

CHAKRA CHRONICLES



CEO'S COMMUNIQUE

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

I'm pleased to introduce the first edition of CHAKRA Chronicles, our monthly newsletter for all stakeholders. Since launching in April 2025 as a Section 8 company under MEDD at MUHS Nashik, we've completed our first financial year, shifted from building our institution to delivering programmes, and entered FY26-27 with a renewed commitment to helping Maharashtra's healthcare institutions achieve national leadership in medical education, healthcare delivery and clinical research.

CHAKRA was established as India's first state-led network of Centres of Excellence to strengthen medical education, clinical research, digital health, simulation-based learning, innovation and quality of care. Over the last year, that vision has begun to take operational shape through operationalizing 8 spokes as centres of excellence (COEs), governance systems in the form of General Body and Advisory Committee constitution, multiple MoUs & partnerships, programmes, spoke engagement and a review-ready performance culture.

CHAKRA has evolved from concept to an active ecosystem, with the Faculty Development Academy, Digital Health, Simulation Lab, and clinical trial unit now fully operational. Our network of partners—including Koita Centre for Digital Health, IIT Mumbai, DoctorsAI, SIM-X, Public Health Foundation of India, INCLEN Foundation, and Swades Foundation—has significantly broadened our expertise. Participation in events like Pulse 2026 and the AI Impact Summit has enhanced CHAKRA's reputation for state-led transformation.

Looking ahead, we aim for disciplined acceleration and sharp execution, particularly in Clinical trial unit (CTU), FDA, Simulation Lab, and Digital Health. By FY26-27, we target 40+ programmes, around 8,000 learners, 5 new courses, 10 Digital Health initiatives, expanded spokes activity, stronger partnerships, and a fully functional CTU and research capability. The FY27 plan prioritizes research support, developing the Innovation Cell, and laying the foundation for self-sustainability.

I encourage all CHAKRA members and partners to focus on execution and collaboration in the coming months. Thank you for your dedication in advancing medical education, applied research, innovation, and care quality across Maharashtra.

Warm Regards,

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Chief Executive Officer

CHAKRA



ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

Journey So Far

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COEs as Spokes -
Select Government
Medical Colleges as
Spokes / Centres of
Excellence in first
Phase



21

Programmes
delivered till
Jul 2026



6,680

Learners trained
in till Jul 2026



11

New courses
launched by FDA,
Simulation Lab and
Digital Health



11

Partnerships and
MoUs signed till Jun
2026



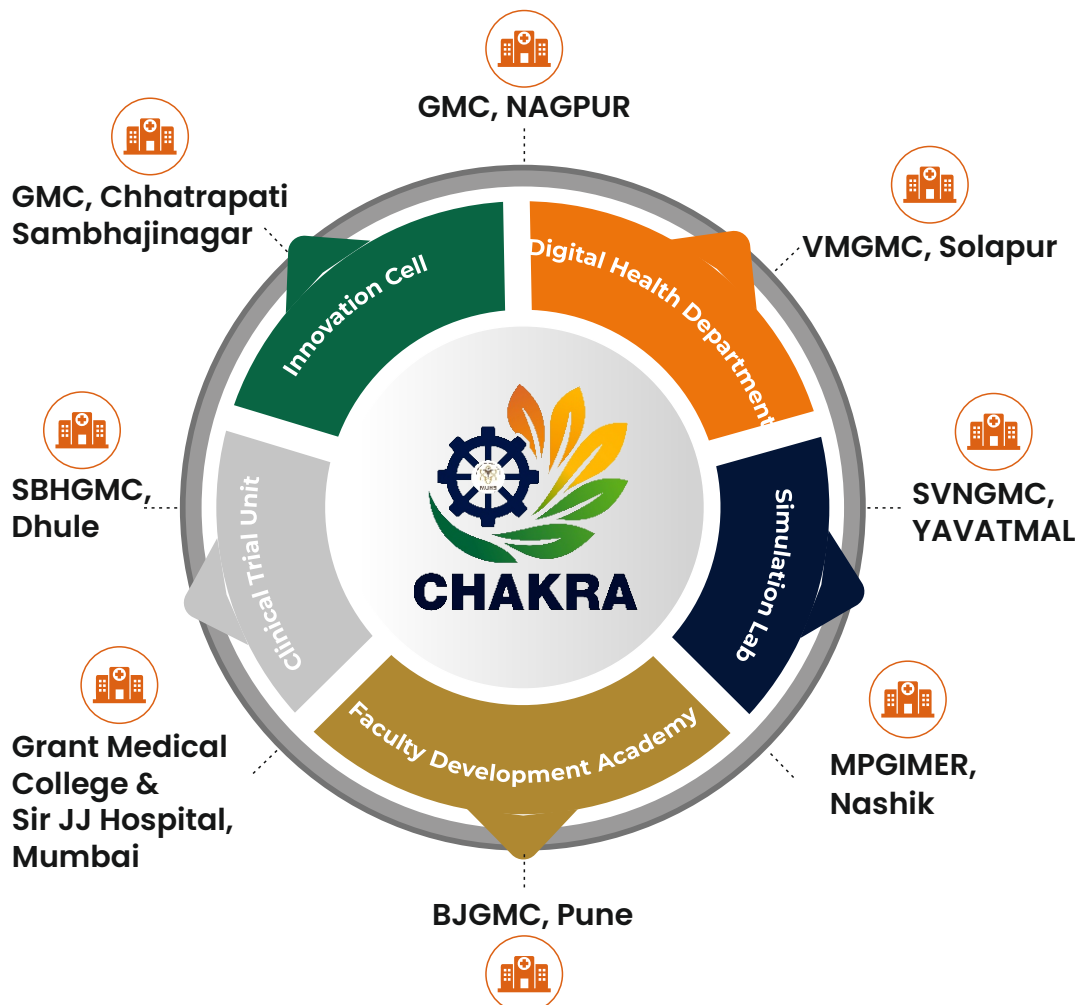
ABOUT CHAKRA

CHAKRA is a pioneering initiative of the Government of Maharashtra, Medical Education and Drugs Department (MEDD). It has a vision of creating a network of Centers of Excellence for promoting excellence in medical education, advance medical research and enhancing the quality of patient care. The vision is to become a national leader in medical education, healthcare delivery, and clinical/academic research at par with world class institutions.

CHAKRA's VISION

Enable healthcare institutions in Maharashtra to become national leaders in medical education, healthcare delivery, and clinical research on par with world class institutions.

CHAKRA HUB & SPOKE MODEL





Flagship Programs

Level 3 Advanced Professional Development Programme (APDP)

The Faculty Development Academy (FDA) conducts the Level 3 Advanced Professional Development Programme (APDP) for faculty members from MUHS-affiliated colleges. This three-day intensive programme strengthens leadership, governance, quality assurance, and institutional administration through interactive sessions on Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME), digital health, financial governance, procurement, examination reforms, and student-centred education. The programme emphasizes practical learning through masterclasses, group discussions, and activity-based sessions to further enhance institutional leadership and promote excellence across MUHS-affiliated colleges.



“ Testimonial

“It was a great learning experience to participate in this academic programme. As a laboratory biochemist, I believe there is always an opportunity to learn and grow, and this workshop reinforced that belief. Throughout the three days, I was introduced to several valuable books recommended by the faculty, which will serve as important resources for my continued professional development.”



Level 4: Executive Professional Development Program (EPDP)

The Faculty Development Academy (FDA) conducts the Level 4 Executive Professional Development Programme (EPDP) under CHAKRA at the Teachers' Training Institute, MUHS, Nashik. Designed for Deans and Principals of MUHS-affiliated institutions, the two-day programme strengthens leadership, governance, quality assurance, research strategy, and technology integration in healthcare education. It brings together senior academic leaders from medical, nursing, dental, physiotherapy, Ayurveda, and allied health sciences institutions across Maharashtra, fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration and institutional development. Through expert-led sessions, the programme focuses on institutional leadership, academic administration, quality frameworks, digital innovation, research ecosystems, evidence-based decision-making, and future-ready governance in health sciences education.



“ Testimonial

“Taking on the responsibility of a Dean or a Principal means we assume the role prepared, but in the deepest fear, we often “mask ourselves saying we know, we are strong, but we are not prepared”. This program has been a stepping stone for me as a Principal, creating confidence and giving me the answer that the dealings I was doing were “in the right way”



Flagship Programs

Certificate Course in Digital Health (CCDH)

Through the Certificate Course in Digital Health (CCDH), CHAKRA established a flagship programme to build professionals capable of leading and shaping India's digital health transformation. The course formally commenced on 1st August 2025 following its inauguration on 1st June 2025 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Initiated under the aegis of Gen. Kanitkar Ma'am, with foundational support from the Koita Foundation and the Koita Centre for Digital Health at IIT Bombay, the programme was conceptualized in response to a clear institutional mandate from the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Office. The programme witnessed participation from more than 35 participants immediately after its commencement.

“ Testimonial

Fortunate to be a part of the revolutionary cohort of digital health. This session was a great way to meet people and learn about what other people are doing. A great opportunity to reflect upon ourselves. Really appreciate all the work that is being put into the sessions which are mix of academic and corporate sector. Mixing with PhD students is really helping.

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Digital Health Foundation Course – Nursing (DHFC and DHFC-N)

The Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC) and Digital Health Foundation Course for Nurses (DHFC-N) of CHAKRA strengthened the digital competencies of nursing students and in-service nurses for modern healthcare practice. The programmes enabled participants to gain foundational knowledge of Hospital Management Information Systems (HMIS), Electronic Medical Records (EMR), Telenursing, and the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) through 12 structured modules, recorded lectures, assessments, and a Digital Health Virtual Lab. Aligned with the Nursing Informatics curriculum, the courses enhanced participants' ability to deliver more responsive, accurate, and efficient patient care in clinical settings. Upon successful completion, participants received a certificate from MUHS along with 2 credit points. The impact of these initiatives is reflected on the iGOT platform, where the DHFC has recorded 48,66,818 enrollments, 7,06,967 completions, and a learner rating of 4.58, while the DHFC-N has achieved 87,012 enrollments, 73,278 completions, and a learner rating of 4.50, demonstrating their widespread adoption and positive learner feedback.



“ Testimonial

The sessions are extremely well handled and arranged. And i personally liked the interactive sessions along with panel discussions and the visits. It has been a stringent and meticulous planning and credit goes to the entire team of Chakra specially Dr Ashleesha maam and Dr Madhura and the support team. A very well executed program.

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CHAKRA JOURNEY SO FAR



CoE
Launched

Feb'24

Apr-
June'25

Registration &
Inauguration



CCDH Program
Launched

Sep
Nov'25

Sep'25

FDA Level 3
Workshop

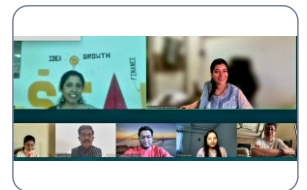


FDA Level 4
Workshop

Nov'25

Nov'25

Tele-medicon with
IISC Mumbai and
MUHSDISHA



CCDH Contact
Program
Concludes

Jan'26

Feb'26

INCLIN
Partnership
Workshop



**Chakra x Spoke
Workshop**

To prepare shared
calendar

Feb'26

CHAKRA JOURNEY SO FAR



CHAKRA Key Partnerships



MoU with
SimX



MoU with National
Health Authority



MoU with
Doctor's AI



MoU with Koita
Foundation



MoU with Swades
Foundation



MoU with
HaffkinsInstitute



MoU with
Telemedicine
Society of India



MoU with The
Academy of
Hospital
Administration



MoU with The East,
Central & Southern
Africa College of
Nursing and Midwifery
(ECSACONM)



MoU with IIT
Bombay



CHAKRA Upcoming Programs in 2026

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

9-11
sept

- Training the Trainers: Educational Methods for Medical Officers

30 Sept
& 1 Oct

- Advanced Workshop on Competency-Based Assessment

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

7-9
Oct

- Training the Trainers: Educational Methods for Medical Officers

22-23
Oct

- Workshop on Gamification in Health Professions Education

28-30
Oct

- L3 Advanced Professional Development Programme

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30					

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Nov

- Training the Trainers: Educational Methods for Medical Officers

19-20
Nov

- L4 Executive Professional Development Programme

30 Nov
& 1 Dec

- Workshop on Gamification in Health Professions Education

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

9-11
Dec

- Training the Trainers: Educational Methods for Medical Officers

17-18
Dec

- Advanced Workshop on Competency-Based Assessment

21-22
Dec

- Financial Literacy for Healthcare Professionals



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CHAKRA – Centre for Health, Applied Knowledge and Research Autonomy

A Section 8 Company established under the aegis of MEDD* Government of Maharashtra.

*MEDD – Medical Education and Drugs Department