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TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE WITH IT

The International Health Dialogue

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ASIA'S LARGEST HEALTHTECH CONFERENCE 2026

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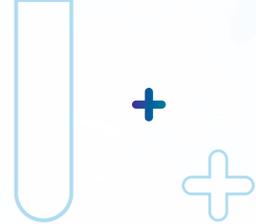VENUE
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The Big Picture
Healthcare in sync with Technology

The International Health Dialogue (IHD) 2026 arrived at a pivotal crossroads. In an era where healthcare complexity and workforce pressures are at an all-time high, patient safety and system resilience have moved from the "wish list" to the urgent mission critical under the innovative shade of cutting-edge technologies. Under the banner "Global Voices, One Vision," this 13th edition functioned as a high-velocity engine for alignment, transforming global concerns into a unified, actionable roadmap.

Where Innovation Meets Impact

IHD 2026 wasn't just a meeting of minds; it was a collision of ecosystems. We integrated powerhouse platforms to ensure every angle of the industry was represented:

- **THIT (Transforming Healthcare with IT)**: Asia's largest international conference and trade exhibition dedicated to the intersection of healthcare and information technology.

- **THNX (Technology & Healthcare Network eXchange)**: A platform to accelerate health-tech innovation by connecting startups with funding, resources, and mentorship to ensure solutions are scalable and clinically relevant.

- **IPSC & HOPE:** Co-located, healthcare events focused on defining the gold standard for improving medical care standards,

- **SOLVATHON:** A 36-hour live, in-person, high-intensity problem-solving competition where students, startups, and developers build real-world solutions for healthcare.

- **SAFE-A-THON:** a collaborative, solution-building challenge designed to spark innovation in patient safety. Unite hospitals, startups, and academia to transform real-world safety challenges into smart, scalable, and cost-effective solutions.

- **CLINOVATE:** Aims to bring together clinicians, researchers, and innovators to translate scientific advancements into real-world patient care.

- **Paper & Poster Presentation:** From the high-stakes SAFE-A-THON and Solvathon to the academic rigor of paper presentations, we moved beyond theory into rapid prototyping and problem-solving.

- **Exhibition Podium:** Where 160+ stalls showed up together to transform into a high-velocity launchpad for the next generation of healthtech, diagnostics, and digital ecosystems

The Tech-Driven Revolution

Today, technology isn't just a tool; it is the backbone of patient-centric care. We are witnessing a decisive shift where "HealthTech" is simply "Health."

The Rise of Remote Healthcare
The hospital is no longer confined by four walls. Through robust remote monitoring and telehealth infrastructure, we are bringing high-tier expertise to the patient's bedside, wherever that may be.

New-Age Integrated Ecosystems
From AI-driven diagnostics and predictive analytics to blockchain-secured patient data, new-age technologies are now the pulse of modern medicine.

Resilient Design
Tech-enablers are building systems that don't just react to crises but anticipate them, ensuring care remains uninterrupted and fundamentally human-centered.

From Conversation to Commitment

IHD 2026 marked a decisive transition: we have moved from talking about the future to building it. For the tech-enablers, clinicians, and policymakers in attendance, the message was clear: the most resilient healthcare systems of tomorrow are being coded, designed, and deployed today.

IHD 2026 AT A GLANCE: THE FUTURE, ACCELERATED

IHD 2026 wasn't just a conference; it was a global tipping point. As the premier platform for healthcare's most influential voices, it proved that patient safety, system resilience, and quality care with technology in heart; are no longer just goals - they are the new mandatory. By uniting global thinkers with bold innovators, IHD 2026 didn't just exchange ideas - it sparked a transformation toward a healthcare system that is smarter, kinder, and accessible to all.

A cornerstone of this year's dialogue was the 13th edition of Transforming Healthcare with IT (THIT). Guided by the theme "Global Voices. One Vision." THIT infused the dialogue with a "human-first" approach to innovation. It emphasized that the future of care is not something we wait for, but something we actively build through the convergence of technology and compassion.

1.2M+
Digital Views: Total Reach

5000+
Healthcare Delegates
(Physical Presence)

400+
Global Speakers & Policy
Makers (Expertise)

32
Government Organizations
(Public Sector)

62
Academic Institutions
(Knowledge Partners)

18
Allied Healthcare Institutions
(Strategic Partners)

Healthcare Providers: **34** National & **221** International Organizations

IHD 2026 bridged the gap between global policy and frontline reality by merging the **International Patient Safety Conference (IPSC)** with **Transforming Healthcare with IT (THIT)**. This was where clinical rigor met digital ambition.

The dialogue united an elite, multidisciplinary ecosystem - from Health Ministers and CEOs to clinicians and tech architects - around one core truth: **modern patient safety is impossible without robust technology.**

IHD 2026 proved that the future of healthcare isn't just about better protocols; it's about **high-tech efficiency meeting high-touch empathy.**

Reflections from Day 1

Keynote Address, Open Plenary, and Key Sessions

The International Health Dialogue 2026 commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp - a symbol of the shared commitment to knowledge and excellence that would define the next 48 hours. Day 1, themed **"Global Voices, One Vision - Healthcare for All,"** served as a high-velocity exploration of how technology is not just supporting, but fundamentally reinventing clinical care.

The Visionary Opening: AI-Powered Care

The tone was set by **Dr. Anupam Sibal**, President, Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO): 2020-22 and Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals Group, whose keynote on reimagining healthcare through AI-Powered Care challenged the industry to use intelligence as a tool for equity. This vision was further anchored by **Madhivanan Balakrishnan** (CEO, Apollo 24/7 & CDTO, Apollo Hospitals Group), who formally bridged the IHD and THIT missions, welcoming a global panel to the stage.

Reflections from Day 1

The Visionary Opening: AI-Powered Care

A thrilling plenary session explored the intersection of finance and tech. Moderated by a powerhouse panel, the discussion featured:

- **Dr. Tapan Singhel** (MD & CEO, Bajaj General Insurance) on the evolving role of Insurance in Healthtech.
- **Dr. Rana Mehta** (Partner & Leader Healthcare, PWC, India) providing the Investor Perspective on AI.
- **Prof. B S Sahay** (Director IIM Jammu, India) on redesigning MBA Healthcare Management Courses
- **Prof. Sarang Deo** (Professor, Operations Management Deputy Dean - Faculty and Research, Executive Director - Max Institute of Healthcare Management (MIHM) , Indian School of Business, India) on Healthcare delivery research: Bridging the gap between theory and practice.
- **Gerald Jaideep** (Chief Executive Officer, Medvarsity) on digitally empowering the healthcare workforce.

The morning reached a strategic milestone with a landmark **MOU exchange** between **Apollo Hospitals** and **Roche Diagnostics India**, represented by **Dr. Sangita Reddy** (Joint MD, Apollo Hospitals Group) and **Rishubh Gupta** (MD, Roche Diagnostics India and Neighbouring Markets).

Reflections from Day 1

Global Digital Health Transformation: Leadership, Innovation & Impact

Chaired by Dr. Sangita Reddy, this session showcased leadership on a global scale:

- **Russ Branzell** (CEO & President, CHIME, CHCIO, FCHIME, USA) on the frontiers of Digital Health Research.
- **Dr. Eyal Zimlichman** (Chief Innovation, Transformation and AI Officer, Sheba Medical Center, Israel) sharing transformative healthcare stories from Israel.
- **Dr. Khulood Mohamed Alsayegh** (Head of Clinical Standards and Guidelines Section, Health Policies and Standard Department, Dubai Health Authority, UAE) on AI healthcare strategy and regulation in UAE.
- **Venkat Krishnan** (Executive Director, Public Sector, Healthcare, Education, Microsoft India) shared perspective on Leading the Next Wave of AI Driven Healthcare
- **Prof. Henrietta O'Connor** (Professor of Sociology and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester, UK) talked about Apollo–Leicester Blueprint for Precision Health
- **Prof. Dean Ho** (Director, Institute for Digital Medicine, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS, Singapore) deep-dived into the emerging science of Biohacking.

Reflections from Day 1

Reimagining Healthcare in India: Innovation, Integration & Impact

Under the chairmanship of **Kumar Surender Sinwar** (Founder & CEO, MLHEALTH 360), a vibrant panel examined India's unique MedTech journey:

- **Mr. Sriram Iyer** (CEO, Apollo Health & Lifestyle) and Dr. Sanjay Sood (Project Director, eSanjeevani (National Telemedicine Service), C-DAC, Mohali, India) on primary care, and rise of eSanjeevani in India.
- **Nico Schiettekatte** (Counselor for Health, Welfare & Sport at Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in India, India) and Dr. Mahesh Shirke (CDO, AMTZ, India) on the Indo-Dutch MedTech corridor.
- **Dr. Vishwa Mohan Katoch** (NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research, Former DG ICMR, India), Dr. Venkatesh Munikrishnan (Colorectal Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals, India), and Dr. K Sridhar (Senior Consultant, Plastic and Hand Surgery, SIMS Hospital, India) discussed POC technologies, telesurgery, and the "Make in India" surgical revolution.

Systems, Scale & Innovation

The afternoon session featured two critical plenaries:

Systems, Scale & Innovation:
Chaired by **Sandeep Bandivdekar**, Director Sales - Government & Healthcare, Microsoft, India; Featuring **Joanne M. Hackett** (VP and Head of Health System Services, IQVIA) on Building Resilient Digital Ecosystems, **Dr. Keren Priyadarshini** (VP, WWPS Healthcare APJ, AWS) on Cost effective Intelligent Healthcare, **Syed Abdul Shabbir** (Professor Taipei Medical University, TAIWAN) on Digital Health deployment in Taiwan on , **Dr. James Xia** (CMO, United Imaging Intelligence, Shanghai, China) on Advancing AI to Medical Agents, and **Richard Bradford** (Chairman, InHealth, UK) on Digital Health Adoption in UK.

Reflections from Day 1

Quality, Governance & Outcomes:
Chaired by **Dr. Sanjay Subramanian** (Founding Partner, Omnicure), featuring **Bolormaa Tumendemberel** (President, Intermed Hospital, Mongolia) on Digital Health in Mongolia, **Geoff Searle** (CEO, In Health, UK) on Innovation in Diagnostic Care, **Dr. Lisa Sorger** (MBBS MHA AFRACMA FRANZCR GAICD, Australia) on Integrating AI and clinical governance frameworks in Australia, **Diego Vallega** (Executive Director of Alcla – Comprehensive Rehabilitation Hospital, Argentina) on HealthTech in Argentina, and **Rizwan Koita** (Chairperson, NABH and Co-Founder, Koita Foundation, India) on NABH Digital Health Strategy.

Reflections from Day 1

The Soul of Tech: Technology Meets Tranquility

In an ever-memorable fireside chat, **Gauranga Das Ji** (Spiritual Leader) joined **Dr. Sangita Reddy** to discuss finding balance in a hyperconnected world. This session provided a moment of "tech-tranquility," reminding delegates that the end goal of innovation is human well-being.

Closing Frontiers & The Birth of THNX

The final plenary, Frontiers of Sustainable Digital Health, chaired by **Gauri Joglekar** (Senior Director, Innovation Delivery, Medtronic), featured **Mahesh Shankar** (MLHEALTH 360) on Intelligence Layer for the Modern Digital Hospital, **David Reitzel** (Chief Solutions officer, Products and Technologies, Premier Inc, USA) on Intelligent Healthcare Ecosystems, **Jagannathan K** (Associate VP, Hitachi Systems, India) on Reimagine Resilience, and **Arvind Raman** (Senior Solution Engineer, AI in Healthcare expert, Microsoft) discussing clinical intelligence "on tap".

Reflections from Day 1

The day reached its crescendo with the launch of **THNX** (Technology Healthcare Network eXchange). This new wing of THIT debuted at the THIT hall, where five phenomenal startups - Endimension, Ayati Devices, Turocrates.ai, NeoDocs, and Doto Health - pitched solutions that transformed the patient care in many incredible ways.

The day concluded with closing remarks from **Dr. Sai Praveen Haranath** (Senior VP - Medical & Strategy, Apollo HealthAxis), marking the end of a transformative first day that successfully translated global perspectives into actionable clinical roadmaps.

Reflections from Day 2

Academic Presentations, Joint Plenary, Spotlight Sessions & Leadership Highlights

Day 2 shifted the focus toward real-time implementations and the leadership strategies required to scale healthcare outcomes globally. The atmosphere in the halls transformed from visionary anticipation to a focused, "hands-on" exploration of technology in action.

The Morning Plenary: Real-Time Innovation in India

The day opened with "**Evolving Digital Health—Real Time Implementations in India,**" chaired by **Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Kandela** (CMIO, Apollo Hospitals). This session showcased the practical "paper-to-patient" journey through paper presentation:

AI-Assisted Diagnostics:

Dr. Deepika Pamarthy (Director - Strategic Research and Partnerships, Karyon Bio) on liver risk assessment.

Telemedicine Mastery:

Dr. Vishal Kumar Jani (Practo Technologies Private Limited, India) on enhancing patient outcomes.

The Future of Nursing:

A collaborative AI-generated nursing care plan presented by **Col Suma K S** (GM Nursing, Apollo Hospital Bannerghatta), **Hemangi Santosh Sawant** (ML Engineer GenAI & LLMs, Apollo Clinical AI Labs), and **K.N. Chetana** (Clinical Resource Coordinator, Clinical AI Labs).

Reflections from Day 2

A World Aligned: The Joint Plenary

A historic moment followed as **THIT, IPSC, HOPE, and CLINOVATE** converged on a single platform. **Dr. Sangita Reddy** (Joint MD, Apollo Hospitals) set the stage, emphasizing that innovation must be balanced with **inclusion and measurable impact.**

The Visionary Address: Dr. Prathap C. Reddy (Founder & Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group) reflected on India's rising role in global health, urging leaders toward values-driven, long-term resilience.

Intelligent Care Pathways: AI for Every Specialty

Chaired by **Prof. Ravi Prakash Mahajan** (Director, Apollo Research Academy), this session explored how AI is penetrating every clinical niche:

Precision Medicine: Prof. Sir Nilesh J Samani (Professor of Cardiology at University of Leicester, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and Co-Director of Centre for Digital Health and Precision Medicine) on the new Centre for Digital Health.

Advanced Health Monitoring: Heidi Chapman (Program Officer, Biotech Accelerator, Gates Foundation) on AI for LMICs.

Enabling Liver Care: Insights from Dr. Rajendra Prasad J (Collaboration Manager, Siemens Healthineers)

Early Detection of Cancer: Matthew Prime (International Business Leader for CDS & Algorithms, Roche)

Genomic AI: Dr. Aarti Gokhale (Sales Director South Asia and Senior Manager - Gene Reading APAC, Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT)

Reflections from Day 2

Leadership Spotlight: Omar Ishrak

In a highly anticipated keynote, **Mr. Omar Ishrak** (Former Chairman/CEO of Medtronic & Intel Corporation) shared leadership lessons on improving outcomes at scale. This was followed by a thrilling fireside chat with **Dr. Sangita Reddy,** exploring the "grit and vision" required to move the needle in global health.

Blueprints for the Digital Hospital

The late morning sessions focused on the infrastructure of the future:

NeuGAIN Spotlight: Rajaneesh Kini (COO, Neurealm), **Rahul Vinod Upputuri** (CTO, Apollo Hospitals), **Samuel K** (Microsoft), and **Balaji Uppili** (CBO, Neurealm) unveiled AI-driven healthcare powered by Co-Pilot.

Reflections from Day 2

Blueprints for the Digital Hospital

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Leading Systems: Chaired by **Dr. Sandeep Wadhwa** (Global CMO, Solventum Health Information Systems), featuring **Prof. Shakti Gupta** (ED & CEO, AIIMS Jammu), **Dr. Bruce Murphy** (CEO, Arkansas Heart Hospital), **Mr. Ashokkan Somuverappan** (CIO, Apollo Hospitals Group), and **Dr. Eyal Zimlichman** (Chief Innovation, Transformation and AI Officer, Sheba Medical Center, Israel) on scaling equitable care.

The Afternoon: Emerging Technologies & Deployment

Post-lunch, the energy stayed high with two Spotlight Sessions:
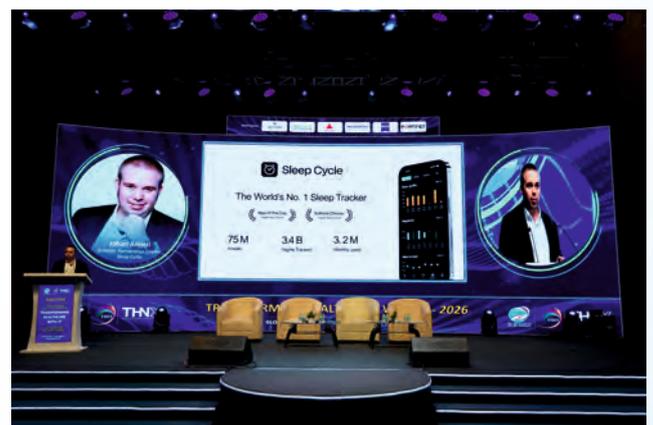
Healthcare Agents:
Surya Teja Josyula (Microsoft) on rapid deployment using Fabric.

Audio-Health:
Johan Annell (Strategic Partnerships Leader, Sleep Cycle) on proactive sleep health powered by audio AI.

Reflections from Day 2

Shaping Tomorrow's Healthcare

Chaired by **Dr. Sreenivasa Raju Kalidindi** (CEO & Medical Director, Apollo Radiology International) and **Mr. Manpreet Singh** (Chief Executive Officer, Apollo HealthAxis), this session offered a massive historical and technical perspective:

Computing History: Prof. P J Narayanan (Former Director, IIIT Hyderabad) on the 30-year evolution from computer vision to human vision.

Computational algorithms in medical imaging: Prof. Spyridon Bakas (Indiana Univ, Oncology and Federated Learning Models) on fundamental principles.

Regulatory Capacity: Dr. Anirban Bhattacharyya (Critical Care Specialist, Mayo Clinic).

Legacy of Innovation: Padma Bhushan GP Talwar (Immunologist, India) shared a 7-decade journey of technology deployment, while **Swathi Kulkarni** (MD, Konovo) addressed the vital challenges of Femtech in India.

The Grand Finale: Solvathon & AI in Action

The final session, chaired by **Dr. Sai Praveen Haranath,** began with the Solvathon 2026 Awards. Three winning teams were awarded a total of Rs. 4.5 Lakhs for their groundbreaking healthtech solutions.

Reflections from Day 2

Shaping Tomorrow's Healthcare

The concluding plenary, "AI in Action," featured a global line-up:

- **Patient Sovereignty: Dr. Mohammed A Ubaydli** (CEO and Founder, Patients Know Best).
- **Programmable Care &: Mr. Harmeet Chauhan** (CEO, Neurealm)
- **Adoption of Digital Twins in Healthcare: Marc d. Paradis** (Principal & Founder, SIYOM Consulting, USA).
- **Global AI Powered Transformation: Dr. Ashish Atreja** (Former Chief Information & Digital Health Officer, UC Davis Health; Founder VALID.AI & NODE.Health)
- **Leveraging wearables and biosensors for digital health: Juha Villanen** (Head of B2B, Garmin).
- **AI enabled virtual care in Population health management: Dr. Shivam Natarajan** (Global Head of Healthcare Practice, Experion Technologies).
- **A use case on Patient Care with Artificial Intelligence: Todd Wilkes** (CTO, Premier Inc.).
- **AI Blue Zone in America: Uday Akkaraju** (CEO, Bond.AI), who discussed the fascinating concept & it's design.

Reflections from Day 2

Closing Remarks: A Journey Concluded

The conference reached its emotional end with a vote of thanks from Dr. Sujoy Kar. He expressed immense gratitude to the speakers and the organizing team, marking the International Health Dialogue 2026 not just as an event, but as a landmark achievement in the global quest for safer, smarter healthcare.

Parallel Sessions

Moving beyond theoretical frameworks, the Day 1 parallel sessions provided a focused platform for integrating innovation directly into the clinical workflow. These practice-driven dialogues examined how digital infrastructure and intelligent data can be leveraged to fortify healthcare quality and system resilience.
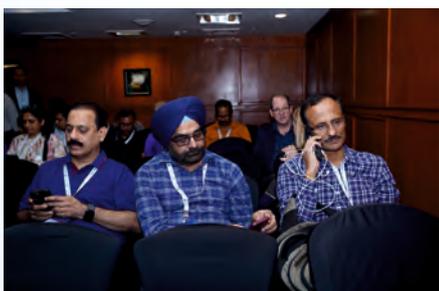
THNX Investment Session: The Next Wave of HealthTech

The morning commenced with the THNX (Technology & Healthcare Network eXchange) Investment Session, a high-octane showcase of ten pioneering startups. The session highlighted the diversity of the current innovation landscape, covering AI-driven health records, at-home diagnostics, voice AI, precision oncology, and chronic care management.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the founders of the following organizations for sharing their deployment-focused perspectives:

Eka Care, Iota Diagnostic, Dectrocel Healthcare & Research, Janitri, Mobilab, Helo Health, Pype AI, 4baseCare, Infiheal Healthtech, and Lilliacare AI.

The session bridged the gap between entrepreneurial vision and investor strategy, focusing on how these technologies can be scaled to transform patient engagement and maternal care.

Parallel Sessions

Digital Governance: DPDP Enforcement Readiness

As data sovereignty becomes a global priority, a specialized closed-group session titled "DPDP Enforcement: What CIOs Must Be Ready For" addressed the shift from theoretical compliance to real-world enforcement.

Moderated by **Mr. Ashokkan Somuverappan** (CIO, Apollo Hospitals Group), the panel featured:

- **Shahana Chatterji** (Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.)
- **Lalit Kalra** (Partner, Cybersecurity and National Leader – Data Privacy, EY India)
- **Kinjal Saxena** (CPTO, AIG Hospitals)
- **Jagadeesh Ramasamy** (CDIO, Narayana Health)

The discussion provided a critical roadmap for operational and technical preparedness, ensuring that healthcare organizations are not just compliant, but resilient in the face of evolving data protection laws.

Product Spotlight & Literary Unveiling

The parallel track concluded with a specialized product showcase by Certinal, featuring the insightful unveiling of the book, "When the CIO holds the Scalpel." The session fostered an interactive dialogue among panelists, exploring the evolving role of Information Officers as central figures in modern clinical precision and surgical outcomes.

The afternoon of Day 2 featured a high-impact CIO Strategy Session, shifting the dialogue from high-level vision to the "nuts and bolts" of digital execution. Moderated by Mr. Ashokkan Somuverappan (CIO, Apollo Hospitals Group), the session served as a masterclass in translating digital strategy into scalable, secure, and measurable healthcare outcomes.

Parallel Sessions

The panel brought together a distinguished group of global technology leaders, including:

- **Calli Dretke** (Executive VP & CDMO, CHIME)
- **Jagadeesh Ramasamy** (CDO & CIO, Narayana Health)
- **Deepankar Khare** (Senior Principal, IQVIA)
- **Ebenezar Stephen** (Regional Sales Director, SentinelOne)
- **Dr. Ryan D'Arcy** (Chief Scientist & Medical Officer, MLHEALTH 360)
- **Ismail Sherif** (Hitachi)
- **Goonjan Chaturvedi** and **Syed Nishatuddin** (HPE)

Key Discussion Pillars: Strategy to Deployment

The session was anchored by proven use cases and real-world deployments that are currently redefining the "Digital Hospital." Key focus areas included:

Integrated Systems: Exploring the "Reimagined Hospital" through IQVIA Hospital Solutions, focusing on seamless data flow and operational intelligence.

Neurotech Frontiers: Dr. Ryan D'Arcy presented groundbreaking advances in brain vital sign monitoring and portable neurotechnology, bridging the gap between specialty diagnostics and bedside care.

Security & Resilience: A critical deep dive into Observability in Healthcare, emphasizing the need for end-to-end visibility in complex digital ecosystems to ensure patient data safety.

Agentic AI Operations: HPE showcased the future of infrastructure with HPE GreenLake Intelligence and Agentic AI Operations, demonstrating how self-optimizing systems can reduce the cognitive load on clinical IT teams.

THIT 2026
THE DIGITAL BEAT: TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE WITH IT (THIT)

Global Voices. One Vision.

The THIT is more than a conference; it is the headquarters of a global movement. As the official home of Asia's largest healthtech conference - International Health Dialogue, it stands as a testament to thirteen years of pioneering the intersection where human compassion meets technological precision.

A Legacy of Impact

THIT has evolved into the definitive stage for digital health transformation. The numbers speak to a decade of relentless progress:

100,000+
Global Visitors

30,000+
Products & Solutions connected

5,000+
Innovative products incubated

20,000+
Leads generated for the global healthtech ecosystem

In 2026, THIT returned to the vibrant tech hub of Hyderabad with a renewed mission: to champion care that is smarter, kinder, and accessible to all.
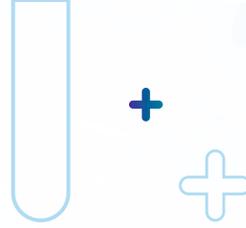
Core Pillars of the THIT Experience:

- **THNX Innovation Dome:** A groundbreaking debut for 2026, launching India's first dedicated digital health startup community.
- **Human-First Innovation:** A commitment that every piece of code and every AI algorithm must ultimately serve the person behind the patient record.
- **Global Convergence:** Bringing together 2,000+ delegates and 300+ speakers from 30+ countries to co-create a borderless healthcare future.

The Heart of the Dialogue

Integrated within the International Health Dialogue (IHD), THIT works in symphony with IPSC, HOPE, and CLINOVATE. Together, they form a multi-dimensional ecosystem where digital health is not just a "session" but the very fabric of tech-enabled healthcare, innovation at its best, and clinical precision.

At THIT, we don't just wait for the future of healthcare; we build it. From AI-driven diagnostics to the One Nation Health Stack, we are turning bold ideas into measurable impact.

IPSC 2026

The International Patient Safety Conference (IPSC) is the global epicentre for clinical excellence and the "Zero-Harm" mandate. As the industry's most influential authority on healthcare quality, IPSC serves as the critical junction where global safety standards are audited, re-engineered, and operationalized for the modern era.

The Safety Operating System

IPSC has established a decade-long legacy as the primary forum for confronting the complexities of modern medicine. It is built on the fundamental principle that safety is not a metric, but a human right.

- **Global Convergence:** Mobilizing 20,000+ delegates and 500+ world-class experts from 40 nations to synchronize safety protocols.
- **Scientific Rigour:** Distilling 1,000+ peer-reviewed abstracts into actionable, bedside intelligence that redefines survival rates.
- **Standards Integration:** The definitive platform where JCI, ISQua, and NABH frameworks evolve from compliance checklists into living clinical cultures

2026: Safety in the Autonomous Era

The 2026 edition initiated a paradigm shift, exploring how High-Reliability Organizations (HROs) maintain absolute precision in an increasingly automated world. IPSC acted as a Clinical Safety Lab, optimizing the synergy between human expertise and algorithmic oversight.

Strategic Innovation Verticals:

- **Predictive Patient Protection:** Transitioning from reactive to proactive care by utilizing Big Data to identify clinical deterioration before it occurs.
- **The "Closed-Loop" Ecosystem:** Engineering failsafe digital environments—from AI-driven CPOE (Computerized Physician Order Entry) to robotic medication dispensing and automated bedside alerts.
- **Cognitive Ergonomics:** A deep-dive into the Human-AI Interface, ensuring that digital tools diminish—rather than amplify—the clinician's mental load.

Unified Impact: The Ethical Compass of IHD

Within the International Health Dialogue (IHD), IPSC serves as the ethical filter. While sister verticals drive technology and operations, IPSC ensures every innovation is anchored in patient safety.

- **Safety-by-Design:** Collaborating with tech architects to hard-code safety protocols into the healthcare software of tomorrow.
- **Culture of Resilience:** Moving beyond "blame culture" to build systems that learn, adapt, and protect.

THNX

THNX (Technology & Healthcare Network eXchange), a healthcare innovation platform rooted within the Apollo Hospitals ecosystem, hosted its inaugural THNX Startup Dome at THIT 2026 (Transforming Healthcare with IT) on 30th January in Hyderabad, in partnership with Startup Reseau.

Designed as a high-signal exchange rather than a conventional pitch forum, THNX was conceptualized to bridge the gap between healthcare innovation and real-world deployment. The Startup Dome brought together carefully selected startups, investors, and ecosystem leaders to focus on solutions that can move from identified healthcare problems to pilots, partnerships, and scalable implementation. The final cohort of 15 startups was shortlisted through a rigorous evaluation process emphasizing clinical relevance, clarity of problem definition, deployment readiness, and scalability.

The Startup Dome highlighted solutions spanning health management platforms, advanced diagnostics, and precision medicine powered by AI. Across presentations and discussions, a consistent narrative emerged around the evolution of digital health toward Digital Twin-based models; where longitudinal clinical, behavioral, and diagnostic data come together to create dynamic, continuously learning healthcare, which is predictive, personalized and proactive.

Investors **Dr. Vishal Gandhi** and **Srinivas Kollipara** jointly emphasized a visible shift in founder thinking - from building technology-first companies to deeply understanding a single core healthcare problem and solving for it with innovation and resilience. They also underscored the importance of clear go-to-market strategies and sustainable business models, noting that commercial viability is essential to achieving scale and long-term impact in healthcare.

Through the THNX Startup Dome, THIT 2026 – Transforming Healthcare with IT reinforced its role as a platform for clinically relevant, deployment-ready, and scalable healthcare innovation, aligned with Apollo Hospitals' long-standing commitment to advancing patient care through technology.

SOLVATHON

Solvathon 2026, the third edition of Apollo's flagship healthtech hackathon, served as a high-impact bridge between clinical friction points and technology-driven solutions. Powered by Apollo Research and Innovations (ARI) and THIT, in partnership with IIIT-Hyderabad, the event created a structured pipeline to translate raw ideas into implementation-ready healthcare tools.

The Road to the Finale

The journey began at the clinical frontline, ensuring every solution addressed a genuine healthcare need:

- **Problem Identification:** 40 clinical pain points were submitted by Apollo staff, distilled into 8 core problem statements.
- **Nationwide Outreach:** 150+ registrations led to the shortlisting of 12 finalist teams.
- **Mentorship:** Finalists underwent a month of intensive clinical mentoring and specialized knowledge sessions on **Go-To-Market strategies and Pitching**.

The 36-Hour Sprint & Recognition

The finale was an intense innovation marathon at HICC Hyderabad, culminating in a rigorous judging round evaluated on innovation, feasibility, and clinical relevance.

The Sprint: Teams worked continuously for 36 hours to refine prototypes and validate architectures.

The Verdict: Evaluated by a panel including Amitava Ray (Founder – Exsegen Genomics), Srinivas Aki (CTO – Onward Assist), and Prof. Gopalkrishnan (Adjunct Professor – IIIT Hyderabad

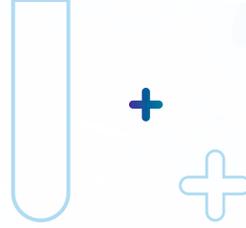**The Award:** 3 teams were declared winners, sharing a total prize purse of INR 4.5 Lakhs.

Impact & Way Forward

Solvathon 2026 successfully demonstrated a scalable model for collaborative innovation. By integrating clinical insights with technical expertise, the hackathon strengthened commercialization readiness and reaffirmed Apollo's commitment to enhancing operational efficiency and patient outcomes through home-grown technology.

HOPE 2026
THE BLUEPRINT FOR HUMAN-CENTERED OPERATIONS

The Experience Dividend

Experience is no longer a "soft" metric—it is a measurable driver of trust and performance.

- **Compassion as a Metric:** James I. Merlino and Sivareena Sarika positioned empathy as the core of human-centered care.
- **Journey Design:** Harkaran Sahni and Joy Chakraborty demonstrated how listening to patients transforms clinical pathways into meaningful experiences.

Efficiency by Design

System design must enhance efficiency without sacrificing the quality of care.

- **AI & Ecosystems:** Bharateesh Reddy and Shilpa Tatake explored AI-enabled workflows that harmonize staff and patient needs.
- **Emotional Well-being:** Sheetal Agarwal and Surinder Singh Bhatia emphasized that empathy and "joy in work" are essential for operational success.

Friction to Flow: Process Mastery

Turning operational bottlenecks into streamlined, high-velocity processes.

- **Data-Driven Wins:** Sarang Deo and Rajeev Chourey shared tactics for resource-constrained settings.
- **The Narrative Catalyst:** Ravishankar Iyer showed how storytelling drives cultural change, while Giridhar Gyani and Ravi Shankar focused on embedding safety frameworks into frontline practice.

THE FUTURE-READY HOSPITAL

The Safety Matrix

Moving toward high-reliability operations through structured safety models.

- **Integrated Safety:** Convergence of leadership and technology to protect both patients and staff.
- **Operational Excellence:** Structured risk assessment and infection prevention as non-negotiable standards.

The Science of Compassion

Bridging the gap between high-tech tools and high-touch care.

- **Empathy Training:** Utilizing simulation-based learning to scale compassionate care across large systems.
- **Tech as an Enabler:** Ensuring that innovation supports, rather than replaces, the human element.

Navigating the Regulatory Renaissance

Steering through a shifting global landscape while maintaining a patient-centric heart.
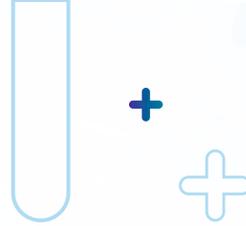
- **Regulatory Agility:** Adapting to new governance models without compromising on-ground care.
- **Leadership in Transition:** Strategic insights for navigating the evolving legal and ethical complexities of 2026.

THE TAKEAWAY

HOPE 2026 delivered a singular message: The most resilient healthcare systems are those that integrate high-velocity operations with deep-rooted empathy.

CLINOVATE

CLINOVATE at IHD 2026 stood as the definitive platform for clinical innovation, where the mission was clear: move from reactive care to anticipatory, evidence-driven medicine. By uniting practitioners and industry pioneers, CLINOVATE redefined how proactive systems can fortify patient safety across the medical spectrum.

Redefining Specialty Care

In high-acuity environments—including Oncology, Cardiac Sciences, Women's Health, and Laboratory Medicine—the dialogue centered on managing complexity through:

- **Early Risk Identification:** Shifting the focus to prevention and early-stage intervention.
- **Standardization:** Implementing protocol-driven care to ensure precision across all specialties.
- **Multidisciplinary Synergy:** Breaking silos to ensure clinical safety is a shared responsibility.

The Tech-Enabled Clinician

A recurring theme was the evolution of technology as the ultimate co-pilot for clinical decision-making.

- **Intelligent Workflows:** Aligning diagnostics and real-time data to trigger timely, life-saving interventions.
- **Clinical Governance:** Ensuring innovation is backed by ethical responsibility, human judgment, and system readiness.
- **Digital Diagnostics:** Using new-age tech to support bedside accuracy without losing the human touch.

From Research to the Bedside

CLINOVATE proved that innovation is only as effective as its implementation. By bridging the gap between academia, administration, and the frontline, the platform turned emerging research into measurable improvements.

The Takeaway:

The future of clinical excellence lies in the seamless integration of High-Tech Tools and High-Trust Care.

Exhibition
THE INNOVATION HUB: BRIDGING DIALOGUE AND DEPLOYMENT

The IHD 2026 Exhibition Area was more than just a showcase - it was a high-velocity Innovation Hub. With over 161 stalls, the floor served as a live laboratory for the future of healthtech, diagnostics, and digital health ecosystems - turning the exhibition floor into a living roadmap for the future of healthtech evolution.

From Concept to Clinic This space functioned as the practical extension of the conference halls, where high-level policy met real-world hardware. It enabled a unique "handshake" between:

- **Tech-Enablers & Startups:** Showcasing scalable, AI-driven safety solutions.
- **Clinicians & Administrators:** Engaging in hands-on demos to stress-test new-age tools.
- **Industry Leaders & Policymakers:** Closing the gap between regulatory vision and market-ready innovation.

Powering the Vision
The success of this dynamic centre was made possible by our strategic partners. We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors whose commitment to THIT, IPSC, and the IHD mission - transformed this exhibition into a launchpad for the next generation of healthcare.

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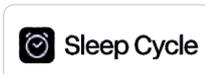neurealm

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