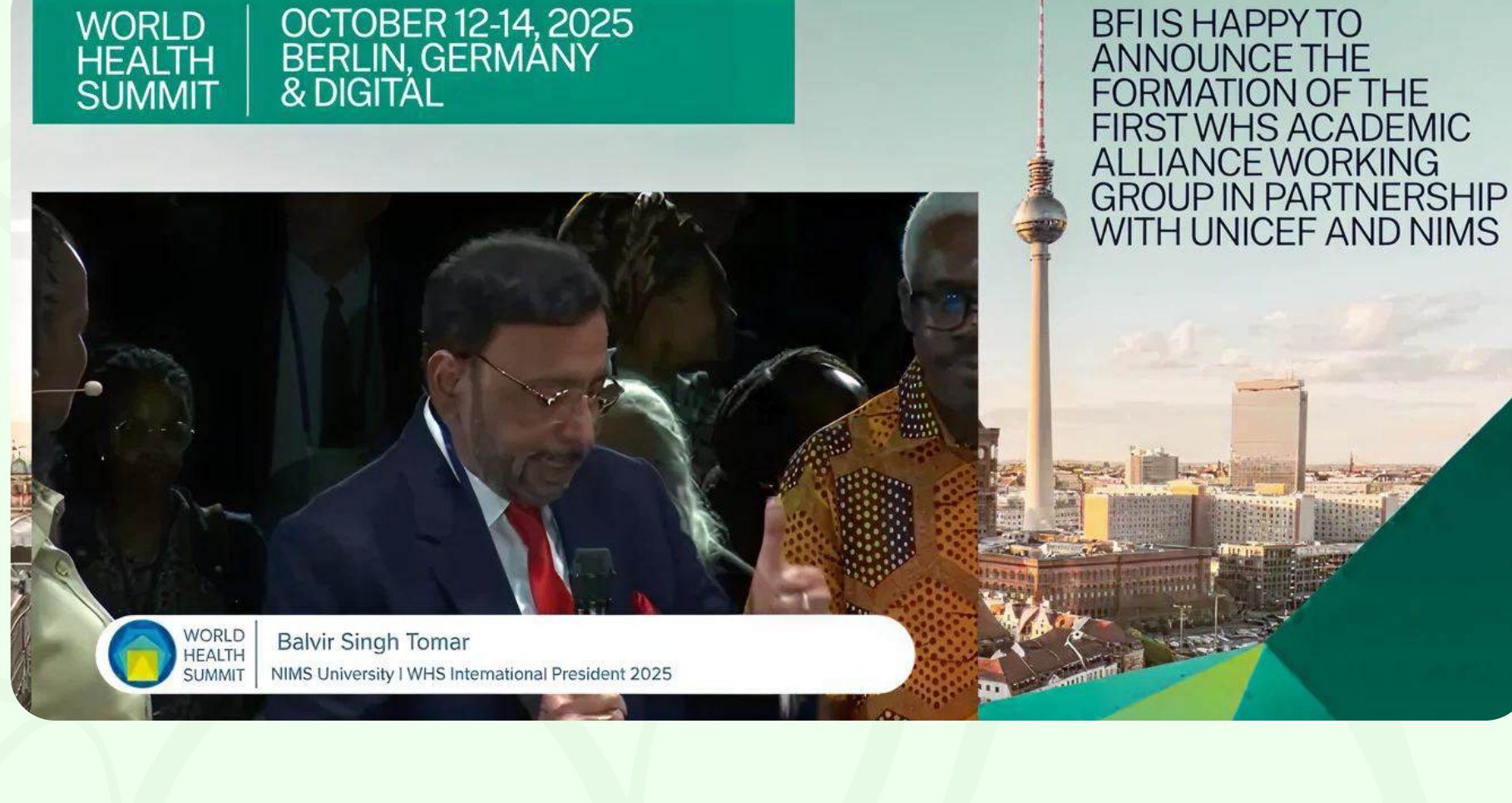
[For More Details And To Apply](#)
Deadline: January 1, 2026

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

BFI, UNICEF, and NIMS University Establish WHS Academic Alliance Working Group

BFI is happy to announce the formation of the first WHS Academic Alliance Working Group, developed in partnership with UNICEF and NIMS University, which will serve as the central secretariat.

The Working Group is focused on advancing child-centric health equity by bringing together expertise from academia, government, and the private sector. Its goal is to design solutions that are practical, scalable, and rooted in strong scientific and policy evidence.



Important Discussions



Science. Unblocked — New Episode

Dr. Gaurav Singh, CEO of BFI, sat down with Dr. Nikhil Agarwal and Dr. Premnath Venugopalan, two leaders who have spent decades shaping India's top incubation ecosystems at Venture Center Pune and FIIT IIT Delhi. Their conversation breaks down the everyday gaps and opportunities they see while helping researchers, scientists, and founders move from the lab to the market.

They discuss India's product building culture, the need for patient capital in deep tech, regulatory challenges, and the ongoing struggle to improve clinician & innovator collaborations. The episode also explores India's evolving innovation mindset, the realities of medtech entrepreneurship, and what it truly takes to turn academic ideas into scalable businesses.

[Watch The Full Video On YouTube](#)

What's New With BFI



Open Call To Establish MedTech Incubation Centers In Medical Colleges

BFI is inviting accredited medical colleges to apply for grants to establish MedTech Incubation Centers on campus. The initiative aims to accelerate clinically validated innovation by bringing startups and student innovators closer to real world clinical environments.

- **Grant Amount:** ₹1 crore for year one; ₹50 lakhs annually thereafter (performance based)
- **Eligibility:** Accredited medical colleges with FCRA approval and 3000 sq. ft. dedicated space
- **Scope:** Infrastructure setup, dedicated staff, clinical access, and support for startups and student innovatorst
- **Deadline: December 31, 2025**

[Learn More](#)

BFI-Supported Research Uncovers Key Insights Into COVID-19 Gut Infection

BFI is proud to have supported a landmark study led by Dr. Santhosh K. N., Dr. Shashank Tripathi, and their team at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), in collaboration with Columbia University. Their work uncovers how SARS-CoV-2 infects the gut, offering critical insights that strengthen global understanding of viral diseases and future pandemic preparedness.

This breakthrough is part of 60+ research projects funded by BFI across institutions such as BITS, IITs, CSIR labs, and DBT institutes. Alongside this, BFI supports 50+ innovators through fellowships, kickstarter grants, and startup programs, and partners with 15+ medical colleges to advance research and MedTech innovation.

[Read The Full Research Paper](#)

BFI's Interconnect Startup Spotlight



Turning Clinical Insight Into Real-World MedTech

Through Interconnect, Dr. Anuya Nisal, Founder and CEO of Serigen, is actively seeking to collaborate with clinicians to support and advance her project. She is looking to connect with clinicians who can partner with her team and contribute to the development of her work through real-world clinical insights. Interconnect serves as a platform to enable such collaborations and provide access to on-ground clinical expertise that can inform and strengthen her work.



Accelerating MedTrion's Path From Idea To Prototype

Through Interconnect, Shashank Shankar, Founder of MedTrion Technologies, is looking for a mechanical, electronics, optics, or ophthalmic engineer to join the core team, contribute to prototype development, and help bring the product to market. Interconnect enables such collaborations and connects him with the right talent to advance the project.

BFI's Journey So Far!

Impact Numbers To Date



30+

Research Institutions / Organisations



25+

Medical Colleges/Hospitals



55+

Startups



15+

Workshops



60+

Research Projects



21

Incubators



45

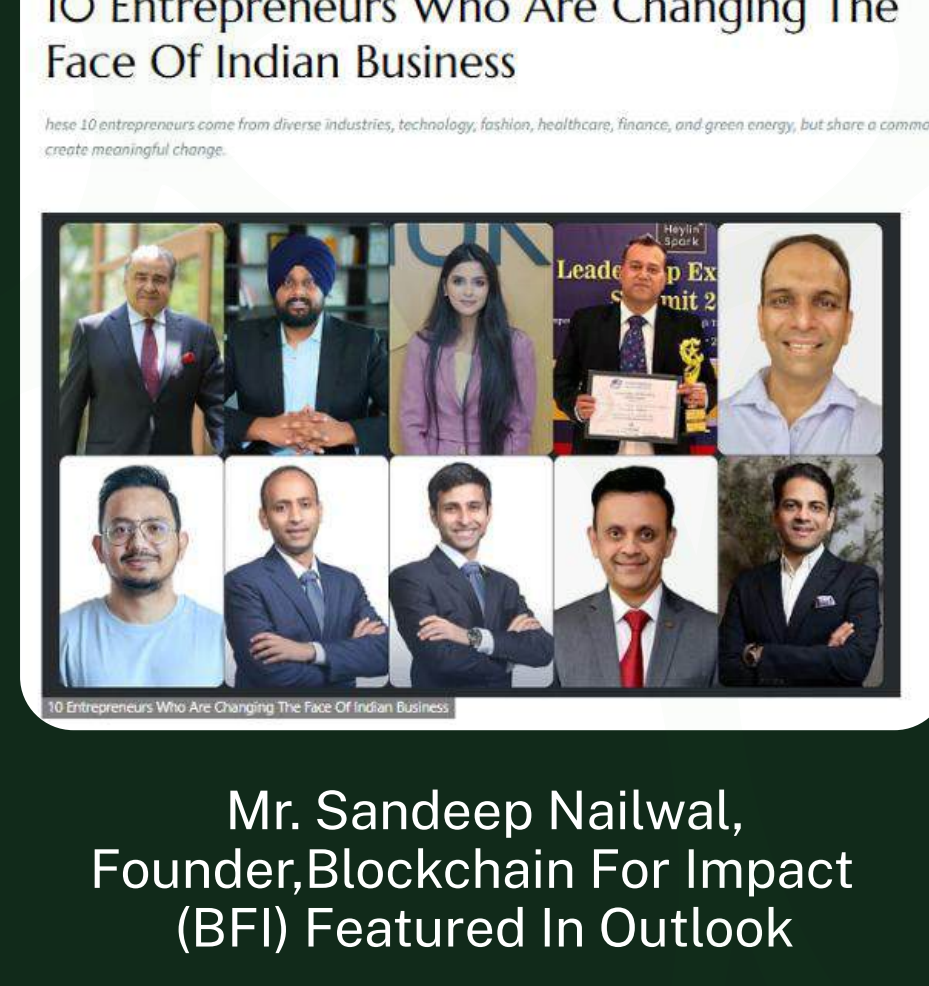
NGOs



600+

Impacting 600+ innovators

IN MEDIA



Mr. Sandeep Nailwal, Founder,Blockchain For Impact (BFI) Featured In Outlook



India Reimagined Fellowship Featured In India Today



India Reimagined Fellowship Featured In The Financial Express (Both Online And Print) Across The Following Editions: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, New Delhi, And Pune.



Dr. Gaurav's Opinion Article Has Been Featured In Hindustan Times

