"As we move toward Viksit Bharat @2047, India has a real opportunity to define the future of healthcare innovation globally. The ambition is set. The intent is clear. What matters now is execution. India does not lack science or talent. What we must build are systems that help ideas move from research to on ground impact. Innovation must be rooted in grassroots realities, strengthened through collaboration, and scaled with global confidence. If we execute with discipline and coordination, Indian healthcare solutions will not just serve our country, they will compete, lead, and earn trust worldwide."

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

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BFI INNOVATION FULL STACK

BFI Innovation Full Stack has been launched to bridge the gap between innovation and market readiness by creating a structured, end-to-end pathway from ideation to deployment.

The launch included **the signing of five MoUs and eleven Letters of Intent. It brings together** institutions such as:

- **IIT Delhi** • **RCB NCR Biotech Cluster** • **GITAM University** • **AIIMS Jodhpur** • **AIIMS Patna** • **AIIMS Delhi** • **VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital**
- **GIMS Noida** • **St. John's Medical College** • **NIMS Jaipur** • **Venture Center** • **IKP Knowledge Park** • **HS Foundation**

To move healthcare innovations toward regulatory readiness and real impact.

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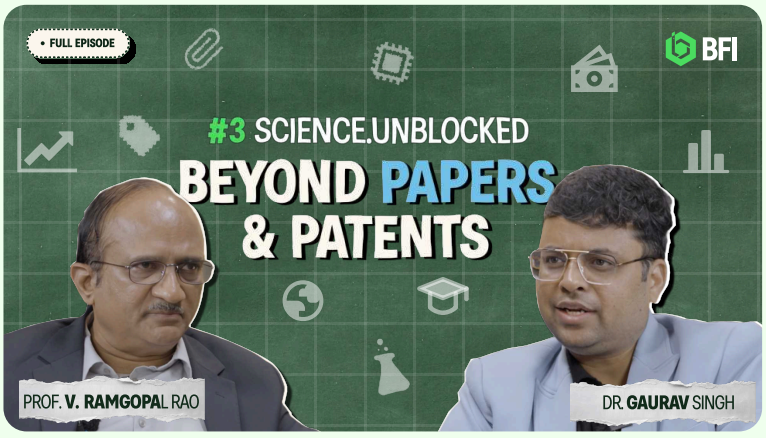
SCD ROUNDTABLE

BFI convened a high-level Sickle Cell roundtable in Chhattisgarh, bringing together **NHM leadership, AIIMS Raipur**, the Sickle Cell Institute, clinicians, innovators, and patient representatives to strengthen the state's screening-to-care continuum. While over **1.65 crore** individuals have been screened, discussions focused on closing gaps in confirmatory diagnostics, treatment access, genetic counselling, and long term follow up. The dialogue resulted in a clear action agenda to improve referral pathways, frontline training, data quality, and stigma reduction shifting the focus from screening numbers to outcome-driven care for underserved communities.

Indian healthcare startups are increasingly ready to compete on the global stage. Through the **Leap Global Accelerator**, run by **Venture Center** and supported by the **Department of Science & Technology** (DST) & BFI, 15 high potential startups are being equipped to expand internationally. The initiative was marked by the presence of senior leaders from DST and the innovation ecosystem alongside BFI leadership, reinforcing a shared commitment to helping Indian innovators scale beyond borders and build globally relevant healthcare solutions.

PODCAST



Science.Unblocked | New Episode
In the latest episode of science.unblocked, **Dr. Gaurav Singh** sits down with **Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao** to explore why India must build a complete innovation pipeline, one that moves us from papers to products and from problems to prosperity, and what it will take to make that shift real.

Watch the full episode

From engineering mathematics to genomics, **Dr. Vijay Chandru** has been at the forefront of India's deep tech journey for decades. In this episode of Science Unblocked, we explore the remarkable story of a scientist who helped shape India's bioinformatics ecosystem and built one of the country's earliest deep tech companies.

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EVENT

INDIA AI IMPACT SUMMIT 2026

BFI At India AI Impact Summit 2026

BFI convened a high level panel on AI for Health, bringing together leaders across policy, research, and technology to discuss responsible AI adoption in healthcare.

Sandeep Nailwal emphasized that AI is not about replacing doctors, but strengthening them with evidence based, deployment ready solutions. The discussion reinforced that clinicians support innovation when it delivers proven outcomes and real system readiness, a critical step as India advances its AI-driven healthcare ecosystem.

At the **India AI Impact Summit 2026**, Blockchain for Impact positioned AI enabled healthcare and biomedical research at the center of India's AI mission.

The conversations moved decisively toward translational innovation and market ready health solutions.

10+ Panel Discussions

70+ Engagement with Leaders

700+ Visitors at the BFI Pavilion

25 Startups Showcased

25 Startup Pitches

15+ Research Organizations Participated

WHAT'S NEW WITH BFI

MEET THE MENTORS POWERING BFI VK CONNECT

BFI VK CONNECT IS NOT JUST A PROGRAM, IT'S A GATEWAY TO EUROPEAN MARKET READINESS.

BFI has launched the first cohort of VK Connect, selecting 12 high potential biomedical startups from 15 strong pitches at the India AI Impact Summit 2026. The cohort now begins its journey toward the European healthcare market.

Supported by an exceptional network of European mentors, including healthcare strategists, biotech entrepreneurs, venture capital leaders, and market access experts, founders will receive hands-on guidance to navigate regulatory pathways, refine commercial strategy, and build global partnerships.

Delivered in collaboration with Chasing Science, VK Connect is designed to equip Indian startups with the networks, credibility, and execution frameworks required to compete confidently in Europe's healthcare ecosystem.

STARTUP SPOTLIGHT : BFI VK CONNECT COHORT

Twelve high potential biomedical startups have been selected for the first cohort of **BFI VK Connect, emerging from 15 strong pitches at the BFI Pavilion.** These founders now begin their journey toward the European healthcare market, marking an important step in taking Indian innovation global.

BFI's Journey So Far!

BFI Support Network

30+
Research Institutions/ Organisations

25+
Medical Colleges/Hospitals

55+
Startups

15+
Workshops

60+
Research Projects

21+
Incubators

45
NGOs

600+
Innovators

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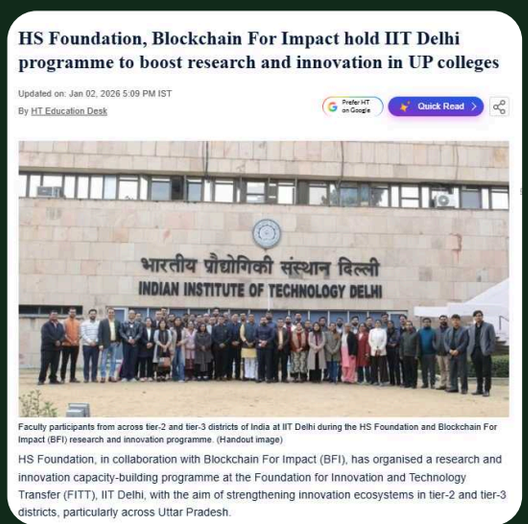

HS Foundation, Blockchain For Impact hold IIT Delhi programme to boost research and innovation in UP colleges

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Faculty participants from across tier-2 and tier-3 districts of India at IIT Delhi during the HS Foundation and Blockchain For Impact (BFI) research and innovation programme. (Handout image)

HS Foundation, in collaboration with Blockchain For Impact (BFI), has organised a research and innovation capacity-building programme at the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi, with the aim of strengthening innovation ecosystems in tier-2 and tier-3 districts, particularly across Uttar Pradesh.

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जागरूकता से आगे: जांच, जेनेटिक काउंसलिंग और नियमित फॉलो-अप से सिकल सेल देखभाल को कैसे बेहतर बनाया जा सकता है

BFI And HS Foundation Hold IIT Delhi Programme To Boost Research And Innovation In UP College

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BFI-Supported Roundtable On Sickle Cell Care Was Featured In Dabang Dunia, Highlighting Efforts To Strengthen Screening, Genetic Counselling, And Follow-Up Care, With Grassroots-Level Coverage In Regional Media.

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Can AI fix India's healthcare gaps? Startups think so

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New Delhi: Researchers, policymakers, clinicians, investors and AI health-tech innovators gathered at IIT Delhi on Friday to examine how artificial intelligence can responsibly transform healthcare and life sciences at AI Impact in Biotech and MedTech Innovation - The Next Frontier, a curtain-raiser to the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

Pitch sessions featured student-led health-tech solutions addressing gaps in care, diagnostics and delivery. Innovations included a non-invasive device to manage post-treatment lymphoedema in breast cancer patients; a solid-state, IoT-enabled vaccine cooling carrier powered by battery and solar energy for remote areas; and a smart protective belt designed to reduce fall-related hip injuries among the elderly.

Women's health solutions included a smartphone-based, AI-powered cervical cancer screening tool that enables frontline health workers to detect early abnormalities offline.

The forum focused on AI's growing role in diagnostics, disease management, cancer care and scalable health solutions. The agenda featured two expert panel discussions, pitch sessions by 12 AI health-tech startups and curated networking with over 15 potential investors. Discussions highlighted AI's ability to extract faster insights from large datasets and improve access to advanced analytics suited to India's healthcare realitgies.

Tarun Chaturvedi, COO of the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer, IIT Delhi, said AI is boosting healthcare innovation by converting large datasets into actionable insights. "India is likely to see a surge in successful AI startups over the next three to five years," he added.

Diagnostics emerged as a major focus area, with startups showcasing point-of-care testing platforms capable of analysing over 25 parameters related to kidney, cardiac and pancreatic conditions at significantly lower costs.

Sandeep Nailwal, founder of Blockchain For Impact, said India has the potential to take AI-driven healthcare solutions global, provided technologies are implemented at scale and reach the grassroots level.

BFI Supported A Pre-AI Summit At IIT Delhi Featured In The Times Of India (Both Online And Print) Highlighting Its Role In Supporting AI-Driven Healthcare Innovations And Advancing Scalable Public Health Solutions Across India.

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Sandeep Nailwal's Op-Ed Featured In Dainik Jagran (National Edition, 30 January 2026), Highlighting The Importance Of Strengthening Research And Innovation In India's Healthcare Sector To Drive Long-Term, Systemic Impact.

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प्रोटोटाइप से पब्लिक हेल्थ सिस्टम तक : IIT Delhi में BFI का राष्ट्रीय हेल्थटेक फ्रेमवर्क लॉन्च

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Diagnostics and counseling enhance sickle cell care

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A specially curated, invite only roundtable convened in Raipur,bringing together distinguished government dignitaries, public health experts, clinicians, researchers, sickle cell warriors, innovators and startups for a high level multi-stakeholder dialogue on sickle cell disease care. Organized by catalytic philanthropy; Blockchain For Impact (BFI), the discussion focused on strengthening sickle cell diagnosis and treatment pathways and advancing large scale screening efforts under the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission.

The roundtable was held in the presence of key stakeholders including Dr. Surendra K. Pambhoi, Deputy Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Chhattisgarh; Dr. Nidhi Gwalre, Nodal Officer, NHM Chhattisgarh; Prof. Dr. Eli Mohapatra, Chairperson, Sickle Cell Committee, AIIMS Raipur; Dr. Jayanti Chandrakar, Director General, Sickle Cell Institute Chhattisgarh (SCIC); and Dr. Pooja Agrawal, Program Director, BFI.

To the roundtable, BFI brought science backed innovators, clinicians, sickle cell warriors, program implementers and onground experts together on a common platform, enabling a two-way exchange between innovation and lived realities in underserved areas. Patients and sickle cell warriors shared challenges that often remain invisible in laboratory or pilot settings, while innovators presented emerging diagnostic and treatment technologies. This direct dialogue helped align scientific innovation with real world needs, ensuring that new tools are practical, relevant, and capable of delivering meaningful impact where access gaps are greatest, reinforcing that science serves the public good only when it is shaped by the communities it aims to benefit.

BFI Roundtable On Sickle Cell Care Featured In Central Chronicle (Print), Highlighting Its Support For A Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable At AIIMS Raipur Focused On Strengthening Sickle Cell Diagnosis, Early Screening, And Genetic Counseling.

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Featured On DD News, BFI Is Advancing Biomedical Research And AI-Driven Healthcare, With CEO Dr. Gaurav Singh Highlighting AI As The Defining Deep-Tech Shaping The Future Of Healthcare Innovation In India.

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पर अपनी पसंद बनाएं

आईआईटी दिल्ली के FITT परिसर में BFI इनोवेशन फुल स्टैक की शुरुआत हुई, जिसका उद्देश्य बायोमेडिकल और मेडटेक नवाचारों को विचार से बाजार तक सहयोग देना है। AI Impact Summit 2026 के समानांतर लॉन्च हुई यह पहल स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र में एआई-आधारित समाधानों को जमीनी स्तर तक पहुंचाने की दिशा में अहम मानी जा रही है।

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मेडटेक नवाचार को लेकर आइआइटी दिल्ली में 'फुल स्टैक' पहल शुरू

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: देश में बायोमेडिकल और मेडटेक नवाचार को प्रयोगशाला से बाजार तक पहुंचाने के उद्देश्य से भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आइआइटी) दिल्ली परिसर स्थित एफआइटीटी में 'बीएफआइ इनोवेशन फुल स्टैक' प्लेटफार्म का शुभारंभ किया गया। यह संरचित और चरणबद्ध पहल शोधकर्ताओं, स्टार्टअप और चिकित्सा संस्थानों को एकीकृत समर्थन प्रदान कर नवाचार प्रक्रिया को तेज करने पर केंद्रित है।

यह पहल ब्लाकचेन फार इम्पैक्ट संस्था के सहयोग से शुरू हुई है, जिसमें देशभर के 15 से अधिक चिकित्सा व नवाचार संस्थान जुड़े हैं। अनावरण के दौरान पांच समझौता ज्ञापनों, 11 लेटर आफ इंटेंट और एक अतिरिक्त समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर कर शोध, क्लिनिकल परीक्षण, इनक्यूबेशन और बाजार अपनाने के बीच समन्वित ढांचा तैयार किया गया। संस्था के संस्थापक संदीप नेलवाल ने कहा कि भारत में प्रतिभा की कमी नहीं है, लेकिन प्रोटोटाइप अवसंरचना, क्लिनिकल परीक्षण तक सीमित पहुंच और जटिल नियामक प्रक्रियाएं अक्सर अच्छे विचारों को आगे बढ़ने से रोक देती हैं। यह प्लेटफार्म नवाचारकर्ताओं को अवधारणा से बाजार तक स्पष्ट मार्गदर्शन और संसाधन उपलब्ध कराएगा।

पहल तीन स्तंभों प्रारंभिक इनक्यूबेशन, जिला-स्तरीय सैंडबाक्स परीक्षण और बाजार पहुंच रणनीति पर आधारित है। इसका पहला प्रवेश केंद्र नालिवाल मेडटेक एक्सलरेशन हब होगा, जहां प्रोटोटाइप विकास, डिजाइन सहयोग और इंजीनियरिंग सहायता उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा।

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डॉ. गौरव सिंह, CEO, ब्लॉकचेन फॉर इंपैक्ट (BFI)

स्टार्टअप को वास्तविक सपोर्ट मिला और एक्सपर्ट्स से सीधे मिलने का मौका मिला। एक ही मंच पर मार्गदर्शन, फीडबैक और नेटवर्किंग संभव हुई।

साथी टेक से जुड़े लोगों और प्रतिनिधियों से मुलाकात कराई गई। कई नए संपर्क बने और स्टार्टअप को ग्लोबल एक्सपोजर मिला। इससे सहयोग की संभावनाएं बढ़ीं।

आमतौर पर स्टार्टअप को आगे बढ़ने के लिए कई चरणों से गुजरना पड़ता है। रजिस्ट्रेशन से लेकर टैक्स और कानूनी कार्यवाइयों को एक छत के नीचे लाना चाहिए। स्टार्टअप को सपोर्ट करने वाला मेकानिज्म बनना चाहिए।

BFI Concludes their participation at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 with Strong Focus on AI Driven Healthcare startups, and Strategic Capital

New Delhi, February 21, 2026: As the India AI Impact Summit 2026 enters its final stretch in the national capital, five days of structured dialogue, collaboration and cross sector innovation have reinforced India's growing leadership in artificial intelligence. Blockchain For Impact (BFI) has played a central role in the healthcare track, curating startup showcases and high-level discussions at their pavilion that reflect the accelerating momentum within India's AI-driven biomedical ecosystem.

Sandeep Nailwal, Founder, Blockchain For Impact, said, "AI in healthcare is not about replacing doctors, it is about strengthening them. Doctors are open to technology, provided it is backed by evidence, validated rigorously, and built for real world use. Our collective focus must be on creating AI systems that are trustworthy, transparent and outcome driven."

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