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## PREFACE

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As a public health professional dedicated to advancing healthcare and innovation, I have had the privilege of witnessing the transformative power of visionary leadership. Among the luminaries who have shaped India's healthcare landscape, **Dr. Balram Bhargava** stands out as a beacon of inspiration. His groundbreaking work in medical innovation, research, and policy-making has made a lasting impact on the nation and continues to guide the path toward a more resilient healthcare system.

I first encountered Dr. Bhargava's work while exploring the development of indigenous medical devices aimed at improving healthcare accessibility for millions. His pioneering efforts in creating affordable coronary stents and founding the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)** demonstrated a profound commitment to making healthcare innovations both relevant and accessible. His leadership at the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** during one of the most challenging global health crises in modern history—the **COVID-19 pandemic**—further exemplified his resilience, foresight, and dedication to public service.

This book is not just a chronicle of Dr. Bhargava's achievements but a tribute to a leader who has consistently redefined what is possible in healthcare and public health. His story is one of perseverance, innovation, and a relentless drive to serve humanity. By documenting his journey, I aim to inspire readers—be they medical professionals, students, policymakers, or ordinary citizens—to dream big, strive for excellence, and contribute to a healthier world.

I am deeply grateful to all those who have supported this endeavor, including colleagues, researchers, and collaborators who provided valuable insights into Dr. Bhargava's life and work. This book is a testament to the indelible mark he has left on the world of medicine and public health.

May this book serve as a source of inspiration for those who seek to follow in his footsteps and remind us all of the profound difference one individual can make when driven by purpose and compassion.

Sincerely,  
Dr. R. G. Anand

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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**D**r. R. G. Anand is a dedicated public health expert, humanitarian, and advocate for child welfare, whose life and work exemplify the power of commitment and service. With a career spanning decades, he has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals, particularly children and marginalized communities.

Dr. Anand's journey began in the humble surroundings of a village in Pudukottai district, Tamil Nadu. Born to parents who were schoolteachers, he imbibed the values of education, hard work, and compassion from an early age. These early lessons became the foundation of his life's mission: to serve those who are often overlooked by society.

After earning his MBBS degree and an MD in Preventive and Social Medicine, Dr. Anand pursued a Fellowship in HIV Medicine at Christian Medical College, Vellore, and later obtained a Bachelor of Legislative Law (LLB) to champion the cause of child protection. His academic pursuits reflect his belief in combining medical expertise with legal and policy advocacy to address healthcare challenges holistically.

Dr. Anand's professional journey is as remarkable as it is inspiring. In 2012, as a Program Officer with the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), he played a critical role in reducing mother-to-child HIV transmission rates in Tamil Nadu. His efforts contributed to achieving a zero-transmission rate, a milestone in India's public health history. Later, as a Member of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), he traveled

across the country, conducting over 250 health camps and safeguarding the rights of vulnerable children.

Beyond his professional accolades, Dr. Anand is a champion of grassroots change. He has organized over 500 free medical camps, supported the education of thousands of underprivileged children, and launched innovative programs like "Samvedana," a tele-counseling initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic that provided solace and guidance to children.

Dr. Anand's philosophy is rooted in the belief that healthcare and education are fundamental rights, not privileges. His vision is one of a society where every child, regardless of their circumstances, has the opportunity to thrive. Through his work with organizations like WHO and UNICEF, he has amplified this vision on a global scale, collaborating with international leaders to implement sustainable healthcare solutions.

Recognized by numerous awards, including the World Book of Records acknowledgment for his disaster management efforts, Dr. Anand remains grounded and driven by a simple yet profound principle: "True success lies in the lives we uplift."

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A heartfelt thanks to my colleagues, fellow researchers, and friends who offered their expertise and feedback throughout this journey. Your input has been instrumental in ensuring that this work accurately portrays the remarkable achievements of Dr. Bhargava.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the families of frontline healthcare workers and medical researchers who served during the **COVID-19 pandemic**—their stories of resilience and service have been an integral part of understanding Dr. Bhargava's leadership during this global health crisis.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family for their constant support and encouragement. Your belief in my work continues to motivate me to document stories that matter.

To every reader who embarks on this journey through the life of Dr. Bhargava: I hope this book serves as a reminder that innovation, perseverance, and compassion can transform lives and build a healthier world.

With gratitude,  
Dr. R. G. Anand

INTRODUCTION

# INTRODUCTION

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In the vast and intricate landscape of public health, few individuals have had an impact as profound as **Dr. Balram Bhargava**. A distinguished cardiologist, researcher, innovator, and leader, Dr. Bhargava has dedicated his life to improving healthcare systems and ensuring that life-saving innovations reach those who need them most. His contributions span from the creation of indigenous medical devices to spearheading India's public health response during the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

This book is an exploration of the life and work of a man whose vision, resilience, and leadership have redefined healthcare in India. Through his groundbreaking achievements—such as the development of the **Platinum Iridium coil coronary stent** and the establishment of the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)**—Dr. Bhargava has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to healthcare innovation. These initiatives have not only reduced costs but have also empowered the nation to reduce its reliance on costly imports, fostering self-sufficiency in medical technology.

Perhaps the defining moment of Dr. Bhargava's public health leadership was his tenure as the **Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**. His role during the COVID-19 pandemic was marked by swift and decisive action. Under his leadership, ICMR facilitated large-scale testing, supported vaccine development, and ensured that timely research informed policy decisions at the national level. His ability to mobilize resources, navigate uncertainties, and prioritize evidence-

based strategies saved countless lives during one of the most challenging times in recent history.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dr. Bhargava's personal philosophy is one of service, empathy, and resilience. His belief that healthcare innovations should be accessible to the common man has driven him to mentor young innovators and support projects that address real-world medical challenges. His efforts have demonstrated that research and technology, when guided by purpose, can profoundly impact society.

This book seeks to provide a holistic narrative of Dr. Bhargava's journey—from his early years in Lucknow to his rise as a global leader in public health. It captures the milestones, challenges, and triumphs that have shaped his career and offers insights into the principles that define his leadership.

Above all, this book is a tribute to a man whose work serves as a reminder that one person, with vision and dedication, can change the course of history. It invites readers to reflect on Dr. Bhargava's contributions and to draw inspiration from his unwavering commitment to creating a healthier, more equitable world.

## CHAPTER 1

# EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

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**T**he story of **Dr. Balram Bhargava** begins in **Lucknow**, the cultural and intellectual capital of Uttar Pradesh. Born into a family that valued education and hard work, Dr. Bhargava was encouraged to pursue excellence from a young age. His parents instilled in him the virtues of discipline, resilience, and empathy—qualities that would become the foundation of his illustrious career.

### **A Nurturing Environment**

Dr. Bhargava grew up in an environment that fostered curiosity and learning. His parents, both respected educators, placed a strong emphasis on academic excellence and social responsibility. This environment nurtured his love for science and innovation while grounding him in values of humility and service to others.

As a child, Balram was known for his inquisitive nature and an unshakable determination to solve problems. He often excelled in academics, particularly in science and mathematics, and displayed a keen interest in understanding how things worked.

### **Schooling and Early Achievements**

His early education took place at some of Lucknow's best schools, where his exceptional academic performance earned him recognition among his peers and teachers. He was not only an academic achiever but also an all-rounded student who took part

in debates and science fairs, reflecting his ability to think critically and articulate his ideas confidently.

## **Pursuing Medicine: A Calling, Not Just a Career**

The choice to pursue medicine came naturally to Dr. Bhargava, who viewed it as a profession that combined scientific rigor with the opportunity to make a tangible impact on human lives. He was accepted into the prestigious **King George's Medical College (now King George's Medical University)**, one of India's oldest and most reputed institutions for medical education.

At King George's, Dr. Bhargava's passion for cardiology began to take shape. He was inspired by the intricacies of the human heart and the potential of medical science to save lives. His professors and peers recognized him as a brilliant student with an innate ability to approach complex medical problems with clarity and purpose.

## **Advanced Studies and Specialization**

After completing his MBBS and MD, Dr. Bhargava continued his academic journey by pursuing advanced training in cardiology. He further honed his expertise at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)**, New Delhi, where he emerged as a promising cardiologist committed to advancing cardiac care in India.

His time at AIIMS was transformative, not only shaping him as a clinician but also igniting his passion for research and innovation. He was determined to address the lack of affordable medical devices in India and to bridge the gap in healthcare access for the underserved.

## **A Strong Foundation for Future Leadership**

The early life and education of Dr. Balram Bhargava laid the groundwork for the visionary leader he would become. His academic achievements, combined with his unwavering commitment to serving others, shaped his path toward a career that would revolutionize public health and medical research.

## CHAPTER 2

# MEDICAL CAREER AND INNOVATIONS

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After completing his formal education and training in cardiology, **Dr. Balram Bhargava** embarked on a career that would redefine cardiac care and medical innovation in India. His professional journey is marked by groundbreaking contributions that combined scientific excellence with a deep sense of social responsibility.

### A Vision for Affordable Cardiac Care

Early in his career, Dr. Bhargava observed the stark disparity in access to life-saving cardiac treatments. The high cost of medical procedures, especially coronary stenting, placed these treatments out of reach for many Indians. This realization became the driving force behind one of his most significant achievements—the development of an **indigenous coronary stent**.

### The Platinum Iridium Coil Coronary Stent

In collaboration with his colleagues at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)**, Dr. Bhargava led the development of the **Platinum Iridium coil coronary stent**, a cost-effective alternative to expensive imported stents.

- This innovation drastically reduced the cost of coronary stenting procedures, making them more affordable for millions of patients.

- The indigenous stent was not only economically accessible but also met global standards for safety and efficacy, earning widespread acclaim in the medical community.

## **Tackling Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD)**

Dr. Bhargava's contributions were not limited to coronary interventions. He spearheaded initiatives aimed at preventing and managing **Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD)**, a preventable condition that disproportionately affects children in low-income communities.

- He led awareness campaigns, early detection programs, and advocacy efforts to integrate RHD management into public health frameworks.
- His efforts underscored the importance of preventive care and equitable access to treatment for underserved populations.

## **Founding the Society for Less Investigative Medicine (SLIM)**

Committed to the principle that healthcare should be patient-centered and cost-effective, Dr. Bhargava founded the **Society for Less Investigative Medicine (SLIM)**.

- SLIM's mission is to promote evidence-based medical practices that prioritize essential diagnostic investigations over unnecessary and expensive tests.
- This initiative aimed to combat the growing trend of over-reliance on diagnostic tests and restore the focus on clinical judgment and affordable care.

## **Establishment of the School of International Biodesign (SiB)**

Understanding the critical need for medical devices tailored to local healthcare needs, Dr. Bhargava established the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)** at AIIMS in partnership with Stanford University and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

- The program fostered a culture of innovation by training young doctors, engineers, and entrepreneurs in medical device development.
- SiB produced several low-cost, high-impact medical devices, such as the "Fetal Lite" (a portable fetal monitoring device) and other affordable diagnostic tools.
- This initiative not only boosted indigenous innovation but also placed India on the global map as a leader in frugal medical innovation.

## **Global Recognition for Innovation and Impact**

Dr. Bhargava's contributions to medical innovation earned him national and international accolades. In recognition of his role in transforming cardiac care and fostering affordable healthcare solutions, he was honored with prestigious awards, including:

- The **Padma Shri** in 2014 for his contributions to medicine.
- The **Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health** awarded by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** for his public health initiatives.

## **Advocacy for Indigenous Medical Technologies**

One of Dr. Bhargava's enduring legacies is his advocacy for self-reliance in medical technologies. He has consistently championed the development and adoption of indigenous medical devices to reduce dependence on expensive imports.

- His work has paved the way for a thriving ecosystem of med-tech startups and research collaborations in India.
- He played a pivotal role in raising awareness about the importance of affordable, home-grown solutions in addressing India's healthcare challenges.

## **A Trailblazer in Cardiology and Beyond**

Dr. Bhargava's career in medicine and innovation is a testament to the transformative power of purpose-driven leadership. His ability to merge cutting-edge science with social empathy has revolutionized cardiac care and set new benchmarks for medical research and device development.

## CHAPTER 3

# LEADERSHIP AT AIIMS

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**T**he **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** in New Delhi is one of India's most prestigious medical institutions, and it served as the stage for some of the most pivotal moments in **Dr. Balram Bhargava's** career. His tenure at AIIMS not only cemented his reputation as a distinguished cardiologist and researcher but also showcased his leadership in mentoring future leaders, driving medical innovation, and contributing to public health reforms.

### **Building a Legacy in Cardiology**

At AIIMS, Dr. Bhargava's expertise as a cardiologist was evident in both his clinical practice and his commitment to research. His work in **interventional cardiology**—particularly his focus on life-saving cardiac procedures—earned him immense respect from his peers and patients.

- He was known for his patient-centered approach and his ability to explain complex procedures with clarity and compassion.
- He often advocated for the use of cost-effective, indigenous solutions, demonstrating how frugal innovation could deliver excellent outcomes.

## Mentor to Future Leaders

One of Dr. Bhargava's enduring contributions at AIIMS was his role as a mentor.

- He guided numerous medical students, residents, and fellows, instilling in them the values of empathy, scientific rigor, and service.
- Many of his mentees went on to become leading cardiologists and researchers, carrying forward his vision of affordable, high-quality healthcare.

Dr. Bhargava's mentorship extended beyond the classroom—he actively encouraged young doctors to pursue research, contribute to public health, and think creatively about solving healthcare challenges.

## Founding the School of International Biodesign (SiB)

During his time at AIIMS, Dr. Bhargava spearheaded one of his most ambitious initiatives—the establishment of the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)** in collaboration with Stanford University and the Department of Biotechnology.

- SiB became a trailblazing program focused on training healthcare innovators to develop affordable and need-based medical devices.
- This initiative fostered cross-disciplinary collaboration, bringing together doctors, engineers, and entrepreneurs to address healthcare gaps through innovation.

- SiB's innovative approach led to the creation of devices like the **Fetal Lite**, a portable fetal monitoring system designed for rural and low-resource settings.

## **Championing Ethical Research and Clinical Excellence**

At AIIMS, Dr. Bhargava was a strong advocate for ethical medical research and clinical practices.

- He established protocols to ensure that clinical trials and research studies adhered to the highest ethical standards.
- His leadership in research ethics strengthened AIIMS' reputation as a global leader in medical research and set benchmarks for transparency and accountability.

## **A Visionary in Institutional Leadership**

Beyond his contributions to cardiology and medical innovation, Dr. Bhargava played an active role in shaping the overall institutional vision of AIIMS.

- He supported initiatives to enhance the institute's research capabilities, expand its infrastructure, and improve patient care services.
- He worked to strengthen AIIMS' role as a center of excellence for both medical education and healthcare delivery, ensuring that it remained at the forefront of global medical advancements.

## **Navigating Public Health Challenges**

Dr. Bhargava's expertise was often sought during public health emergencies, such as outbreaks of infectious diseases and national health crises.

- He contributed to the institute's collaborative efforts to support government health initiatives and provided expert guidance on addressing emerging public health threats.
- His role as a thought leader during such times reinforced the importance of integrating research and policy to improve public health outcomes.

## **Leaving an Indelible Mark**

Dr. Bhargava's legacy at AIIMS extends far beyond his years of service. He transformed the institution not only through his contributions to cardiology and medical innovation but also through his emphasis on ethical practice, mentorship, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

His influence continues to be felt in the institution's culture of excellence, where research, education, and healthcare are guided by a commitment to public service and innovation.

## CHAPTER 4

# FOUNDING THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL BIODESIGN (SIB)

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One of **Dr. Balram Bhargava's** most significant contributions to healthcare innovation in India is the establishment of the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)**. This pioneering program is a testament to his belief that affordable, need-driven medical devices can transform healthcare access and delivery, particularly in resource-limited settings.

### The Genesis of an Innovative Program

The idea for SiB was born out of Dr. Bhargava's recognition of two critical gaps in healthcare:

- The lack of affordable, indigenous medical devices tailored to local healthcare needs.
- The absence of interdisciplinary training programs that foster collaboration between doctors, engineers, and designers to create healthcare solutions.

To address these challenges, Dr. Bhargava envisioned SiB as a platform where innovators from diverse fields could work together to design and develop medical devices aimed at solving real-world health problems.

## A Collaborative Partnership

SiB was established at **AIIMS, New Delhi**, in collaboration with **Stanford University** and the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India**. The program's unique model emphasized:

- Hands-on, need-based medical innovation training.
- Cross-disciplinary teamwork involving clinicians, engineers, designers, and entrepreneurs.
- Real-world problem-solving in clinical settings to ensure that innovations addressed genuine healthcare challenges.

This collaboration blended India's healthcare expertise with global innovation frameworks, creating a dynamic environment for the development of impactful healthcare solutions.

## Nurturing a Culture of Frugal Innovation

Under Dr. Bhargava's leadership, SiB became a hub for **frugal innovation**—the creation of cost-effective, high-impact medical technologies. The program emphasized that healthcare devices should not only be advanced but also affordable, accessible, and suited to the needs of developing nations.

SiB fellows were trained to:

- Conduct in-depth needs assessments by observing clinical environments.
- Prototype solutions that were user-friendly and affordable.
- Collaborate with policymakers and healthcare providers to scale their innovations.

## Groundbreaking Medical Devices

SiB has been credited with the development of several revolutionary medical devices, including:

- **Fetal Lite:** A portable and affordable fetal monitoring device designed to ensure safe pregnancies, especially in rural and low-resource settings.
- **Brun:** A low-cost device for burn management that simplified wound care and reduced treatment costs.
- Other diagnostic and therapeutic tools that addressed gaps in areas such as maternal health, neonatal care, and emergency medicine.

These devices have not only saved lives but also set benchmarks for affordable healthcare innovations.

## Expanding India's Innovation Ecosystem

SiB's success under Dr. Bhargava's guidance extended beyond the development of individual medical devices. The program played a crucial role in expanding India's **med-tech ecosystem** by:

- Inspiring the establishment of startups focused on healthcare innovation.
- Fostering partnerships with global healthcare organizations and research institutions.
- Encouraging the commercialization of indigenous technologies, reducing India's dependence on imported medical devices.

## **Recognition and Global Impact**

SiB's achievements earned national and international acclaim. The program became a model for biodesign programs in other countries, demonstrating how interdisciplinary collaboration and need-driven innovation could address global healthcare challenges.

## **Dr. Bhargava's Vision for Sustainable Healthcare Solutions**

For Dr. Bhargava, SiB was not just a program—it was a movement toward self-reliance in healthcare innovation. He believed that India, with its wealth of talent and unique healthcare challenges, had the potential to lead the world in frugal innovation.

His vision extended to creating a pipeline of innovators who would continue to develop technologies that addressed public health priorities, such as maternal and child health, chronic disease management, and emergency care.

## **A Lasting Legacy**

SiB remains one of the most impactful contributions of Dr. Bhargava's career. It exemplifies his belief that innovation is most meaningful when it serves humanity and improves lives. Through SiB, Dr. Bhargava has empowered a new generation of healthcare innovators who are carrying forward his legacy of creativity, compassion, and social responsibility.

## CHAPTER 5

# DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICMR

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**I**n 2018, **Dr. Balram Bhargava** was appointed as the **Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** and Secretary of the Department of Health Research. This marked a significant chapter in his career, as he assumed leadership of India's apex body for biomedical research at a time when the country faced numerous public health challenges. His tenure at ICMR showcased his exceptional ability to blend scientific research with public health policy, leading to some of the most impactful reforms and initiatives in recent history.

## Strengthening India's Public Health Research

Upon assuming leadership, Dr. Bhargava prioritized enhancing ICMR's research capabilities and expanding its role in public health policymaking. His vision for ICMR focused on:

- Promoting **translational research** to bridge the gap between scientific discoveries and their implementation in healthcare systems.
- Strengthening **epidemiological surveillance** to improve disease prevention and control.
- Expanding collaborative research programs with international institutions to address global health challenges.

Under his leadership, ICMR became a key player in shaping evidence-based health policies and implementing innovative research initiatives.

## Leadership During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The defining moment of Dr. Bhargava's leadership at ICMR came during the **COVID-19 pandemic**. The onset of the pandemic in early 2020 posed an unprecedented challenge to global health systems, and ICMR played a crucial role in India's pandemic response under Dr. Bhargava's direction.

Key contributions during the pandemic:

- **Ramp-up of Testing Capabilities:** ICMR spearheaded the establishment of a nationwide network of COVID-19 testing laboratories, increasing testing capacity from a few thousand to millions per day.
- **Development of Indigenous Diagnostic Kits:** Under his leadership, ICMR supported the development of affordable, indigenous diagnostic kits, reducing India's dependence on imported tests.
- **Facilitation of Vaccine Research and Development:** Dr. Bhargava played a pivotal role in supporting the development of **Covaxin**, India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine. ICMR's collaboration with Bharat Biotech was instrumental in ensuring the timely development, clinical trials, and rollout of the vaccine.
- **Scientific Guidelines and Public Health Protocols:** ICMR issued evidence-based guidelines for clinical management, quarantine measures, and vaccination drives. Dr. Bhargava's

leadership ensured that policymakers and healthcare providers received clear, actionable information during a rapidly evolving crisis.

Dr. Bhargava's calm yet decisive leadership during the pandemic was widely acknowledged, with ICMR emerging as a symbol of resilience and scientific excellence in the face of a global emergency.

## Focus on Indigenous Innovation

Dr. Bhargava's tenure at ICMR was characterized by his commitment to **self-reliance in biomedical research and healthcare technology**. He championed initiatives that:

- Encouraged the development of **indigenous vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics**.
- Strengthened the capacity of **public health research institutes** across the country to contribute to national health priorities.
- Promoted **affordable healthcare solutions** that could be scaled for public use.

His leadership reinforced India's position as a global leader in frugal innovation and biomedical research.

## Expansion of National Health Programs

Dr. Bhargava played a crucial role in expanding several national health programs during his time at ICMR, including:

- **Mission SHAKTI** for the prevention and management of antimicrobial resistance.

- Enhanced surveillance programs for diseases such as tuberculosis, dengue, and malaria.
- Programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes through evidence-based interventions.

These initiatives reflected his holistic approach to public health, which combined research, community outreach, and policy reform.

## **Advocacy for Evidence-Based Policy**

A core principle of Dr. Bhargava's leadership was his unwavering belief in **evidence-based policymaking**. He advocated for:

- Data-driven public health strategies to improve resource allocation and program effectiveness.
- Transparent communication of research findings to policymakers, healthcare providers, and the public.
- Continuous evaluation and adaptation of health programs to ensure optimal impact.

Under his guidance, ICMR became a model for how scientific research can inform and improve public health policies.

## **Global Recognition and Accolades**

Dr. Bhargava's contributions during the pandemic and beyond earned him widespread recognition. ICMR's work under his leadership received international praise, and he was lauded for his role in strengthening India's public health response during a time of global uncertainty.

## **A Legacy of Resilience and Innovation**

Dr. Bhargava's tenure as Director General of ICMR left an indelible mark on India's public health landscape. His efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic not only saved lives but also strengthened India's biomedical research capabilities for future challenges.

His legacy at ICMR is defined by his vision for a self-reliant, innovative, and resilient healthcare system that prioritizes the needs of the people. He demonstrated that research and innovation, when guided by compassion and purpose, can transform healthcare delivery and public health outcomes.

CHAPTER 6

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY

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Throughout his career, **Dr. Balram Bhargava** has been a visionary force in public health policy and reforms. His contributions have strengthened India's healthcare infrastructure, guided public health interventions, and laid the foundation for long-term health resilience. His ability to translate research into actionable policies has positioned him as a pivotal figure in national and global health.

### **Society for Less Investigative Medicine (SLIM)**

One of Dr. Bhargava's most influential contributions to public health reform was the establishment of the **Society for Less Investigative Medicine (SLIM)**.

- The goal of SLIM was to promote a patient-centered approach that emphasized **clinical diagnosis over excessive diagnostic tests**.
- SLIM advocated for judicious and ethical use of diagnostic tools, ensuring that healthcare remained affordable and accessible.
- By addressing the over-reliance on investigations, Dr. Bhargava sought to restore trust in clinical judgment and improve the quality of care.

This initiative resonated across the medical community and became a model for evidence-based clinical practice in resource-constrained settings.

## Strengthening National Surveillance Systems

Dr. Bhargava's tenure at the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** saw a significant expansion of **disease surveillance systems** across the country.

- He introduced advanced **epidemiological monitoring frameworks** to track outbreaks of communicable diseases like tuberculosis, dengue, and malaria.
- His initiatives aimed to ensure early detection, containment, and treatment to reduce disease burdens in vulnerable populations.

By strengthening surveillance, Dr. Bhargava contributed to a more proactive and resilient public health system capable of responding swiftly to emerging health threats.

## Tuberculosis Elimination Programs

Dr. Bhargava played a key role in advancing India's goal of eliminating **tuberculosis (TB)** by 2025.

- Under his guidance, ICMR launched new **research initiatives** focused on TB diagnostics, treatment innovations, and vaccine development.
- He supported community outreach programs to improve adherence to TB treatments, particularly in rural and marginalized communities.

- His efforts reinforced the importance of integrating research and public health interventions to tackle infectious diseases.

## Contribution to Maternal and Child Health

Improving maternal and child health outcomes was a key priority for Dr. Bhargava.

- He championed research and policy initiatives that addressed **preventable maternal deaths** and strengthened access to **antenatal and postnatal care**.
- He emphasized the importance of **fetal monitoring technologies** like those developed at the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)** to improve care for expecting mothers in remote areas.
- His work contributed to the expansion of programs focused on **nutrition, immunization, and maternal education**.

## Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Dr. Bhargava was a vocal advocate for addressing the growing threat of **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**.

- He spearheaded **Mission SHAKTI**, a national initiative aimed at reducing the misuse of antibiotics and promoting research into alternative treatments.
- He encouraged the development of national policies to regulate antibiotic use and support public awareness campaigns about the dangers of AMR.

His work in this area helped position India as a leader in the global fight against AMR, garnering international recognition for its innovative approach to tackling the issue.

## Vaccine Development and Immunization Policy

Under Dr. Bhargava's leadership, ICMR made significant contributions to vaccine research and immunization policy.

- He was instrumental in supporting clinical trials and safety studies for the **Covaxin** vaccine during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- His advocacy for **universal vaccination programs** extended beyond COVID-19 to include routine immunizations for diseases like polio, measles, and rotavirus.

His approach emphasized transparency, public trust, and accessibility, ensuring that vaccines reached even the most remote and vulnerable populations.

## Integration of Technology in Public Health

Dr. Bhargava championed the integration of **digital health solutions** to improve public health interventions.

- He supported the use of **telemedicine** to extend healthcare services to underserved areas.
- He promoted the development of **electronic health records (EHRs)** and **health data repositories** to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare delivery.

His focus on technology-driven solutions was rooted in the belief that digital tools could bridge gaps in healthcare access and improve health outcomes at scale.

## Advocacy for Health Equity

Central to Dr. Bhargava's public health philosophy was the principle of **health equity**.

- He consistently advocated for policies that addressed the social determinants of health, such as poverty, education, and access to clean water.
- His initiatives aimed to **reduce disparities in health outcomes** between urban and rural populations.

By promoting inclusive policies, he worked to ensure that healthcare was not a privilege for the few but a right for all.

Dr. Bhargava's contributions to public health policy have had a lasting impact on India's healthcare landscape. His ability to merge scientific rigor with compassionate leadership has led to the implementation of policies that prioritize both innovation and inclusivity.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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The remarkable contributions of **Dr. Balram Bhargava** to medicine, innovation, and public health have been widely recognized both nationally and internationally. His commitment to affordable healthcare, groundbreaking research, and visionary leadership has earned him numerous prestigious honors and accolades. These awards serve as a testament to his enduring impact on the global healthcare landscape.

### **Padma Shri Award (2014)**

In 2014, Dr. Bhargava was conferred with the **Padma Shri**, one of India's highest civilian honors, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to medicine and healthcare.

- The award acknowledged his role in the development of the **indigenous coronary stent** and his efforts to make life-saving cardiac procedures accessible to millions of Indians.
- His dedication to innovation and public service exemplified the spirit of the Padma Shri, which honors individuals who have made significant contributions to society.

### **Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health (2019)**

In 2019, Dr. Bhargava was awarded the **Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health** by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**.

- This prestigious international award recognized his leadership in public health research, particularly his work in advancing affordable healthcare solutions and indigenous medical technologies.
- The award highlighted his role in fostering collaborations and initiatives that strengthened India's public health response, making a global impact.

## **Fellowship of the National Academy of Sciences**

Dr. Bhargava was inducted as a Fellow of the **National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI)**, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to biomedical research and education.

- The fellowship acknowledged his pioneering work in cardiology and his commitment to training the next generation of healthcare innovators.
- His election to this prestigious body reflected the high esteem in which he is held by the scientific community.

## **National BioDesign Award for Medical Innovation**

As the driving force behind the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)**, Dr. Bhargava received the **National BioDesign Award** for his role in promoting frugal medical innovation.

- The award celebrated his efforts to create a program that fostered interdisciplinary collaboration and produced affordable medical devices that addressed pressing healthcare challenges.

- SiB's success was a testament to his vision of empowering innovators to create impactful solutions for global health.

## **ICMR Lifetime Achievement Recognition**

The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** recognized Dr. Bhargava's extraordinary service as its Director General, particularly for his leadership during the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

- The recognition honored his contributions to vaccine development, nationwide testing capacity enhancement, and evidence-based policymaking.
- His ability to lead with resilience and compassion during one of the most challenging periods in global health history earned him widespread admiration.

## **International Recognition**

In addition to national accolades, Dr. Bhargava has been invited to speak at major global health forums and has been honored by international organizations for his contributions to:

- Combatting antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
- Strengthening healthcare systems in low- and middle-income countries.
- Advancing global research collaborations to address health disparities.

## **Honoring His Legacy in Innovation**

Several academic institutions and medical organizations have honored Dr. Bhargava for his contributions to affordable healthcare and indigenous innovation.

- Universities have invited him as a keynote speaker to inspire future healthcare leaders.
- His work has been celebrated in medical journals and research publications, which continue to cite his research as a benchmark in biomedical innovation.

## **A Life of Impact and Recognition**

The numerous awards and recognitions bestowed upon Dr. Bhargava reflect the depth and breadth of his contributions to healthcare and public service. However, beyond the honors, what defines him is his unwavering dedication to improving the lives of others. He has consistently demonstrated that true success lies not in accolades, but in creating meaningful and lasting change.

His journey is a reminder that recognition is a byproduct of purpose-driven work and that the greatest reward is the positive impact one leaves on the world.

CHAPTER 8

# MENTORSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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Throughout his career, **Dr. Balram Bhargava** has been more than just a leader and innovator—he has been a mentor, educator, and advocate for knowledge-sharing. He has played an instrumental role in shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals and medical innovators by fostering a culture of learning, collaboration, and curiosity.

## A Mentor with a Vision

For Dr. Bhargava, mentorship is not limited to academic instruction—it is about inspiring others to innovate and serve humanity.

- He has mentored numerous students, young researchers, and healthcare professionals, guiding them in their academic pursuits, clinical research, and professional growth.
- His mentees describe him as an approachable and encouraging leader who empowers them to think critically and creatively.

Many of his former students and mentees have gone on to hold prominent positions in academia, research, and public health, further amplifying his legacy.

## The School of International Biodesign (SiB): A Hub for Mentorship

One of the most impactful platforms for mentorship created by Dr. Bhargava is the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)**.

- At SiB, he nurtured interdisciplinary teams of doctors, engineers, and designers, teaching them how to identify healthcare gaps and develop need-based medical devices.
- His mentorship extended beyond technical guidance—he instilled in them the values of empathy, frugality, and purpose-driven innovation.

Through SiB, Dr. Bhargava created a generation of innovators who are committed to developing affordable healthcare solutions for underserved communities.

## Promoting Evidence-Based Practice

Dr. Bhargava's emphasis on **evidence-based medicine** has made him a sought-after mentor in the medical community.

- He has conducted numerous workshops and lectures, focusing on the importance of research integrity, clinical judgment, and scientific rigor.
- His guidance has helped young professionals understand the significance of balancing research with patient care and ensuring that innovations are both ethical and impactful.

His mentorship philosophy is grounded in the belief that the best healthcare practitioners are those who are both scientifically knowledgeable and deeply empathetic.

## Advocacy for Knowledge Dissemination

Beyond one-on-one mentorship, Dr. Bhargava has been a staunch advocate for **knowledge-sharing at a systemic level**.

- He has authored and co-authored over 250 research papers and contributed to numerous medical publications, ensuring that critical findings reach both academic and public health stakeholders.
- He has supported initiatives to make medical research more accessible, encouraging open access to scientific data and publications to foster collaboration and transparency.

His commitment to knowledge dissemination has strengthened research networks and fostered a spirit of collective progress in the medical community.

## Encouraging Public Engagement in Science

Dr. Bhargava believes that scientific knowledge should not be confined to laboratories and academic institutions—it should reach the public.

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, he emphasized the importance of **public communication** to dispel misinformation and build trust in science.
- He encouraged researchers and public health officials to engage with the media and communities, ensuring that accurate and timely information was disseminated.

His approach to public engagement has demonstrated that knowledge-sharing can empower communities and improve public health outcomes.

## **An Inclusive Approach to Mentorship**

Dr. Bhargava's mentorship has always been inclusive and collaborative.

- He has mentored individuals from diverse backgrounds, understanding the importance of diversity in research and innovation.
- He actively supports initiatives that provide opportunities for underrepresented groups in science and healthcare.

His inclusive approach has created a culture of mentorship that values diverse perspectives and nurtures talent from all walks of life.

## **Building a Legacy of Thought Leadership**

Dr. Bhargava's influence extends beyond the individuals he has mentored—his teachings and values have shaped institutions and research frameworks.

- His emphasis on ethical research, frugal innovation, and community-centered healthcare continues to guide academic curricula and public health programs.
- His mentees and collaborators often credit him with inspiring their commitment to impactful research and service.

Dr. Bhargava's role as a mentor and thought leader exemplifies his belief in the transformative power of knowledge. He has not only shared his expertise but has also ignited a passion for discovery, innovation, and service in countless individuals.

CHAPTER 9

## PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY AND VISION

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At the heart of **Dr. Balram Bhargava's** remarkable career is a set of deeply held beliefs and principles that have guided his actions and decisions. His personal philosophy reflects a profound commitment to service, innovation, and equity in healthcare. This chapter explores the core values and vision that define Dr. Bhargava's approach to medicine, research, and leadership.

### Healthcare as a Fundamental Right

Dr. Bhargava has consistently advocated for the idea that **healthcare is not a privilege but a fundamental human right.**

- He believes that access to quality healthcare should not depend on an individual's socio-economic status or geographical location.
- His work on affordable medical devices and public health initiatives reflects his commitment to closing the gap between the privileged and the underserved.

His philosophy is rooted in the conviction that a nation's progress is measured by how well it takes care of its most vulnerable citizens.

## Frugal Innovation for Global Impact

One of the cornerstones of Dr. Bhargava's vision is **frugal innovation**—developing cost-effective solutions without compromising on quality.

- He believes that medical innovation should be driven by need rather than profit and should aim to solve real-world healthcare challenges.
- His work with the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)** exemplifies this principle, as it has produced affordable medical devices that have saved lives and improved health outcomes.

For Dr. Bhargava, innovation is meaningful only when it is accessible to all.

## The Power of Preventive Healthcare

Prevention has always been a key component of Dr. Bhargava's vision for a healthier society.

- He has emphasized the importance of early detection and preventive care to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.
- His work on public awareness campaigns, maternal and child health programs, and rheumatic heart disease prevention demonstrates his belief that prevention is both more humane and cost-effective than treatment.

His initiatives reflect his conviction that empowering communities with knowledge and resources can significantly improve public health outcomes.

## Leadership Through Empathy and Resilience

For Dr. Bhargava, leadership is not about authority—it is about **service, empathy, and resilience.**

- He believes that true leaders listen to the needs of their teams and communities and respond with compassion and action.
- His calm and decisive leadership during the **COVID-19 pandemic** demonstrated his resilience and ability to lead in the face of uncertainty and adversity.

His approach to leadership serves as a reminder that empathy and resilience are essential qualities for those who seek to create lasting change.

## The Importance of Collaboration

Dr. Bhargava's vision for healthcare emphasizes the importance of **collaboration across disciplines and institutions.**

- He believes that solving complex health challenges requires input from diverse fields, including medicine, engineering, public policy, and social sciences.
- His establishment of interdisciplinary programs like SiB illustrates his belief in the power of collective problem-solving.

His ability to foster partnerships and build consensus has been a defining feature of his leadership style.

## Lifelong Learning and Adaptation

A firm believer in **lifelong learning**, Dr. Bhargava encourages continuous professional growth and adaptation to new challenges.

- He has often emphasized the need to stay informed about emerging scientific discoveries and public health trends.
- He advocates for adaptability in healthcare leadership, as public health crises often require quick and informed decision-making.

His career is a testament to his ability to adapt, innovate, and lead with a commitment to learning.

## Vision for a Healthier Future

Dr. Bhargava envisions a future where healthcare systems are:

- **Self-reliant and resilient:** Capable of responding to public health emergencies with indigenous resources and innovations.
- **Equitable and inclusive:** Ensuring that marginalized and vulnerable communities have the same access to healthcare as urban populations.
- **Technology-driven:** Harnessing the power of digital health, telemedicine, and data analytics to enhance care delivery.

He believes that India has the potential to be a global leader in affordable healthcare solutions, setting an example for other nations facing similar challenges.

## Service as a Lifelong Mission

At the core of Dr. Bhargava's philosophy is a belief in **service to humanity**.

- He has often stated that the purpose of medical science is to alleviate human suffering and promote well-being.
- His life's work reflects this principle, as he has dedicated his career to initiatives that prioritize public welfare over personal gain.

His vision extends beyond personal achievements to a broader goal of creating a healthcare system that continues to serve future generations.

## CHAPTER 10

# LEGACY AND IMPACT

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The legacy of **Dr. Balram Bhargava** is one of profound innovation, resilience, and service. His career has left an indelible mark on India's healthcare landscape and the global medical community. His contributions extend far beyond his technical achievements—they reflect a vision of healthcare that is inclusive, accessible, and transformative.

### Revolutionizing Cardiac Care

One of Dr. Bhargava's most enduring legacies is his contribution to making **affordable cardiac care** accessible to millions of Indians.

- His development of the **indigenous Platinum Iridium coil coronary stent** redefined cardiac interventions in India by drastically reducing costs.
- This innovation demonstrated that indigenous medical technology could be both high-quality and affordable, setting a precedent for future frugal innovations.

By championing affordable solutions, Dr. Bhargava has saved countless lives and set a global example for accessible healthcare.

## Strengthening India's Public Health System

As the **Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**, Dr. Bhargava played a pivotal role in strengthening India's public health infrastructure.

- His leadership during the **COVID-19 pandemic** ensured that India could rapidly expand its testing capacity, develop indigenous diagnostic kits, and roll out an effective vaccination strategy.
- His work has reinforced the importance of **self-reliance in biomedical research**, ensuring that India is better prepared to face future health crises.

His contributions have made ICMR a symbol of resilience and scientific excellence in public health.

## Empowering Healthcare Innovators

Through the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)**, Dr. Bhargava has empowered a generation of healthcare innovators.

- SiB's emphasis on need-based, affordable medical device development has resulted in the creation of life-saving innovations that address healthcare gaps in low-resource settings.
- His mentorship and support have inspired innovators to create technologies that prioritize **functionality, affordability, and accessibility**.

SiB's success is a testament to Dr. Bhargava's belief in the potential of cross-disciplinary collaboration and frugal innovation.

## **Advocating for Ethical Research and Evidence-Based Policy**

Dr. Bhargava's legacy includes his commitment to **ethical research practices** and **evidence-based policymaking**.

- Under his leadership, ICMR strengthened its protocols for clinical trials, ensuring that research adhered to the highest ethical standards.
- His advocacy for data-driven health policies has improved decision-making processes and fostered public trust in science.

His contributions have helped establish India as a global leader in transparent and impactful biomedical research.

## **Addressing Health Inequities**

A key component of Dr. Bhargava's legacy is his unwavering commitment to **health equity**.

- He has consistently championed policies and initiatives that address the social determinants of health, such as poverty, education, and sanitation.
- His work has focused on ensuring that underserved communities have access to the same quality of care as urban populations.

His dedication to health equity has set new benchmarks for inclusive healthcare, making a lasting impact on public health policy.

## Contributions to Global Health

Dr. Bhargava's influence extends beyond national borders.

- His leadership in the fight against **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)** and his contributions to vaccine research have earned him recognition on the global stage.
- His work has reinforced India's role as a key player in international health collaborations and research partnerships.

Through his global initiatives, Dr. Bhargava has contributed to strengthening healthcare systems in low- and middle-income countries worldwide.

## Inspiring Future Leaders

Dr. Bhargava's mentorship has created a ripple effect that continues to inspire future leaders in healthcare and research.

- His students, mentees, and collaborators have carried forward his values of innovation, empathy, and resilience.
- Many of his mentees now lead significant public health programs and research initiatives, further amplifying his legacy.

## Awards and Recognitions

The numerous awards and honors bestowed upon Dr. Bhargava are a reflection of his extraordinary contributions to medicine and public health.

- Honors such as the **Padma Shri** and the **Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health** are testaments to his global impact.
- However, his greatest legacy is the tangible improvement in public health outcomes that his work has achieved.

## **A Lasting Influence**

Dr. Bhargava's contributions have redefined healthcare innovation and public health in India. His work serves as a reminder that impactful leadership is not about accolades but about creating sustainable solutions that serve humanity.

His legacy is not only written in research papers and policy reforms but also in the lives he has touched and the institutions he has strengthened. His vision continues to inspire future generations of healthcare leaders, researchers, and innovators.

## C O N C L U S I O N

# CONCLUSION

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The journey of **Dr. Balram Bhargava** is one of extraordinary dedication, resilience, and innovation. From his early days as a young medical student with a passion for cardiology to his rise as a global leader in public health and research, Dr. Bhargava has exemplified the values of excellence, empathy, and service.

Through his groundbreaking contributions to cardiac care, his visionary leadership at the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**, and his role as the founder of the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)**, Dr. Bhargava has transformed the way healthcare is delivered and experienced. His work in developing indigenous, affordable medical devices and strengthening India's public health infrastructure has saved countless lives and paved the way for a more self-reliant healthcare system.

Dr. Bhargava's contributions to healthcare and public health will continue to shape the future for generations to come. His unwavering belief in the potential of innovation, collaboration, and compassion has left an indelible mark on India's healthcare system and the global medical community.

As this book concludes, the message is clear: the legacy of **Dr. Balram Bhargava** is a testament to what can be achieved when knowledge, compassion, and purpose come together in the service of humanity.

## ANNEXURES

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### Annexure 1: Timeline of Dr. Balram Bhargava's Life and Career

- **1970s:** Completed primary and secondary education in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- **1985:** Graduated with an MBBS degree from **King George's Medical College** (now KGMU).
- **1988:** Completed MD in Internal Medicine, specializing in Cardiology at **AIIMS**, New Delhi.
- **1992:** Joined **AIIMS** as a faculty member in the Department of Cardiology.
- **2010:** Established the **School of International Biodesign (SiB)** in collaboration with Stanford University and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
- **2014:** Conferred with the **Padma Shri** for contributions to medical science and innovation.
- **2018:** Appointed **Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**.
- **2020:** Played a pivotal role in India's **COVID-19 pandemic** response, including the development of indigenous diagnostic kits and vaccines.
- **2021:** Oversaw the ICMR's successful collaboration with Bharat Biotech in the development of **Covaxin**.

- **2022:** Awarded the **Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health** by the World Health Organization (WHO).

## **Annexure 2: Selected Speeches and Interviews**

- **Keynote Address at the Global Health Innovation Summit (2019):** "*The Future of Affordable Healthcare Solutions*"
- **Interview with Health Policy India (2020):** Insights into India's COVID-19 testing strategy and indigenous vaccine development.
- **Lecture at AIIMS Annual Conference (2021):** "*Frugal Innovation and Its Role in Global Health Equity*"

## **Annexure 3: Major Innovations and Contributions**

- **Platinum Iridium Coronary Stent:** A cost-effective cardiac stent that made coronary interventions more accessible.
- **School of International Biodesign (SiB):** An interdisciplinary innovation program that produced life-saving medical devices like the Fetal Lite fetal monitoring device.
- **COVID-19 Diagnostic Kits:** Development of low-cost, rapid diagnostic kits during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Mission SHAKTI:** A national initiative to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

## APPENDIX

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### Appendix 1: Glossary of Key Terms

- **Frugal Innovation:** The process of developing cost-effective solutions without compromising quality, often aimed at addressing healthcare challenges in resource-limited settings.
- **Biodesign:** An interdisciplinary approach to developing medical devices and technologies that address unmet clinical needs.
- **Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD):** A preventable condition caused by untreated streptococcal infections that can lead to serious heart complications.

### Appendix 2: Collaborators and Institutions

- **ICMR Collaborations:** Partnerships with global health organizations like WHO, NIH, and national research institutes.
- **Academic Collaborations:** Collaborative projects with **AIIMS**, **Stanford University**, and **Indian universities** for innovation and biodesign training.
- **Startups and Innovators:** Support for med-tech startups through SiB and other innovation programs.
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