

KOITA FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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2025 has been a strong year for Koita Foundation marked by our work in leveraging AI & digital technologies for social good. We continued to focus on strengthening the ecosystem by building standards, skills, and systems that enable meaningful adoption of AI and Digital technologies.

In Digital Health, our work with the NABH contributed with the launch of Digital Health Standards for clinics and hospitals. Partnerships with RSSDI and the National Cancer Grid advanced disease-specific digital frameworks, EMR adoption, and AI-enabled innovation through targeted grants and capacity building programs. We signed an MOU with FOGSI to set up the Koita Centre for Digital Maternal and Child Care which will be a key focus in 2026.

Initiatives such as the AI Cancer and Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant in partnership with IndiaAI Mission and Digital Health Foundation Courses (DHFC) have helped clinicians and nurses move from intent to implementation. DHFC scaled nationally through collaboration with iGOT, state universities, Indian Medical Association (IMA) and professional associations, while DHFC-Nurses marked a significant step in extending digital health education via the Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI). At the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), the launch of India's first Certificate Course in Digital Health for doctors reflected the growing demand for structured, practice-oriented Digital Health training. Our academic partnerships with IIT Bombay and Ashoka University also expanded through new research programs, grants, and national & global collaborations.

In parallel, the Koita Foundation Tech Awards were launched to recognise NGOs and social organisations already using digital and AI solutions to address real-world challenges, highlighting practical, scalable applications of technology for social impact. Across the social sector, the Koita Centre for Digital Transformation continued to support NGO leaders, while new partnerships enabled practical digital and AI solutions in education, livelihoods, and early childhood programs.

None of this work would be possible without the trust of our partners, the commitment of our collaborators, and the dedication of our growing team. As we look ahead, we remain focused on translating digital potential into real-world outcomes—thoughtfully, responsibly, and at scale.

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Koita Foundation Tech Awards 2025

Awards for AI in the Social Sector

In August 2025, Koita Foundation launched the inaugural Koita Foundation Tech Awards in collaboration with India Leaders for Social Sector (ILSS) and India Development Review (IDR). The awards aim to recognise NGOs leveraging AI to solve real-world challenges at scale. The response was overwhelming with **over 60 strong AI applications** received from across India! Following a rigorous evaluation process, 12 organisations have been shortlisted as finalists. These finalists will showcase their solutions at the India Fundraising Conference (IFRC) in Delhi on 5-6 February 2026, hosted by our partners ILSS, where the award winners will be announced. Click [here](#) to see the 12 finalists!

Our distinguished jury – Hareesh Tibrewala, Prithvijit Roy, Safeena Hussain, Shaveta Sharma-Kukreja and Suhel Bidani – brought invaluable insights to the evaluation process. We are grateful to the ILSS team for their close partnership in shortlisting applications, coordinating the jury and audience poll, and hosting both the finalists and the awards at India Fund Raising Conference (IFRC). In addition, the Audience Choice Award conducted through a public poll, received **over 3,000 responses** across

We are excited with the strong response to the Tech Awards and look forward to sharing the winners and their AI solutions - insights which we believe will be a great learning for NGOs across the sectors!

Digital Health Initiatives

NCG - Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (NCG- KCDO)

Drove adoption of EMRs and AI in Oncology



The KCDO team at the NCG Annual Meet 2025, where the AI Cancer and Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant was launched.

NCG signed an MOU with IndiaAI mission (MeitY) to launch the Cancer and Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant to drive the use of AI in Oncology. The response was exceptional with **200+ applications** received from researchers, clinicians, startups, and industry. A rigorous multi-stage evaluation is underway, with winners to be announced at the Global India AI Summit in February 2026.

Several NCG Hospitals completed the implementation of NCG empanelled EMRs and have gone live. In addition, NCG-KCDO trained over 300 healthcare professionals through the Digital Health Foundation Course delivered at

three NCG centres, strengthening EMR readiness and improving digital workflow understanding.

To further deepen ecosystem collaboration NCG-KCDO launched the NCG Digital Health Champions and the NCG Digital Health Forum WhatsApp Communities for peer learning, knowledge sharing, and collective problem-solving across the NCG network.

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

RSSDI-KCDD Launches Digital Health Grant, Supports Diabetes Standards Development

RSSDI-KCDD collaborated with NABH to launch the Digital Health Standards for Clinic Management Systems along with the accompanying Diabetes Annexure – which includes diabetes data capture, clinical performance indicators and reporting.

To enable real-world adoption, RSSDI-KCDD initiated a CMS vendor-empanelment process aligned with NABH's Digital Health standards. This will help RSSDI doctors procure RSSDI approved, diabetes-ready solutions for their clinics – while ensuring compliance with best practices in interoperability, security, and data privacy.

RSSDI-KCDD launched the first **RSSDI Diabetes Digital Health Grant receiving over 80 applications** across India. [4](#)

[Grant winners](#) were selected by a strong jury of clinical and technology leaders. Each application required a multidisciplinary team with both clinical and technology expertise - strengthening innovation and collaboration in digital diabetology.



The team at the National Patient Safety Conference launching the Digital Health standards for Digital Health Clinical Management Systems and the Diabetes Annexure.

At the RSSDI Annual Conference 2025 in Kochi, RSSDI-KCDD hosted two high-impact Digital Health sessions and launched a dedicated WhatsApp communities for Digital Health Champions (for doctors) and the Digital Health Forum (for doctors & tech partners).

NABH Digital Health



The team at the National Patient Safety Conference launching multiple annex Digital Health standards including the Digital Health Clinical Management Systems.

Launched Digital Health Standard for Clinic Management Systems

NABH launched three major Digital Health Standards at the National Patient Safety Conference in September 2025, including the first edition of [NABH Digital Health Standards for Clinic Management Systems](#) (CMS). In addition, NABH in partnership with RSSDI-KCDD, also released a diabetes-specific annexure to the CMS standards and an oncology-specific EMR annexure in collaboration with NCG-KCDO – the first disease-specific Digital Health Standards introduced by NABH.

NABH further released the 2nd edition of [Digital Health Standards for hospitals](#), incorporating learnings from the first 100 Digital Health accreditations and extending certification opportunities to entry-level hospitals. Till date over 1,000 hospitals have applied for NABH Digital Health Standards reflecting strong nationwide uptake. Similarly, NABH has received a very strong response to its HIS/EMR certification program and the [first 10 HIS/EMR solutions](#) have already been certified!

Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC)



Indian Medical Association and Koita Foundation signing the MOU.

Established partnerships with IMA, iGOT, MUHS, RUHS and Other State University to scale DHFC across India

Encouraging Digital Health education amongst medical professionals, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Koita Foundation signed an MOU on 16th December 2025, equipping doctors to effectively integrate digital tools into everyday patient care.



Rajasthan University of Health Sciences and Koita Foundation launching the Digital Health Foundation Course.

The DHFC launched on the iGOT Karmayogi platform continues to see an exceptional traction—**270,000 enrollments, 70,000+ module completions** and a 4.6 rating – making it the highest rated healthcare course on iGOT!

The Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) and Koita Foundation signed an MoU on 24th July 2025 – following which DHFC went live on the RUHS LMS on 15th August 2025 for all medical students across Rajasthan.

Maharashtra became the first state to integrate Digital Health into its medical curriculum, with **1,500+ student enrolled and 330+ faculty trained** through seven train-the-trainer programs.

DHFC is open source & is available here- [Visit DHFC Resources here.](#)

Digital Health Foundation Course for Nurses (DHFC-N)

Launched the Digital Health Foundation Course for Nurses (DHFC-N)

KF collaborated with MUHS to launch the Digital Health Foundation Course for Nurses (DHFC-N), equipping nursing students with essential Digital Health skills.

The first three nursing colleges saw 160 participants complete the course, followed by a statewide rollout on MUHS's LMS-ePrabodhini for **50,000 students across 300+ colleges**. Koita Foundation & MUHS also conducted train-the-trainer sessions for **150+ principals and faculty** to drive adoption.

KF also signed an MoU with The Nursing Association of India (TNAI), India's largest nursing association, to offer DHFC-N to its 500,000+ members with the course carrying 40 CNE credit hours.

DHFC-N is open source and available here- [Visit DHFC-N Resources here.](#)



TNAI and Koita Foundation Leadership launching the DHFC N course for the TNAI members.

Digital Health at Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS)



The participants at IIT Bombay for their in-person immersion.

Launched India's first Certificate Course in Digital Health for Doctors

MUHS' CHAKRA launched a first-of-its-kind, Certificate Course in Digital Health (CCDH) for doctors this year, developed with IIT Bombay – KCDH, to equip in-service clinicians with essential digital skills. The inaugural batch of over 35 doctors is undertaking a six-month hybrid course covering health informatics, data analytics, cybersecurity, and AI/ML in

healthcare, taught by MUHS faculty, IIT-B professors, and industry experts.

Beyond classroom lectures, the curriculum focuses on hands-on experience as well. Participants spent time at IIT Bombay learning about HMIS rollout, data visualization, and AI in healthcare research.

Koita Centre for Digital Health – IIT Bombay

Continued to Drive Education, Internships, and AI Innovation

KCDH continues to accelerate its impact in Digital Health with major advancements across research, education, and national collaborations. In addition to full-time faculty, KCDH has **10 Adjunct/visiting faculty** and over **25 associated faculty**. KCDH now has over **40 PhD students in Digital Health**, alongside students enrolled in the Master and Minor programs in Digital Health.

The Centre launched an **AI Innovation Grant** to support faculty, students, clinicians, and hospitals in developing translational digital health solutions, with results



KCDH Graduation Ceremony (August 24th, 2025): Graduating students from the Inter-Disciplinary Dual Degree Program (IDDDP) and the Minor in Healthcare Informatics.

expected soon. KCDH also strengthened its global engagement through a new partnership with ICMR to drive joint research, knowledge exchange, and national Digital Health capacity building.

These achievements are supported by new leadership, including the appointment of Program Director, Dr. Richa Singh and four new full-time faculty joining in 2026.

Koita Centre for Digital Health- Ashoka University



Undergrad students at the Biomedical Data Summer Program, co-developed with Yale University.

Expanded faculty and research initiatives

KCDH-A's commitment to advancing Digital Health was reinforced through a new partnership with WHO-SEARO to support joint research, knowledge exchange, and national capacity building. KCDH-A is supporting ICMR-NIRDHDS in nationwide consultations to shape India's forthcoming **National AI Strategy for Health**, contributing to a responsible, people-centered approach to Digital Health innovation.

In a major milestone, KCDH-A co-led the World Health Summit Regional Meeting in New Delhi, underscoring its growing role in shaping global Digital Health dialogue.

KCDH-A also hosted the inaugural Biomedical Data Summer Program in collaboration with **Yale University** to build undergraduate interest in biomedical data sciences.

Dr. Aradhita Baral has been appointed Deputy Director of KCDH-A, bringing strong interdisciplinary research and leadership experience. Eight new faculty and staff have also joined, strengthening the Centre's capacity, alongside **research grants totaling INR 8.0 crores**.

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

Signed MOU with FOGSI to establish FOGSI-KCDM & developed Blueprint for Digital Transformation of Maternal and Child Care in India

FOGSI and Koita Foundation engaged JHPIEGO to create the **Blueprint for Digital Transformation of Maternal and Child Care in India**. The development of the blueprint involved a global benchmarking of Digital Health best practices in maternal and childcare, along with a survey of over 500 FOGSI members across India to assess their digital readiness and priorities. Click [here](#) to access the report.

Anchored with this blueprint, FOGSI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Koita Foundation in September 2025 to establish the Koita Centre for Digital Maternal and Child Care (FOGSI-KCDM), marking a significant step toward strengthening digital adoption in maternal and child care across India. The Centre will support FOGSI's 45,000+ members by guiding clinicians in evaluating and adopting appropriate digital tools, strengthening training and capacity building, and fostering collaboration with innovators to improve quality of care and clinical outcomes.



FOGSI and Koita Foundation leadership team at the MOU signing.

Voice Scribing – Voice to Discreet Data (V2DD) Project



Participants in the V2DD workshop working towards a countrywide V2DD adoption.

Strengthened Voice-to-Data Work with Gates Foundation & BCG

Koita Foundation, in collaboration with the Gates Foundation, has launched the Voice-to-Discrete-Data (V2DD) initiative to accelerate the adoption of V2DD solutions in Indian healthcare. V2DD solutions enable doctor-patient conversations to be converted into structured, EMR-ready notes— reducing

documentation burden for doctors and nurses to create digital records in EMRs.

Development and adoption of V2DD solutions in India are particularly challenging given the need to support extensive multilingual capability, insufficient Indian speech datasets, and no common evaluation or integration standards. The V2DD initiative was supported by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) team - who engaged with 30+ ecosystem players, conducted workshops in three cities, launched a data-collection pilot, and convened a working group to develop integration specifications— laying the groundwork for nationwide V2DD adoption.

NGO Transformation Initiatives

India Leaders for Social Sector – Koita Centre for Digital Transformation (KCDT)

Launched 2nd & 3rd cohort of Digital Transformation Program & Digital Toolbox for Social Impact (DiTSI) Platform

The second and third cohorts of the Digital Transformation Program for Nonprofit CXOs were successfully completed by KCDT. A total of **52 NGO leaders from 43 NGOs** graduated from the 10-week program across both cohorts.

Additionally, KCDT launched the Digital Toolbox for Social Impact (DiTSI) to support non-profits in their digital transformation journeys. DiTSI provides nonprofits with high-quality and well-curated repository of digital tools, service providers, courses, and case studies - helping organizations access solutions and experts aligned with their missions and scale impact through technology. [Click here to visit the DiTSI Toolbox.](#)



Cohort 3 participants at the in-person workshop under the Digital Transformation Program.

Adhyayan Quality Education Foundation (AQEF)

Launching the Sudhaar App to strengthen school quality

Adhyayan Quality Education Foundation (AQEF) is working to enhance school leadership and learning outcomes across underserved communities by helping states adopt a shared, measurable framework for school quality.

To address systemic challenges including the absence of common quality parameters, limited real-time data for targeted capacity building, and a lack of sustained improvement mechanisms; Koita Foundation partnered with Adhyayan to build and deploy the Sudhaar App.

Sudhaar Application enables schools to conduct baselines, prioritise focus areas, build action plans, and request verification visits, strengthening data-driven decision-making across **30 blocks and 1,926 schools** in Nagaland.

Madhi Foundation



A day in the ICDS Angangwadi being supported by Madhi Foundation

Madhi partners with the state's ICDS Program

Madhi Foundation, a leading Chennai-based NGO, works with the Tamil Nadu government to strengthen public education systems and foundational learning. Having grown from 3 schools in 2016 to supporting reforms across 37,000 schools, Madhi has now partnered with the state's ICDS program to improve early childhood readiness in Anganwadi Centres.

KF is supporting Madhi to build a digital solution to improve data accuracy, monitoring, and field support across **54,000+ centres serving over 4 million beneficiaries**. Phase 1 includes a Health Observation Tool with multi-level supervision, discrepancy checks, and real-time dashboards; Phase 2 will add WhatsApp-based communication, resource tracking, automated alerts, and in-app training to strengthen services for children aged 0–6.

Rightwalk Foundation

Rightwalk and Koita Foundation Work on Apprenticeship Adoption

Rightwalk Foundation is strengthening apprenticeship adoption and skilling pathways across multiple states to address India's youth unemployment challenge. Koita Foundation has partnered with Rightwalk to develop a digital platform that manages enrolment, batch tracking, assessments, curriculum delivery, certificate generation and, student placements. A digital platform supports trainers and mobilizers, while built-in analytics and feedback systems enhance program oversight.

Rolling out across **five states**, this solution is enabling more young people especially women and differently-abled youth to access high-quality apprenticeship opportunities and progress toward meaningful employment.

Tech4Dev Collaborations to support AI Innovation



Participants at the AI Cohort workshop working towards building and deploying practical AI Tools.

KF AI Grants to Simple Education Foundation (SEF) and Inqui-Lab Foundation

KF is collaborating with Tech4Dev's AI Cohort to drive use of responsible AI solutions for strengthening program delivery at scale. Simple Education Foundation (SEF) and Inqui-Lab Foundation have been awarded an AI grant by Koita Foundation to design, build and deploy AI-led tools.

SEF is creating **Simple Teacher Buddy**, a WhatsApp-based AI companion that offers teachers instant strategies, access to training content and support for reflective practice. On the other hand, Inqui-Lab is developing an AI-enabled feedback system to

give rapid, **personalized feedback to student innovators** at scale through a hybrid AI-human model, significantly reducing evaluation time while maintaining quality and embedding ethical safeguards.

New NGO Transformation Partnerships

In the past few months, work has been initiated in the new NGO partnership in the domain of education - Open Links Foundation, Saajha, Vigyanashaala and Udayan Care Foundation. We are excited to be part of their transformation journeys in the coming year!

Fun Moments at Koita Foundation



KF Team: New Members

Shradha Kaushik

Senior Program Manager, Digital Health

Shradha brings together science, storytelling, and strategy to shape impactful programs in digital health. A neuroscientist by education (MSc from King's College London) and a program leader by choice, she has designed and delivered educational initiatives with global experts, medical institutions, and non-profits across continents.



Amit Nalawade

Accounts Executive

Amit comes with experience of over 6 years in Finance and Accounts with expertise in GST and TDS and other compliance work. Driven by accuracy and teamwork, he has previously worked with Pepperfry Ltd., BVC Brinks

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