FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards 2026
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What are FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards?

FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards aims to felicitate organizations that have shown operational excellence, innovated for the betterment of the industry and increased efficiency and improved performance of healthcare delivery at large.

2. What are the Award Categories and Definitions?

General Award Categories

Category	Definition	Who Can Apply	Winners
Excellence in Patient Care & Service Delivery	To recognize healthcare organizations which have implemented unique and innovative solutions for upgrading or improving facilities in line with the latest developments whilst maintaining or reducing the costs involved to improve overall service delivery. These could include initiatives to improve healthcare facilities, preventive health care solutions, better medical facilities, telemedicine, remote care, doorstep care, capacity building, lowering costs, patient transport and more structured processes to enhance service delivery benchmarks.	Open to: 1. Private Hospitals 2. Public Hospitals 3. Other healthcare providers*	3 Winners One winner each in – 1. Private Hospitals 2. Public Hospitals 3. Other healthcare providers*
Excellence in Patient Safety	To recognize innovative solutions and new initiatives including tools and devices, for improving overall patient safety while preventing and reducing risks of injury, infections, errors, delays and harm that occurs to patients during the provision of healthcare.	Open to: 1. Private Hospitals 2. Public Hospitals 3. Other healthcare providers*	3 Winners One winner each in - 1. Private Hospitals 2. Public Hospitals 3. Other healthcare providers*

Excellence in Community Engagement	To recognize social initiatives that have resulted in the upliftment of healthcare status in India. The initiative should be well defined, measurable, scalable, and having wider impact on the preventive /therapeutic and outcome-based healthcare scenario. This can include environment, hygiene, bio waste related measures also	Open to: 1. For- profit organizations (Hospitals, MedTech/Device companies/ Other Healthcare Providers*) 2. NGOs & Not-for-profit organizations	2 Winners One winner each in - 1. For- profit organizations (Hospitals/ MedTech/Device companies/ Other Healthcare Providers*) 2. NGOs & Not-for-profit organizations
Training & Skill Development Initiative of the Year	To recognize the excellence and innovative strategies for healthcare skilling and training over & above their routine and regulatory requirements, that have led to a significant increase in numbers as well as quality and relevance of healthcare professionals including nursing, paramedical, and other support staff efficiency.	Open to: 1. Medical institutes/colleges 2. Hospitals/ Health technology companies/ Other healthcare providers*	2 Winners One winner each in – 1. Medical institutes/colleges 2. Hospitals/ Health technology companies/ Other healthcare providers*
Technology Transformation Initiative of the Year	To recognize organizations that have delivered outstanding initiatives in leveraging technologies to revolutionize and enhance healthcare practices. This category highlights initiatives that demonstrate innovative technologies, integration of various solutions such as artificial intelligence, data analytics and drive overall transformation within the healthcare sector. Initiative should be a breakthrough and an innovation or re-adaptation of an existing technology to bring disruption in the current practices. ***Note:*** Technology initiatives undertaken to enhance routine operational and maintenance activities of the organisation such as maintaining electronic records, telemedicine, patient care etc. cannot apply for this category.	Open to: 1. Medical Technology and Device companies/ Software developers including mobile apps. 2. Hospitals/ Other healthcare providers*	2 Winners One winner each in – 1. Medical Technology and Device companies/ Software developers including mobile apps 2. Hospitals/ Other healthcare providers*
Excellence in Nursing Services	This category recognizes initiatives led by or primarily driven through nursing teams that enhance & strengthen clinical nursing practice, leadership, workforce capability, and bedside care outcomes. The initiative should demonstrate structured efforts to	Open to: 1. Private Hospitals 2. Public Hospitals	2 Winners One winner each in – 1. Private Hospitals 2. Public Hospitals

	empower nurses as primary caregivers and care coordinators, leading to measurable improvements in patient experience, safety, infection control, quality, healing, wellness, recovery and clinical outcomes. Eligible initiatives may include advanced nursing care models, nurse-led protocols, patient safety and infection control programs, digital tools supporting nursing workflows, continuous education and skill development, leadership programs, quality improvement projects, community or home-based nursing services, and initiatives enhancing nurse well-being, retention, and efficiency. This award celebrates nursing excellence that translates directly into safer, better, and more compassionate patient care.		
Healthcare Startup of the Year	This category recognizes innovative healthcare start-ups creating scalable, impactful solutions that address critical challenges in care delivery, access, affordability, quality, efficiency or patient outcomes. Eligible start-ups may work in digital health, diagnostics, medical devices, AI-enabled solutions, remote care, preventive health, patient engagement, data platforms, or workforce enablement. Submissions should demonstrate innovation, measurable impact, scalability, sustainability, and clear value creation for patients, providers, or the healthcare system. This award celebrates start-ups driving transformative healthcare solutions, fostering recognition, visibility, and growth opportunities in the healthcare ecosystem.	Open to: 1. Healthcare Start-ups	1 Winner: 1. Healthcare Start-up

Other Healthcare Providers – Diagnostic Centre, Primary Health Centre, Ambulatory Services, Med-Tech Companies, New-age models, Home Healthcare Services, etc. including Healthcare Start-ups*

***Start-ups – Hospitals, Med-Tech companies, Diagnostic Centre, Ambulatory Services, etc. (a new facility/product/centre etc. started by an existing hospital chain/healthcare provider will not be considered as a start-up)*

3. Can I submit my application in any language?

- Entries must be submitted in English Language only.

4. Can I select more than one Category?

- Yes, the candidate can select more than one category. However, the candidate must fill a separate Application form for each category selected.

5. Who is eligible to participate in the Awards?

- Any organization/institute participating in the Awards should be an Indian entity with a registered presence in India for minimum of two years and must provide their Certificate of Incorporation mandatorily
- The initiative should have been completely executed in India
- The initiative/ project should have been launched in the period April 01, 2024, to March 31, 2026, with impact demonstrated and results showcased by initiative/ project in the period April 01, 2025, to March 31, 2026
- The initiative must be undertaken by going beyond the mandatory accreditations/regulatory requirements as applicable
- Any organization/institute participating in the Awards must carefully read the category definitions before filling the application form and must ensure that the initiative/project adheres to the category definition of the respective category
- For Start-ups, the organization must have been incorporated for up to 10 years as on March 31, 2026
- A new facility/product/centre, etc. started by an existing hospital chain/healthcare provider will not be considered as a start-up
- Participating organizations must be engaged primarily in providing health care services.
- Nursing homes, dispensaries, dental facilities and non-allopathic facilities cannot apply.
- Participation is restricted to organizations subscribing to the allopathic system of medicine only
- Employees and immediate family members of the award management, sponsors and partners of the awards are not allowed to participate in the Awards
- The initiative nominated/ applied must be developed within the participating organization. An organization cannot participate on behalf of its sister units; parent organization or other organizations under the parent organization
- The Applicant should not be a winner of the Award in any of the previous years for the same initiative/ innovation
- The final eligibility of the Participant will be subject to the discretion and approval of the Awards Management and Jury

6. How do I enter for the Awards?

- Candidate can apply for the Awards by filling the registration form online at the website- https://www.ficcihealthawards.com/new-register.php
- Link to fill the application form will be emailed to the candidate along with the login details
- To apply for the Awards, Candidate should first go through the terms and conditions then select the segment and category pertaining to the segment and submit the application pertaining to the same.

7. Can I submit multiple applications under the Awards?

- Yes, the Candidate can submit more than one application form provided they are for different categories. Candidate must select the category/s under the segment relevant to nature of your business.

8. Is it mandatory to provide supporting documents?

- Yes, it is mandatory to provide supporting documents for the entry to support your entry details. We recommend you provide as much information as possible to support and strengthen your entry with relevant documents and attachments.
- Supporting documents must be in the following formats only – pdf, doc, jpeg etc. Size of each document cannot exceed 2 MB

9. What happens to my application once it is submitted?

- Your application Form will first be reviewed for completeness, eligibility and adherence to the application guidelines, including character limit. Incomplete and ineligible applications will be declined without further review. Applications that meet eligibility criteria will be further considered for the jury rounds

10. Is there an application fee associated with the Awards?

- Yes, the application fee for the Awards have been mentioned below:

Category	Fees (Per Application) INR
Private Sector	INR 18,000 + GST
Public Sector (Govt.)/NGO/Trust	INR 9,000 + GST
Start-Ups	INR 5,000 + GST

*18% GST is applicable
**10% Discount on the overall amount in case of three or more applications
*** Fee once submitted shall be non-refundable

Payment Method: Online Payment: Payment to be made at the time of submitting the online application form. Post realisation of your payment, your application process would be completed. Acknowledgment of the same would be sent to you over email.

11. Can I make changes to my application after it has been submitted?

- Once the application form is submitted you will not be allowed to make changes to your application. Hence, please review the information provided in the application form before submitting.

12. Can I fill the application offline and later mail it to you?

- No, the application has to be completely filled and submitted online. However, we have a save as draft option that will enable to fill the application form at your pace and submit post completion.

13. What is the deadline for submission of entries?

- Last date for receiving completed application forms is June 5, 2026

14. When is the announcement of results?

- The results will be announced on the day of the award ceremony on October 27, 2026

15. Will there be one winner for each Award category?

- Yes, there can be one or more winners selected in each category based on the Jury's decision

16. How do we know if we are shortlisted and need to provide information?

- Awards management will contact you in case you are shortlisted

17. How do I access the terms & conditions for the Award?

- The link for the Terms & Conditions has been mentioned on the home page of the website. For your reference, please click on the **Terms & Conditions** to access the same- https://www.ficcihealthawards.com/application-guidelines.php

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