

FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards 2026 – 18th Edition
Application form – Healthcare Start – Up Excellence

Category	Category Definition	Eligible Participants
Healthcare Start-Up of the Year	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Open to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Start-Ups

Guidelines for the participant

- 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.
- Entities which are a part of a group of hospitals must apply as an individual unit for all initiatives undertaken for the Awards
- 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 highlighted 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 of March 31, 2026
- Employees and immediate family members of the award management, sponsors and partners of the awards are not allowed to participate in the Awards.
- Participation in the awards is subject to defined terms and conditions available on website <website link>
- To apply for the Awards, participant should register on the website and fill the application form <link for registration>
- No hard copies of the application form will be accepted.
- All mandatory fields (*) of the application form needs to be completed before submitting.
- Please write "NA" or "0" in fields that are not applicable to your organisation in the Operational Matrix section
- Entries will be accepted in English language only.
- A participant can apply for separate initiatives in the same category or different categories through a separate application form for each initiative/ project. If multiple entry forms are received for same project/ initiative, then only one form will be considered, and others will be disqualified.
- Please provide below documents to be eligible for the Awards. Supporting documents must be in the mentioned formats only – pdf, doc, jpeg etc. Size of each document cannot exceed 2 MB per attachment. Any document sent separately will not be accepted.
 - Documents to support the claims/impact mentioned in the application form.
 - Date of incorporation and start date of initiative on organization letter head.

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- DPIIT Certificate (Applicable only for Start-ups)
- Any other document supporting the initiative.
- Award, accolade & achievement

16. In case the participant fails to submit the mandatory documents for the Awards, they may be disqualified subject to Jury's discretion.

17. In case of any queries relating to the application form or participation in the awards please contact:

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Section 1 – Participant Information

Entries will be accepted only from Unit Level. Group level applications will be disqualified.

Name of participating entity*	
Address*	
Year of incorporation (in DD/MM/YYYY) for participating entity*	
Website*	

Section 2 – Operational matrix*

Please write "NA" or "0" in fields which are not applicable to your organisation

Details submitted should be of participating entity.

Operational Parameters	April 2024 – March 2025	April 2025 – March 2026	Comments (Please highlight significant achievements and reasons that drove it)
Number of active institutional clients / healthcare partners <i>(e.g., hospitals, clinics, labs, insurers, government programs)</i>			
Number of unique end users impacted (with geographic coverage) <i>(e.g., patients, clinicians, nurses, allied health professionals)</i>			
Revenue / monetisation status of the solution	<input type="checkbox"/> Early revenue (initial customers / pilots converted) <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring revenue (repeat customers / subscriptions) <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-scale deployment (multi-client or multi-market rollout)	<input type="checkbox"/> Early revenue (initial customers / pilots converted) <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring revenue (repeat customers / subscriptions) <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-scale deployment (multi-client or multi-market rollout)	
Primary Funding Model	<input type="checkbox"/> Bootstrapped <input type="checkbox"/> Grant-funded / Public-funded	<input type="checkbox"/> Bootstrapped <input type="checkbox"/> Grant-funded / Public-funded	

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Operational Parameters	April 2024 – March 2025	April 2025 – March 2026	Comments (Please highlight significant achievements and reasons that drove it)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Venture-backed / Angel-funded <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate / Strategic backed <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid funding model <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify) ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Venture-backed / Angel-funded <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate / Strategic backed <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid funding model <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify) ...	

Section 3 – Case Study*

A) Organisation Overview

Provide a brief overview of the start-up covering: (Max 150 words)

- Vision and mission
- Core healthcare problem addressed
- Primary customers and end-users
- Distinct positioning of the start-up within the healthcare ecosystem

B) Summary of the initiative and its implementation

Summarize the initiative/project/solution undertaken by your start-up highlighting its innovation and value creation for patients, providers, or the healthcare ecosystem.

Initiative is defined as a new solution, or an older solution implemented with a new update to achieve the goal. The initiative must adhere to the category definition defined for the category.

- The initiative/project/solution should have been fully implemented and operational in the period April 01, 2024, to March 31, 2026
- The Awards shall be given to the initiatives which showcased impact in the period April 01, 2025, to March 31, 2026
- Details submitted should be for participating entity
- The details submitted in the application should be specific for the initiative/project applying for the Awards

i) Name of initiative/ project* (max 50 words)

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ii) Initiative/Project start date* (DD/MM/YYYY) Initiative/project end date* (DD/MM/YYYY)
iii) Summary of initiative undertaken including below* (max 250 words): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problem identified• Details of the initiative/project/solution and its key differentiators• Design, development, and deployment approach• Key operational or implementation challenges• Steps taken to overcome the challenges• Approximate cost structure (one-time and/or recurring, as applicable)• Time taken to deploy and operationalize the solution• Sustainability/ Continuation Plan for the Start-up
Below answer must cover all the above pointers, wherever applicable

C) Impact

Describe the measurable impact of the initiative. Applicants are required to report quantifiable impact data across the defined impact metric buckets.

Please note:

- Please provide quantifiable impact data for each parameter listed below.
- Report numerical values only (counts, percentages, ratios, rates, or scores), along with a brief explanation (maximum 50 words) where required.
- Select one primary outcome category only under “Primary healthcare value or outcome enabled.”
- Indicate the percentage improvement achieved for the selected outcome, based on your internal performance tracking.
- If any parameter is not applicable, kindly mention “NA” or “0”.
- The ‘Others’ row may be used only to report any additional significant, measurable impact not covered under the listed metric buckets.

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Impact Parameter	Response (in numbers or max 50 words)
Number of direct beneficiaries impacted by the initiative during the period April 01, 2024 – March 31, 2026	
Number of client organisations, healthcare facilities, or active deployments where the initiative has been implemented	
Primary healthcare value or outcome enabled by the initiative* <i>(Improved access to healthcare services/ Improved efficiency or productivity of healthcare delivery /Improved quality, accuracy, or reliability of healthcare services /Reduced cost or improved affordability of healthcare services / Improved patient or user experience / Other (specify))</i>	
Percentage improvement achieved against the selected outcome	
Sustainability / continuation/ replicability plan for the initiative	
Overall benefit of the initiative to the healthcare sector	
Others, please specify	

Section 4 – Declaration *
<p>I/we hereby declare that the details furnished in the application form and supporting documents submitted for FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards 2026, are to the best of my knowledge and belief true, correct and complete. In case any of the said information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am/we are aware that I/we will be held liable for it.</p> <p>I/we declare that below is true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiative mentioned in the application is completely executed and fully implemented in the period April 01, 2024, to March 31, 2026 • The impact demonstrated and results showcased by initiative is in the period April 01, 2025, to March 31, 2026 <p>I/we, on behalf of my/our organization, <name of organization>, authorise FICCI to use the content submitted as part of my/our nomination, in whole or in part and use and display such entry, which shall include trade publications, press releases, electronic posting to the awards website, electronic hyperlinks to the website of the participant, and any display format selected by FICCI during the awards ceremony or at a later point in time, for a period of five years.</p> <p>I/we further agree that the information provided has been approved by the Registrar or equivalent personnel of my/our institution.</p> <p>Please mention below the name and designation of the authorized representative as mentioned during the registration process</p> <p>Participant Name: _____</p> <p>Designation: _____</p> <p>Date: <i>(auto-populated date and time stamp)</i></p>