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Bharat Life Sciences Award 2026 opens applications, backed by Rs 7 Cr grant support across categories

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Applications are now open for the 'Bharat Life Sciences Award' (BLSA)—a first-of-its-kind national platform to recognise excellence across India's life sciences ecosystem. Backed by a total grant support of Rs 7 crore, the Award aims to not only honour outstanding contributions but also enable the advancement of impactful research and innovation in the country.

The Bharat Life Sciences Award is convened by FICCI in partnership with Eli Lilly and Company (India) and aims to celebrate and strengthen India's rich tradition of scientific inquiry and discovery.

The platform honours individuals, teams, institutions, and enterprises whose contributions are advancing life sciences and improving health outcomes.

The Awards will recognise excellence across the following categories:

Samman (Grants)

- Ramanujan Arogya Udaan Samman (Individual Excellence – Young Scientist Award)
- Charaka Arogya Samman (Collaborative Innovation – Innovation for Unmet Patient Needs)
- Sushruta Arogya Samman (Collaborative Innovation – Translational and Clinical Advancement)
- Nalanda Arogya Vigyan Samman (Institute of Scientific Excellence)

Gaurav (Recognition)

- Jivaka Arogya Navpravartan Gaurav (Startups Innovator in Healthcare/Life Sciences)
- Sarabhai Arogya Drishti Gaurav (Promoting Scientific Ecosystem in India)

The inaugural edition of the Bharat Life Sciences Award ceremony will be held on 1 October 2026 in New Delhi, bringing together leaders from science, healthcare, academia, government, and industry to celebrate achievements shaping the future of life sciences in India.