

IndiaAI and National Cancer Grid Launch CATCH Grant Program to Support AI Innovations in Cancer Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

Up to 10 Selected Projects to Receive Pilot Grants up to 50 Lakh and Scale-Up Funding up to 1 Crore for Nationwide Deployment

Startups, Health Tech Firms, Academia, and Hospitals Can Apply by September 2, 2025

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IndiaAI Independent Business Division (IBD), in collaboration with the National Cancer Grid (NCG), has announced the launch of the **Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant Program**. This initiative seeks to support the development and deployment of innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions to strengthen cancer screening, diagnostics, treatment support, and healthcare operations across India.

The CATCH Grant Program will provide up to ₹50 lakh per project to selected teams comprising technology innovators and clinical institutions. The grants will be co-funded by IndiaAI and NCG. The initiative is designed to catalyse piloted deployment of AI solutions within the NCG hospital network, with the potential for future scale-up based on demonstrated clinical impact and operational readiness.

Successful pilot projects may also be eligible for an additional scale-up grant of up to ₹1 crore, facilitated by IndiaAI, for wider deployment across the NCG network or through national implementation pathways.

The Challenge will focus on high-impact categories including AI-enabled screening, diagnostics, clinical decision support, patient engagement, operational efficiency, research, and data curation. A total of up to 10 proposals will be selected for piloting under this round, based on technical maturity, feasibility, and alignment with healthcare delivery needs.

Applicants may include startups, health technology companies, academic institutions, and public or private hospitals. Joint applications from Clinical Leads (hospitals or clinicians) and Technical Leads (technology developers) are encouraged. The program will emphasize responsible AI development, clinical validation, and readiness for deployment in Indian healthcare contexts.

Applications will be accepted through an online portal hosted by IndiaAI and NCG. The last date for submission is **September 2, 2025**.

For more information and to apply, please visit: [<https://indiaai.gov.in/article/accelerating-oncology-innovation-launch-of-the-indiaai-ncg-cancer-ai-technology-challenge-catch>]

IndiaAI, an IBD under the Digital India Corporation (DIC) of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), is the implementation agency of the IndiaAI Mission, which aims to democratize AI's benefits across all strata of society, bolster India's global leadership in AI, foster technological self-reliance, and ensure ethical and

responsible use of AI.

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