

The Future, Unveiled: Inside HealthX Elevate Grand Finale

Visionary startups. Purposeful Discussions. A powerful case for reimagining Indian healthcare from the ground up.

The grand finale of CNBC-TV18 HealthX Elevate, presented by Optum India, has created new momentum and energy in healthcare innovation. From breakthrough innovations to powerful dialogue, this year's event wasn't just a showcase - it was a signal that India's healthcare transformation is underway, and it's being shaped by visionary leaders, relentless startups, and a mission-driven ecosystem that refuses to settle for the status quo.

Held with the energy of a juggernaut, HealthX Elevate 2025 brought together policymakers, technologists, founders, and funders under one shared mission: to make healthcare smarter, faster, and more accessible for every Indian. And at the heart of it all? Innovation with impact.

Meet the 10 Startups Reimagining Indian Healthcare

That innovation was on full display in the ten remarkable startups selected for the HealthX Elevate Startups - Batch of 2025. These ventures aren't just building tech - they're solving some of the country's pressing health challenges at scale, with clarity, compassion, and cutting-edge ideas.

Grouped by theme, here's a quick look at the bold ideas they're building:

Diagnostics and Early Detection

- **Lenek Technologies Private Limited:** Developing AI-powered, point-of-care medical devices like handheld X-ray generators and imaging software to make healthcare more accessible.

AI Companions & Digital Therapeutics

- **Vigorus AI Healthtech:** A cloud-based, AI-powered Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) that uses AI, blockchain, and IoT to streamline hospital operations and improve patient data management.

Mental & Emotional Wellness

- **Infiheal Healthtech:** Making therapy accessible, scalable, and stigma-free through its AI-powered platform, Healo.
- **No Worry No Tension Healthcare:** Delivering integrated mental wellness solutions through augmented human intelligence, machine learning, and AI.

Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation

- **Wizphys AI:** An AI-powered physiotherapy application that uses computer vision to provide remote guidance.

Integrated Health Ecosystems

- **Pratibha Healthkon:** Driving healthcare access in rural and underserved areas through connected care solutions.

Telehealth & Remote Care

- **Briota Technologies:** Powering chronic care management with smart, connected solutions.
- **Primary Healthtech:** Innovative, portable, and IoT-enabled devices for point-of-care testing.
- **Jiyyo Innovations:** Bridging care gaps with remote consultation and logistics support.
- **Platinoid Technologies:** Building digital platforms to streamline health operations at scale.

These ventures reflect the future of healthcare: agile, inclusive, and outcome-driven. But innovation alone doesn't build systems. That takes vision, leadership, and alignment - themes that came to life through the event's headline addresses.

Purpose Over Procedure: Uma Ratnam Krishnan on Building a Health-First India

In a powerful and purpose-driven address, Uma Ratnam Krishnan, Managing Director, Optum India, set the tone for the future of healthcare as a mission beyond medicine. Speaking to a room filled with innovators and leaders, she emphasized that India's healthcare journey must move from being treatment-centric to patient-first, proactive, and equity-driven.

Calling HealthX Elevate a movement, she praised the showcased startups for solving real-world problems with empathy and scale - from AI-powered diagnostics to tech-enabled care delivery. What stood out, she noted, wasn't just the technology, but the clarity of purpose to improve lives.

She called for embracing value-based care - where outcomes, not procedures, define success; and she urged alignment across policy, technology, and incentives to decongest hospitals, enable early intervention, and improve clinical outcomes.

Her closing message was clear and galvanizing: "Let's foster collaboration and build an ecosystem across the government, across the industry and private players, corporates, academia and civil society and commit to building a system that's inclusive, intelligent and inspired by every citizen's dream. Let's not treat illness. Let's build an India with health."

Fueling India's Ascent: Kiren Rijiju on Innovation, Collaboration, and Global Confidence

If Uma Ratnam Krishnan's address was a call to action, Shri Kiren Rijiju's keynote was a call to conviction. In a candid speech, Shri Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs & Minister of Minority Affairs, GoI, shared a deeply personal perspective on India's stability, resilience, and future.

Acknowledging the roomful of domain experts and healthcare innovators, he emphasized the critical role of collaboration - across sectors and levels of governance - to build a stronger, more united India.

He also noted that as India's global influence grows, it will naturally face more scrutiny and competitive pressure - but that's a sign of strength, not fragility.

Following his keynote, Shri Rijju also honored the changemakers in the room - felicitating each of the HealthX Elevate Startups - Batch of 2025 and applauding their contribution to India's healthcare transformation.

The Ecosystem Speaks: What It Will Take to Transform Healthcare

During the course of the evening, the sessions drilled into the mechanics of change. What does it really take to build healthcare solutions that scale across India's unique and layered realities?

The session titled, "**From Idea to Impact: Driving Scalable Innovation in Healthcare Solutions**", brought together top voices from across the investment and innovation landscape: Sunil Thakur (Partner, Quadria Capital and Co-Founder, HealthQuad), Vijay Barathan (Partner, Global, Optum Ventures), Prashant Warier (Co -Founder & CEO, Qure.ai), and Gaurav Agarwal (Co-Founder & CTO, Tata 1mg), moderated by CNBC-TV18's Ekta Batra. The conversation explored what separates promising concepts from scalable ventures. The consensus: startups need to focus on "must-solve" problems, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets. AI was spotlighted as a game-changer in diagnostics and clinical workflows - but only when paired with strong unit economics and localized relevance.

In a fireside chat on "Digital India and the Future of Healthcare", between Abhishek Singh (CEO, IndiaAI Mission) and Ashmit Kumar (CNBC-TV18), Abhishek Singh outlined how AI is already making an impact - from NLP-driven voice interfaces to remote ICU monitoring - especially in remote and underserved areas. But he was clear-eyed about the risks: true transformation demands tech that is not just cutting-edge, but language-inclusive, privacy-conscious, and compliant with India's evolving regulatory frameworks.

The session on "**Reimagining Healthcare: Access, Innovation & Global Leadership**", moderated by Shereen Bhan (Managing Editor, CNBC-TV18) was a candid conversation with Dr. Indu Bhushan (ex-CEO, Ayushman Bharat), Dr. Naresh Trehan (Chairman & Managing Director, Medanta - The Medicity), and Uma Ratnam Krishnan (Managing Director, Optum India). The panel didn't shy away from hard truths - including delays in payments under Ayushman Bharat and the persistent challenge of fragmented regulation. But they also looked ahead. The message was clear: if India aligns smart governance with frugal, tech-enabled innovation, it can become a global leader in affordable, preventative-first healthcare.

More Than a Showcase; A Signal

The Grand Finale of HealthX Elevate has concluded, but its impact is just beginning.

This article captures just a sliver of the ideas, breakthroughs, and "aha" moments that shaped the day - from visionary leadership and bold startup solutions to the honest, necessary conversations that are pushing the ecosystem forward.

To experience the full energy and insight of the event, visit [HealthX Elevate](#) where you can dive into every session, insight, and standout moment from the event..

Because the future of healthcare isn't something to wait for. It's something we're building, right now.

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India's healthtech future isn't coming - it's already in motion. From startup breakthroughs to bold policy dialogue, HealthX Elevate brought the ecosystem together in one powerful finale.

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