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BFI AT INDIA AI IMPACT SUMMIT 2026

EXPANDING THE AI CONVERSATION
IN HEALTHCARE INNOVATION



CENTERING HEALTHCARE IN INDIA'S AI MISSION

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, BFI demonstrated its commitment to **advancing the future of healthcare** by positioning itself not as a product exhibitor, but as a **catalyst for ecosystem development**. While many participants showcased proprietary technologies, BFI focused on enabling innovation by **bringing together high potential startups, researchers, investors, and global partners** to collectively accelerate the adoption of AI in health.

The BFI Pavilion featured over **20 AI powered biomedical** and healthcare innovations spanning diagnostics, medical devices, digital health platforms, and clinical decision support systems. By curating emerging solutions from early and growth stage ventures, BFI provided a high **visibility platform for innovators working on scalable healthcare challenges**.

A key highlight was the structured **investor engagement**. **25+ AI healthcare startups** participated in dedicated **pitching sessions**, presenting directly to investors & ecosystem stakeholders. These interactions **enabled meaningful conversations** around **funding, strategic partnerships, & deployment pathways**, strengthening the commercialization pipeline for AI driven health solutions.

The pavilion also served as a **knowledge and dialogue hub**. More than **10 expert led panel discussions** and open forums brought together over **70 leaders from the AI and healthcare sectors**. Conversations focused on critical themes such as responsible innovation, regulatory readiness, clinical adoption, data governance, and opportunities for international collaboration.

In a significant step toward global integration, **12 high potential startups** were selected for structured engagement with the European healthcare ecosystem through the **BFI VK Connect Program**. This initiative is designed to **support international market exposure, validation, and cross border partnerships**.

Overall, the BFI Pavilion functioned as a **dynamic platform** for **innovation showcase, investor connect, and global collaboration**. The initiative reflects BFI's philanthropic approach supporting research, enabling entrepreneurship, & **building long term institutional capacity** rather than promoting individual products.

Through this effort, BFI is helping **shape a coordinated, innovation driven ecosystem** and contributing to a broader movement aimed at advancing an AI led transformation of healthcare in India and beyond.

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BFI AT THE SUMMIT

70+

LEADERS
ENGAGED

10+

PANEL
DISCUSSIONS

20+

STARTUPS
SHOWCASED

15+

RESEARCH
ORGANIZATIONS

25+

STARTUPS
PITCHED

700+

VISITORS AT
BFI PAVILION



Dr. Himanshu Tyagi

Co-founder,
Sentient &
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PANEL

BUILDING INDIA'S SOVEREIGN COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE

The discussion examined how artificial intelligence is reshaping the way people work, make decisions, and interact with systems. AI is evolving beyond rule based software into systems capable of understanding intent and supporting complex tasks.

Speakers explored how **India can develop a shared, secure AI framework that serves both citizens and organizations**. With its large digital population and strong public digital infrastructure, the country is uniquely positioned to deploy AI at national scale. Equally important was the emphasis on responsible, transparent systems designed for long term public benefit.

Key Takeaway: India must move from isolated AI tools toward a coordinated intelligence ecosystem that strengthens public systems and advances its digital future.



AI FOR HEALTH

PANEL

At the Summit, AI for health panel examined **how artificial intelligence is being integrated into India's health systems** and what is required to scale adoption responsibly.

The message from the room was clear, **healthcare will not adopt AI on hype. Clinicians support innovation, but only when backed by clinical evidence**, validated outcomes, and demonstrated safety. **Clinicians are already among the most active users of AI**, particularly in diagnostics and imaging through AI-enabled devices, highlighting the growing integration of intelligent systems into care delivery.

It was highlighted how **AI is accelerating discovery by significantly reducing drug and vaccine development timelines** through rapid data analysis and target identification. **Data was positioned as strategic national health infrastructure**. Curated datasets on tuberculosis, breast cancer, and glioma accessible through the AI Kosha portal are enabling evidence driven innovation at population scale.

Key Takeaway: **AI in healthcare must earn trust before it earns scale**, grounded in data, validated in practice, and built for system wide impact.



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BFI VK CONNECT

The **first cohort of BFI VK Connect** was **formally announced** at the BFI Pavilion during the Summit. Selected from **15 high quality pitches**, the cohort represents a strong cross section of India's emerging biomedical and health tech innovators each demonstrating scientific depth, clinical relevance, and global scalability.

The selected startups (spanning AI-driven healthcare and biomedical innovation) are:

**Intignus
Biotech**

**CareMother
by Doto Health**

Aignosis

**Centella AI
Therapeutics**

**Serigen
Mediproducs**

**Forsch
MedX**

**CLRNA
Therapeutics**

**Bioscan
Research**

**bioLOCKEY
Healthworks**

**RNT Health
Insights**

**Open
MedLabs**

**CrisprBits
Private Limited**

Through BFI VK Connect, these startups will **begin structured engagement with the European healthcare ecosystem**.

The initiative supports international market entry through:

- Exposure to **European healthcare** systems
- Guidance on **regulatory pathways** and approvals
- Access to **venture capital networks**
- In depth **market exploration** with domain experts
- Strategic connections for **partnerships, pilots, and scale**

Together, the program strengthens the pathway for **Indian biomedical startups to expand globally** with preparedness and credibility.



PANEL

INDIA TO THE WORLD – AI FOR HEALTHCARE IN ACTION

The panel highlighted that the future of AI in healthcare depends on moving beyond small pilot projects toward clinically validated use. Speakers noted that in high volume public hospitals, AI is already supporting doctors in reducing diagnostic delays, prioritizing high risk patients, improving turnaround times, and assisting clinical decisions while preserving medical judgment. By automating routine tasks, AI optimizes time allocation, enabling clinicians to focus on higher order decision making and complex patient care.



The discussion emphasized that **patient centric AI** must be:

- Clinically validated
- Properly regulated
- Tested in community settings
- Designed for last mile healthcare realities, not just well resourced urban institutions

AI in healthcare is no longer experimental but now it is being integrated into everyday systems.

The panel was conducted in partnership with **Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS)**, Greater Noida.



PANEL

WOMEN ADVANCING AI

The panel highlighted how **women leaders driving change in AI often begin with personal experiences that shape their perspective**, combining empathy with intent and action to build meaningful solutions.

Advancing equity through AI means **building solutions for real problems, listening to end users, and adopting human centric design** to make lives easier. The discussion emphasized that the most impactful innovations are not always the most technically complex, but those that are deeply aligned with the needs of the people they serve. The conversation also explored navigating male dominated spaces. With strong conviction, focus, and communication as a tool for collaboration, women leaders continue to break barriers and lead change.



PANEL

FROM ALGORITHMIC TRUST TO COMMUNITY VOICES

Continuing the dialogue on **responsible innovation**, BFI in partnership with **ICMR-NIRDHDS**, hosted a focused discussion with experts across bioethics, public health, clinical practice, and research to examine the ethical balance required for AI implementation in healthcare.

The conversation underscored that as AI becomes embedded in health systems, equity, accountability, transparency, and community trust must remain central. **Technology cannot be separated from the social realities it serves.**

A clear takeaway emerged: **responsible AI begins with responsible data.** The quality, integrity, and inclusiveness of training data directly shape outcomes, placing ethical decision making at the centre of every stage, from data collection to deployment.



PANEL

TRANSFORMING PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES INTO AI INNOVATION HUBS

What if innovation was not merely encouraged on campus, but formally taught, assessed, and embedded as a core discipline? This question anchored a panel featuring Vice Chancellors and academic leaders exploring how universities can evolve into structured innovation ecosystems.

The discussion focused on integrating innovation across curriculum design, research priorities, industry engagement, and measurable institutional outcomes. Panelists highlighted the need to establish **Centres of Excellence that can translate AI research into scalable solutions, strengthen industry collaboration**, and equip students with interdisciplinary, ethical, and regulatory capabilities.

Key Takeaway: The future of higher education lies not in sporadic innovation efforts, but in deliberately institutionalizing innovation at its core.



PANEL

INVESTING IN BIOTECH & MEDTECH: RISK, REGULATION & GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

Capital may accelerate innovation, but rigorous execution determines whether it survives and scales.

The discussion moved beyond funding cycles to harder questions, **Is the problem sharply defined? Can the science withstand regulatory scrutiny? Is the product built for global markets from day one?**

Investors emphasized that breakthroughs require regulatory preparedness, measurable clinical impact, and commercial clarity.

For founders, the guidance was clear:

- **Precision before pitch**
- **Alignment before ask**
- **Validation before valuation**

Key Takeaway: Engage investors as long term partners, not transactional financiers. Sustainable healthcare breakthroughs demand not just bold ideas, but disciplined strategy and patient, foresighted capital.



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STARTUP SHOWCASE:

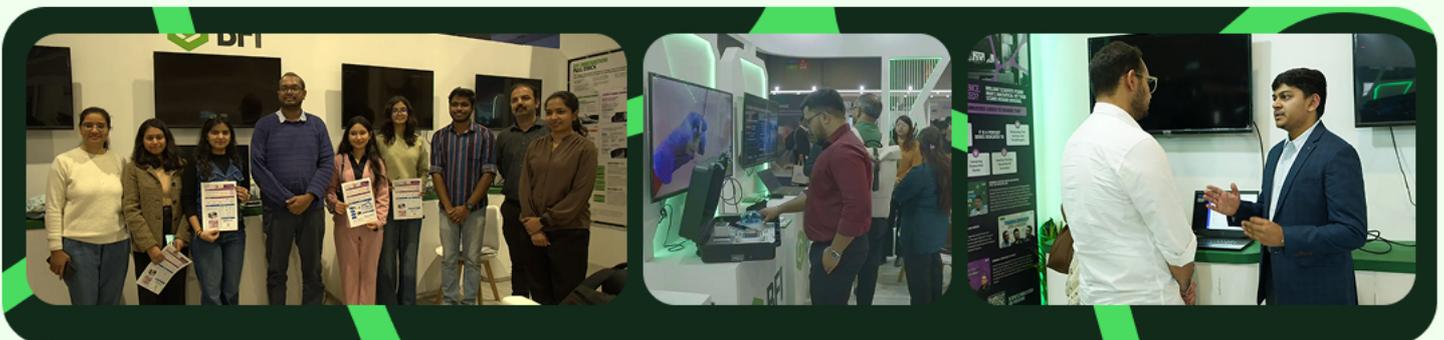
20+ AI-POWERED HEALTHCARE INNOVATIONS SHOWCASED

The Pavilion featured an active showcase of 20+ AI powered biomedical and healthcare startups presenting advanced solutions across diagnostics, medical devices, digital health platforms, & clinical decision support systems.

The BFI Pavilion demonstrated that India's AI-health ecosystem is no longer emerging, it is advancing toward structured deployment. Providing them with **visibility at a national forum** was not just recognition; it was a step toward accelerating their journey from **innovation to impact**.

List of AI-Enabled Healthcare Startups Showcasing at the BFI Pavilion

- Clinics on Cloud
- ITX Care Pvt Ltd (DrAtHome)
- TanPrish Dynamics Pvt Ltd.
- MediKno
- Intignus Biotech Pvt. Ltd.
- Doto Health Pvt Ltd.
- HelioSynth Research Pvt. Ltd.
- Ayukriyam Innovations Pvt Ltd
- Curium Life Tech
- MedMarvel Software Solutions Private Limited
- Enhanced Innovations Pvt Ltd
- SmartQR Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- Arogya Aarohan
- Kozhnosys Pvt Ltd
- NIRAMAI Health Analytix
- Spartis Pvt Ltd
- Primary Healthtech Pvt Ltd
- Genomiki Solutions
- Vinova Medtech Private Limited
- Lekhsutra Pvt Ltd





PITCHING

STARTUP PITCH AT
THE BFI PAVILION

A dedicated pitching session at the BFI Pavilion spotlighted high potential healthcare startups building AI-enabled solutions in biomedical research and innovation.

Ten startups presented sharp problem statements and practical innovations, engaging directly with ecosystem leaders and stakeholders. The session reflected BFI's continued commitment to providing founders with visibility, constructive feedback, and meaningful opportunity.

To recognize standout potential, **MedMarvel Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.** was awarded a **Mac Mini** to support and accelerate its development journey.



PANEL

EMBEDDING TRANSLATIONAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS' EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The panel examined a structural gap in India's medical ecosystem: **while medical colleges generate significant research, much of it remains confined to publications rather than translating into patient centered solutions.**

Speakers reflected on how service delivery responsibilities within medical education shape the pace and structure of innovation. They emphasized that when clinicians adopt a population level lens and collaborate with engineers, technologists, and researchers, the potential for meaningful healthcare impact expands significantly

Key Takeaway: Embedding translational research within health institutions requires stronger interdisciplinary collaboration and a shift toward outcome driven innovation.



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LEAP GLOBAL ACCELERATOR



TAKING INDIAN INNOVATION TO GLOBAL MARKETS

The Leap Global Accelerator was launched in collaboration with Venture Center and supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

The initiative reflects BFI's belief that Indian startups are capable of building globally competitive healthcare technologies. Through the accelerator, **15 high potential startups will receive structured support to prepare for international markets.**

The launch was marked by the presence of senior leaders from DST and Venture Center, alongside BFI's leadership, signaling strong public-private alignment to **enable global scalability for Indian biomedical innovation.**

BRIDGING LAB TO MARKET: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PATHWAYS FOR BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION IN THE AI ERA

The panel explored the structural and financial challenges of moving biomedical innovation from laboratory research to market ready products. **Successful technology transfer depends on three core elements:**

1. Scalability
2. Market alignment
3. Clearly defined healthcare needs



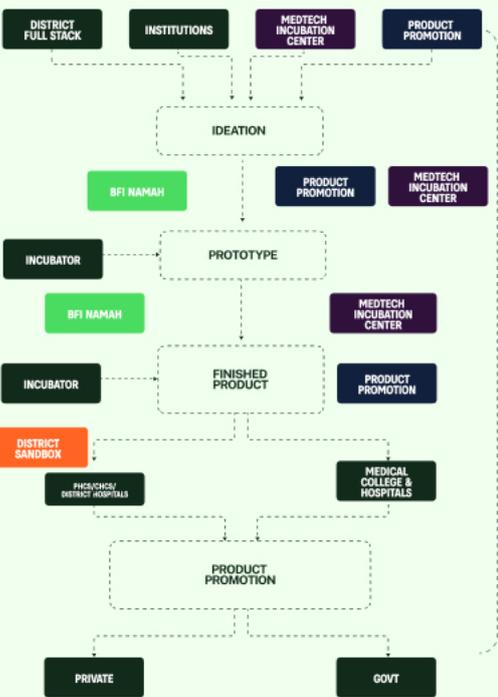
Technologies that demonstrate promise in controlled lab settings often encounter regulatory, operational, and commercial barriers during deployment. Innovators must therefore move beyond proof-of-concept, addressing validated clinical problems while demonstrating commercial feasibility.

Key Takeaway: Bridging funding gaps, streamlining institutional processes, and strengthening industry-academia partnerships are critical to converting research excellence into tangible healthcare impact.

PROGRAM LAUNCH

BFI INNOVATION FULL STACK PROGRAM

One stop solution from ideation to market adoption



BFI Innovation Full Stack Program is an **end to end platform connecting ideation, prototyping, validation, and market adoption** to accelerate clinically validated healthcare innovations.

BFI Innovation Full Stack connects:



It addresses a critical gap, despite strong research and clinical expertise, **70-80% of India's medical devices are imported, and many MedTech startups struggle to move beyond early stage prototypes.**

At the core of BFI Innovation Full Stack is **BFI NAMAHA (Nailwal MedTech Acceleration Hub)**, which bridges proof-of-concept research and market ready products through industrial grade infrastructure, engineering translation, pilot manufacturing, and regulatory support. A network of hubs, including **ICMR-DHR-mPragati, IIT Delhi, Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Venture Center, and IKP Knowledge Park**, collectively provides expertise across the innovation lifecycle.

Clinical validation is strengthened through **BFI and MedTech Incubators** at partner institutions such as **Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, GIMS Centre for Medical Innovation, Bareilly International University, and NIMS Jaipur.**

Complementing this, the **BFI District Sandbox Program** enables large scale testing, while the **Product Promotion Team**, supported by HS Foundation, guides go-to-market strategy and ecosystem integration.

The result: **A coordinated national blueprint that supports domestic innovation capacity and accelerates biomedical solutions from concept to measurable healthcare impact.**



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LoI Exchange | NIMS, Jaipur



LoI Exchange | Gandhi Institute of Technology, Visakhapatnam (GITAM)



LoI Exchange | St. Johns Medical College



LoI Exchange | IKP Knowledge Park



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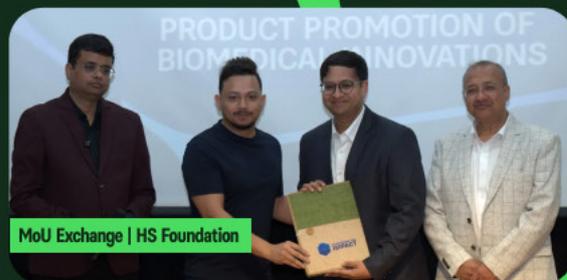
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MoU Exchange | HS Foundation



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