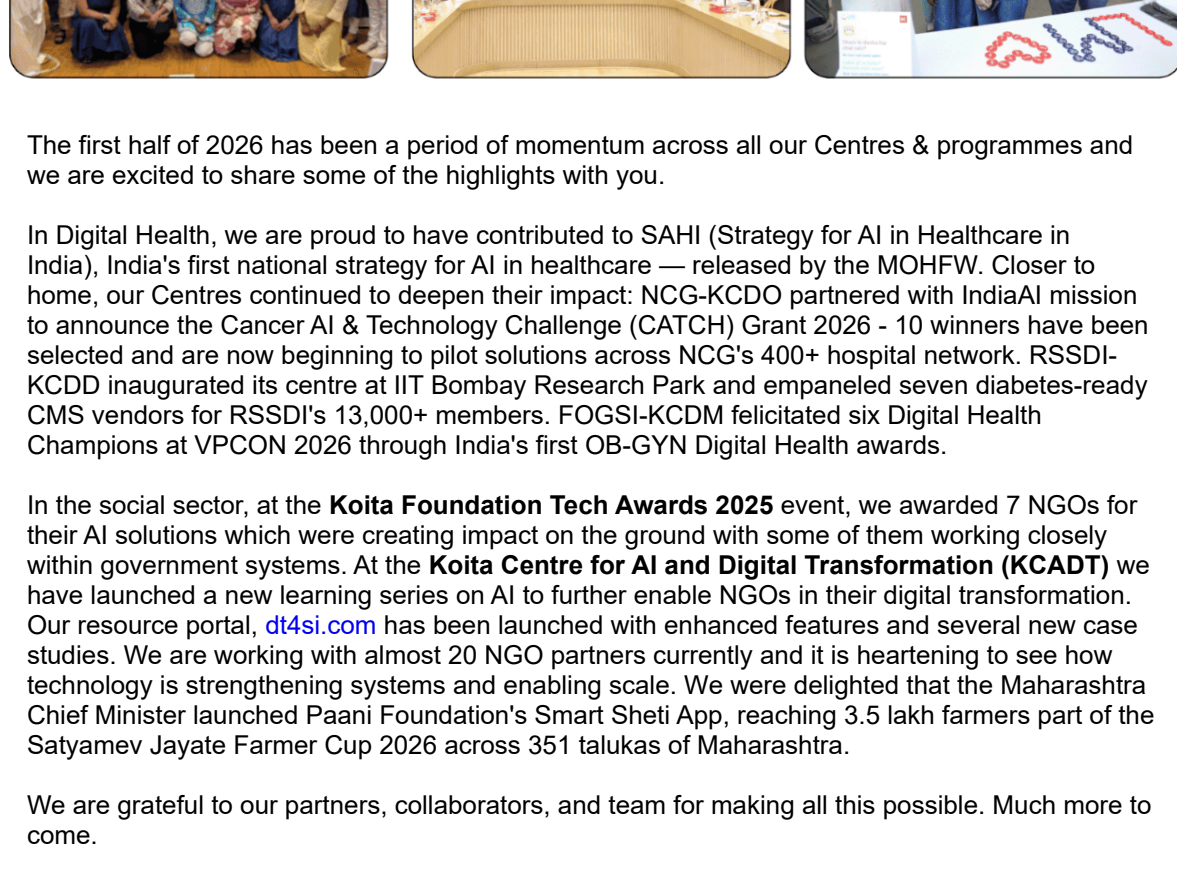


KOITA FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



The first half of 2026 has been a period of momentum across all our Centres & programmes and we are excited to share some of the highlights with you.

In Digital Health, we are proud to have contributed to SAHI (Strategy for AI in Healthcare in India), India's first national strategy for AI in healthcare — released by the MoHFW. Closer to home, our Centres continue to deepen their impact: NCG-KCDDO partnered with IndiaAI mission to announce the Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant 2026 - 10 winners have been selected and are now beginning to pilot solutions across NCG's 400+ hospital network. RSSDI-KCDD inaugurated its centre at IIT Bombay Research Park and empaneled seven diabetes-ready CMS vendors for RSSDI's 13,000+ members. FOGSI-KCDM facilitated six Digital Health Champions at VPCON 2026 through India's first CB-GYN Digital Health awards.

In the social sector, at the **Koita Foundation Tech Awards 2025** event, we awarded 7 NGOs for their AI solutions which were creating impact on the ground with some of them working closely with government systems. At the **Koita Centre for AI and Digital Transformation (KCADT)** we have launched a new learning series on AI to further enable NGOs in their digital transformation. Our resource portal, [dhsa.com](#) has been launched with enhanced features and several new case studies. We are working with almost 20 NGO partners currently and it is heartening to see how technology is strengthening systems and enabling scale. We were delighted that the Maharashtra Chief Minister launched Paani Foundation's Smart Sheet App, reaching 3.5 lakh farmers part of the Satyamev Jayate Farmer Cup 2026 across 351 talukas of Maharashtra.

We are grateful to our partners, collaborators, and team for making all this possible. Much more to come.

Rekha Kota
Co-founder & Director, Koita Foundation

Digital Health Initiatives

National Cancer Grid - Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDDO)

NCG-INDIA AI CATCH Grant 2026

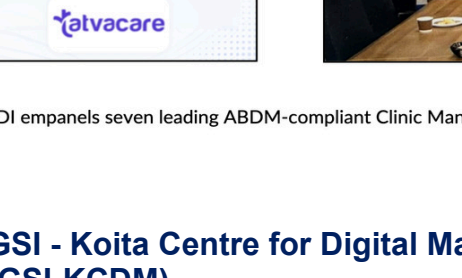
Co-created by NCG-KCDDO and IndiaAI Mission (under MeitY), and supported by Axis Bank CSR, Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) is India's first structured grant program to validate and deploy AI in cancer care. From **289 applications**, **28 finalists**, and **10 winners** shared nationwide, the CATCH competition awarded **₹50 lakhs each from NCG and IndiaAI mission** for product enhancement and additional funding for pilots across NCG's 400+ hospital network. The CATCH Compendium documents these innovations as a reliable national blueprint for responsible AI adoption across all healthcare domains. To see the compendium, [click here](#).



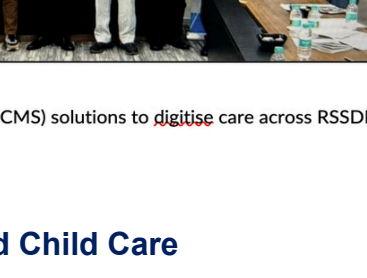
India AI NCG CATCH Grant award announcement & Compendium release in New Delhi

NCG EMR Initiative

Multiple NCG hospitals went live with NCG-empaneled EMR systems under the NCG-KCDDO LEAP initiative for NCG hospitals technology adoption. In Sopore, Jammu & Kashmir, **Hakin Samaulah Specialist Hospital & Cancer Centre** — the only dedicated cancer centre in North Kashmir serving 10,000+ patients annually — now has structured digital records replacing fragmented paper systems. **Balco Medical Centre, Naya Rajpur** marked its go-live with 70+ clinicians and staff trained for system-wide adoption. Both implementations enable seamless access to patient records across departments, reduce duplicate testing, and support faster, more informed clinical decisions. To know more about the Leading EMR Adapter Program (LEAP), [click here](#).



The go-live event for Balco Hospital's EMR implementation, representatives from NCG-KCDDO, implementation partner Paani's EMR, and distinguished guests from the state health dept.



The event brought together over 70 clinicians, nurses, administrators, and National addresses from leadership, including Dr. Bhawna Singh, National Director, and the National EMR team.

NCG EQAS Go-Live

The NCG External Quality Assurance Scheme (NCG EQAS) is a quality assurance program that supports laboratories and medical institutions in maintaining accurate and consistent diagnostic test results. The program has already onboarded over **350 NCG and non-NCG laboratories**. Participating centres can seamlessly register, enroll in runs, track progress, receive automated notifications, and access reports online through a single digital platform. The NCG EQAS team, the Tata Memorial Pathology Department, and the NCG-KCDDO team worked closely to design and implement a digital platform that streamlines EQAS operations. The platform is live for the Tissue Processing (TSP), Immunohistochemistry (IHC), and Hematology & Eosin (H&E) modules.

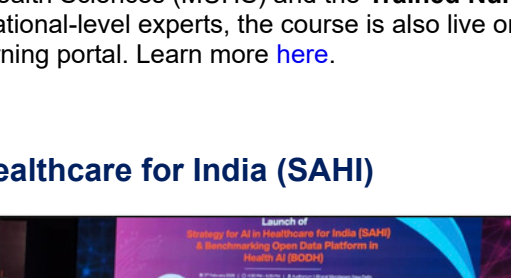


The NCG-KCDDO team, the Pathology Department, and the NCG-KCDDO team at the go-live event.

RSSDI - Koita Centre for Digital Diabetology (RSSDI-KCDD)

Inauguration of RSSDI-KCDD Office at IIT Bombay Research Park

KF partnered with RSSDI — Asia's largest diabetologist association with 13,000+ members - to establish Koita Centre for Digital Diabetology (KCDD). KCDD office was inaugurated at IIT Bombay Research Park in January 2026. KCDD helps clinicians and technologists to drive digital and AI adoption across RSSDI's network, spanning CMS standardisation, practice accreditation, AI research grants, Digital Health Training, patient education, and improved access to care in rural India. The new KCDD office will also foster collaboration between RSSDI and IIT Bombay faculty in broader areas of Diabetes care and innovation.



The event brought together practicing diabetologists, RSSDI leadership, IIT Bombay faculty, researchers and experts from the digital health ecosystem.

Diabetes CMS Empowerment

RSSDI-KCDD, through a rigorous evaluation process supported by PwC and an RSSDI clinical task force, has empaneled **seven leading CMS vendors** that align with RSSDI's diabetes-specific standards and NABH Digital Health requirements. RSSDI's 13,000+ members now have access to vetted, diabetes-ready CMS solutions — enabling longitudinal patient care, data-driven decision-making, and research-ready digital infrastructure. To know more, [click here](#).

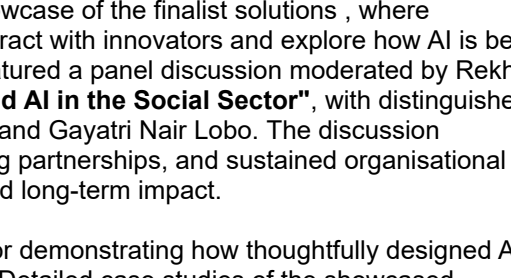


RSSDI empanels seven leading ABDM-compliant Clinic Management System (CMS) solutions to digital care across RSSDI network

FOGSI - Koita Centre for Digital Maternal and Child Care (FOGSI-KCDM)

Digital Health Awards 2026

FOGSI-KCDM launched India's first Digital Health Awards for CB-GYNs, recognising practitioners driving real-world digital transformation in maternal and child care. From **80+ applications**, **8 winners** were felicitated at FOGSI VPCON 2026 in Indore across three tracks — Quality & Safety, Workflow Efficiency, and Patient Engagement & Access — assessed on innovation, clinical impact, scalability, and sustainability. Winners received a prize pool of ₹ 3.0 lakhs and are recognised as FOGSI-KCDM Digital Health Champions. To see the complete list, [click here](#).



The FOGSI-KCDM Digital Health Awards 2026 brought together leading clinicians and innovators from across the country, showcasing impactful digital solutions transforming maternal and child healthcare.

Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC) for Medical Professionals

DHFC was developed for medical students and doctors. In collaboration with the **Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS)**, The DHFC program has gained significant traction across India. This year alone, over 1,930 students from MUHS have enrolled. The success of DHFC has also generated strong interest from medical universities across India. The program is now being rolled out in **Rajasthan (RUHS)**, **Delhi (GGSIPU)**, and **Uttarakhand (HNB Medical University)**, with Board of Studies approvals already secured in all three institutions. Discussions are also underway with several other states for wider adoption. DHFC is also launched in 2026 on the **IGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform** of Government of India, and over **63,000 modules have been completed** (over 45,000 enrollments). The DHFC module has an average rating of **4.5/5.0** — making it one of the highest rated courses on IGOT. Learn more about DHFC [here](#).

Digital Health Foundation Course for Nurses (DHFC-N)

Under the broader vision of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the Digital Health Foundation Course for Nurses (DHFC-N) is now accessible to 3+ lakh nurses across India via the IGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform. It has since seen strong uptake, with **over 79,200 enrolments** and over **86,000 completions**, while maintaining an impressive **4.5/5.0 rating**. Developed in collaboration with the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) and the **Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI)**, and supported by national-level experts, the course is also live on the MUHS LMS (platform) and the TNAI e-learning portal. Learn more [here](#).

Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare for India (SAHI)

Supported the development of India's national AI strategy for healthcare

Koita Foundation is proud to support the development of the Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare for India (SAHI) - a comprehensive national framework to enable the safe, ethical, evidence-based, and inclusive adoption of AI across India's healthcare ecosystem. SAHI has been developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), WHO South-East Asia Regional Office, and the National Health Authority. KF is grateful to MoHFW for acknowledging the Foundation's support in the SAHI Report. Read the [full report](#).

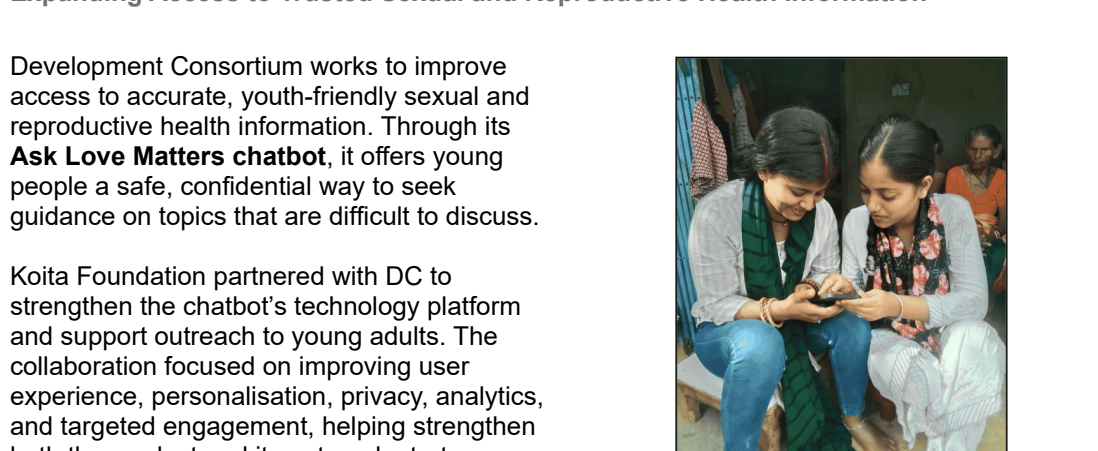


Strategy for AI in Healthcare for India (SAHI) launched by Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare

NGO Transformation

Koita Foundation Tech Awards 2025

Celebrating AI Innovations Driving Social Impact



Koita Foundation announced the winners of the **Koita Foundation Tech Awards 2025** at the India Fundraising Conference 2026 hosted by ILSS, recognising organisations that are leveraging Artificial Intelligence to create meaningful and measurable social impact. Selected through a rigorous jury evaluation process, the winning organisations were **Adalat AI**, **SEEDS**, **VOPA**, **Farmto for Forest**, **Click Foundation**, **AmmaHealth**, **SNIEHA**. The solutions span justice, education, healthcare, climate resilience, citizen engagement, and sustainable livelihoods, demonstrating the transformative potential of responsible AI across the social sector.

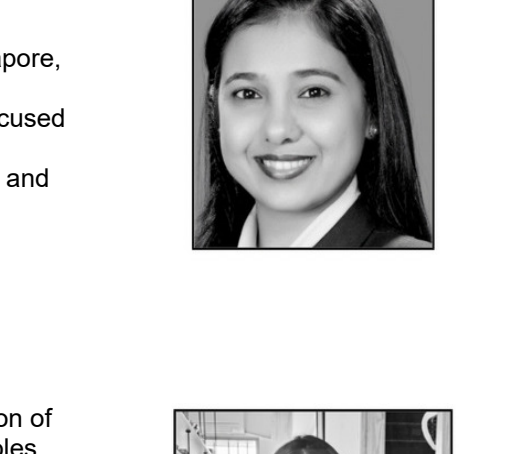
The awards ceremony was accompanied by a showcase of the finalist solutions, where on-boarding participants had the opportunity to interact with innovators and explore how AI is being deployed in real-world settings. The event also featured a panel discussion moderated by Rekha Kota on **"Bridging Gaps: Pathways to Build AI in the Social Sector"**, with distinguished panelists Suhel Bidani, Shaveta Sharma-Kulkreja, and Gayatri Nair Lobo. The discussion highlighted the importance of patient capital, strong partnerships, and sustained organisational commitment in enabling successful AI adoption and long-term impact.

Congratulations to all the awardees and finalists for demonstrating how thoughtfully designed AI solutions can address complex social challenges. Detailed case studies of the showcased solutions are available on [dhsa.com](#), while information on the awardees and the Koita Foundation Tech Awards can be found [here](#).

ILSS - Koita Centre for AI & Digital Transformation (KCADT)

Advancing Digital and AI Readiness in the Social Sector

ILSS-KCADT continues to strengthen the digital capabilities of social purpose organisations through the Digital Transformation for Social Impact (DTSI) programme. Over the past year, KCADT has completed **four cohorts of the programme** (covering over 100 NGOs), enabling nonprofit leaders to strengthen organisational systems, improve decision-making, and adopt technology more effectively. Applications for the fifth cohort are now open. Learn more about the program [here](#).

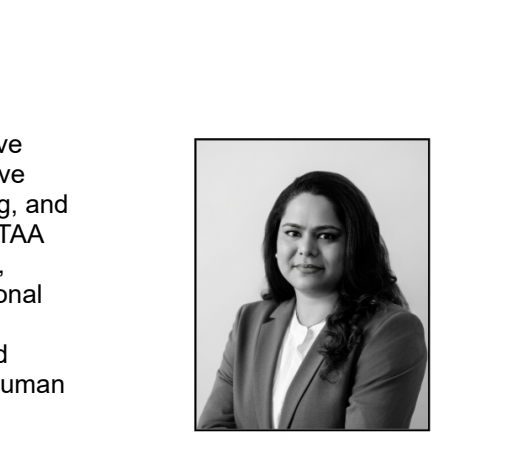


Cohort 4 Graduation of AI & Digital Transformation for Social Impact Program

Paani Foundation

2026 Satyamev Jayate Farmer Cup Launches Across Maharashtra

Paani Foundation has launched the 2026 edition of the Satyamev Jayate Farmer Cup, a statewide movement that brings farmer groups together to adopt sustainable agricultural practices, reduce input costs, and build climate resilience. As the initiative expands from **46 talukas across all 351 talukas of Maharashtra**, it aims to support farmers in moving towards greater ecological and economic prosperity.



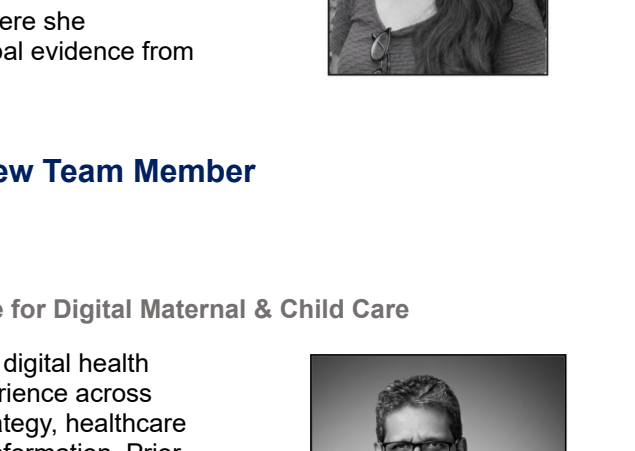
The 2026 edition was launched by Hailem Beke of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnis, along with Shri Anurag Thakur, and CEO Sayaji Bhaskar in attendance. Koita Foundation was proud to participate in this landmark occasion.

Madhi Foundation

ICDS Launch Statewide Digital Supervision Platform

Madhi Foundation works with the Tamil Nadu government to strengthen public education systems and foundational learning. Through its partnership with the state's Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) program, Madhi is supporting efforts to improve early childhood development through enhanced service delivery across Anganwadi Centres in Tamil Nadu.

With support from Koita Foundation, the **TN-ICDS digital supervision platform** has now been successfully launched across **54,483 Anganwadi Centres** spanning all 38 districts of Tamil Nadu. The platform enables structured digital oversight, growth monitoring, attendance tracking, and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) assessments for supervisors and government officials across multiple administrative levels to ensure that service delivery is adequate across Anganwadi Centres. The system also provides real-time dashboards for each cadre.



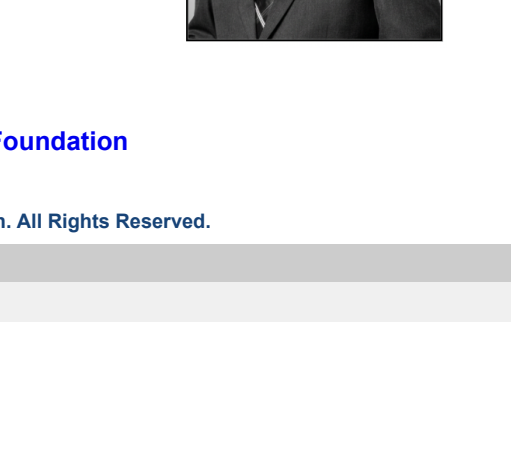
To date, more than **237,000 growth monitoring observations** and over **43,000 ECCE assessments** have been completed through the platform. User feedback has also been encouraging, with **77% of respondents** rating the platform 4 stars or higher and 65% reporting improved accountability among supervisory staff.

Saahja

Strengthening Parent Engagement Through Technology

Saahja works to strengthen parental and community engagement in government primary schools that empowers parents to play an active role in their children's foundational literacy and numeracy development.

Koita Foundation is partnering with Saahja to enhance the **Saahjadar App**, strengthening the technology backbone that supports parent engagement, programme delivery, and learning outcomes. Key enhancements include parent segmentation, worksheet engagement tracking, learning progress monitoring, and improved workflow management for relationship managers.



The strengthened digital platform is supporting Saahja's efforts to deliver impact at scale. During FY 2025-26, over 11,800 children improved at least one learning level in Hindi or Mathematics, while more than 10,000 children completed three learning assessments.

Development Consortium

Expanding Access to Trusted Sexual and Reproductive Health Information

Development Consortium works to improve access to accurate, youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health information. Through its **Ask Love Matters chatbot**, it offers young people a safe, confidential way to seek guidance on topics that are difficult to discuss.

Koita Foundation partnered with DC to strengthen the chatbot's technology platform and support outreach to young adults. The collaboration focused on improving user experience, personalisation, privacy, analytics, and targeted engagement, helping strengthen both the product and its outreach strategy.

The digital amplification campaign for young adults, 70% of users in the 15-24 age group

Hagdarshak

Building Grassroots Capacity for Last-Mile Welfare Delivery

Hagdarshak works to improve access to government welfare schemes by equipping individuals and organisations with technology, enabled tools and training. Koita Foundation supported Hagdarshak's **SAKSHAM** initiative, which builds the capacity of NGOs and community workers to improve last-mile welfare delivery.

Through the initiative, five NGOs across Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were onboarded, and community workers were trained in scheme facilitation, digital service delivery, community mobilisation, and digital literacy, covering key welfare schemes and services.

Koita Foundation: New Team Members

Ami Sampat

HR & Administration Manager

Ami is a seasoned HR professional with 10+ years of experience in aligning people strategies with business goals in multinational environments. She has led initiatives across Singapore, Malaysia, and India. She has worked closely with management teams to build positive, employee-focused workplaces. Previously, she has worked with organisations such as Rolling Airsys, Tata Motors, and DigitalB, etc.

Shruti Nayak

Communications & Outreach Manager

Shruti has 6+ years of experience at the intersection of communication, operations, and founder's office roles across health-tech and consulting startups. She brings hands-on experience in content strategy, digital communications, stakeholder engagement, and brand building. Shruti holds a Master's in Biological Sciences from NIMMS, where her research work at Bioson focused on autoimmune disease therapeutics.

Learn Churchill Rajose

Executive Assistant

Learn is a highly organised and proactive Executive Assistant with 20 years of expertise in administrative coordination, stakeholder management, scheduling, and executive support. Having completed the IATA/IFATA Diploma course, she excels in travel management, documentation, communications, and cross-functional collaboration. She has previously worked with companies like Wipro, IBM, Infosys, Jet Airways, and Health Brand "SelfCare" by Celebrity Nutritionist Suman Agarwal.

Dr. Mrudula Khedkar

Senior Program Manager

Dr. Mrudula is a healthcare operations and quality professional with 10+ years of experience in hospital administration, accreditation, and health systems strengthening. She has held senior roles in tertiary care institutions including Wadia Hospital, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai, and Jehangir Hospital, Pune. She previously served as an Accreditation Officer at the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), where she managed multiple national accreditation and certification programmes.

Ritu Muralidharan

Program Manager - NGO Transformation

Ritu works at Koita Foundation sits at the intersection of data, strategy, and social impact, with a focus on helping organisations make evidence-informed decisions. Previously, she has worked at Teach For India, where she led organisation-wide monitoring and evaluation efforts and supported cross-functional projects on strengthening data systems and organisational effectiveness, and at J-PAL Europe, where she contributed to research drawing on global evidence from randomized evaluations.

Koita Foundation Partners: New Team Member

Achilles Partners

Vice President, FOGSI - Koita Centre for Digital Maternal & Child Care

Achilles is a healthcare technology and digital health professional with over 22 years of experience across healthcare consulting, digital health strategy, healthcare operations, and technology-driven transformation. Prior to joining KCDM, Achilles worked across organisations like Cognizant, Tata Communications, and led his own healthcare venture. At the FOGSI-KCDM, he is focused on advancing digital health adoption among CB-GYNs and strengthening maternal and child healthcare delivery through scalable programs, ecosystem partnerships, and provider enablement initiatives.

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