

## IIT-K and BFI forge strategic partnership to accelerate healthcare innovation in India

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**BFI will allocate over \$150,000 across three years for healthcare-focused startups at IIT Kanpur**



The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) and Blockchain For Impact (BFI) have announced a strategic partnership under the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Programme to nurture innovations and driving advancements in healthcare in India.

As part of this collaboration, BFI will support IIT Kanpur in promoting entrepreneurial initiatives through the Startup Incubation & Innovation Centre (SIIC), IIT Kanpur.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at IIT Kanpur by Prof. Kantesh Balani, Dean of Resources and Alumni (DoRA), IIT Kanpur; and Dr Gaurav Singh, CEO BFI in the presence of Prof. Ankush Sharma, Professor-in-Charge, SIIC, IIT-K; and Prof. Amitabha Bandyopadhyay, Co Professor-in-Charge, SIIC, IIT-K; Dr Satya Prakash Dash, Senior Advisor, BFI; and Dr Pooja Agrawal, Programme Director, BFI.

As part of this programme, BFI has pledged to allocate over \$150,000 across three years to develop programmes specifically tailored to healthcare-focused startups at IIT Kanpur's Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC).

This collaboration leverages IIT Kanpur's established leadership in fostering entrepreneurship and BFI's commitment to advancing biomedical research. By combining these strengths, the partnership aims to develop impactful solutions that address critical gaps in India's healthcare landscape.