

Pitchfest Brochure

Theme: Co-Creating the Future:
Healthcare Technology Revolution



14th & 15th November,
2026 (Saturday and
Sunday)



Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone, AMTZ
CAMPUS, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

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Join Us

Dear Colleagues,

CAHOTECH 2026 – Powering India's Healthcare Transformation through Technology and Collaboration

CAHOTECH, the annual healthcare technology conference of CAHO, invites all stakeholders - hospitals, clinicians, nurses, diagnostics, administrators, policymakers, academia, healthcare startups and industry partners to come together in a collective commitment to safer, more reliable, and patient-centred healthcare.

The 2026 edition marks a significant milestone with the coming together of CAHO and the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) - a unique partnership that brings clinical excellence and technological innovation onto a common platform. This collaboration reflects a powerful synergy between healthcare providers and one of India's most advanced medical technology manufacturing and innovation hubs, creating unprecedented opportunities to accelerate impactful solutions.

CAHOTECH 2026 will spotlight the India story of healthcare technology adoption, with hospitals taking centre stage to showcase their early adoption journeys and real-world implementation of innovative solutions. Alongside, emerging startups will present disruptive, scalable ideas to a distinguished audience of healthcare leaders, incubators, and investors - creating a fertile ground for collaboration and growth.

The conference will then unfold into a rich exchange of knowledge, featuring a compelling lineup of national and international experts who will share insights on digital health, artificial intelligence, automation, medtech manufacturing, and data-driven care. Complementing these sessions will be a vibrant medical expo and curated networking opportunities, enabling meaningful connections, partnerships, and the co-creation of solutions that can transform patient outcomes and healthcare delivery at scale.

CAHOTECH 2026 aims to help healthcare professionals navigate the next phase of India's healthcare evolution—one that is collaborative, technology-enabled, and globally influential.

Regards,



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CAHOTECH 2026 Pitchfest

Step into the **Future of
Healthcare** with CAHOTECH!



Are you a visionary startup
with breakthrough healthcare
innovations?



Do you want to showcase your
solutions to industry leaders,
investors, and decision-makers?

Why Join Pitchfest @ CAHOTECH?

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| ■ Direct Access to Hospitals | Connect with CEOs, COOs, clinicians, and administrators eager to adopt transformative solutions. |
| ■ Investor Connect | Engage with sector-focused investors who understand healthcare's unique challenges and opportunities. |
| ■ Expert Mentorship | Learn from seasoned entrepreneurs, clinicians, and industry leaders. |
| ■ Accelerated Growth | Unlock pilots, partnerships, funding, and faster market entry. |
| ■ Exclusive Networking | Enjoy priority slots for "speed-dating" with stakeholders, premium stalls, and invite-only networking dinners. |
| ■ Visibility in Media | Selected startups will be featured in CAHO's monthly magazine The SPARK, gaining national exposure. |
| ■ Recognition & Rewards | Compete for prizes worth ₹5 lakh, gain national visibility, and build sector credibility. |

Startups that apply for the Pitch Fest will receive complimentary conference registration.



Be Seen. Be Heard. Be the Future.

This is your chance to pitch, connect,
and accelerate your journey at
CAHOTEC 2026 Pitchfest.

Key Highlights

	Submission Deadline		Shortlist Announcement		Grand Jury – Live Pitch		Finalist Presentation
	15th October 2026		20th October 2026		14th November 2026 08:30 AM – 5:00 PM IST AMTZ Campus, Visakhapatnam		15th November 2026 Main Conference Session AMTZ Campus, Visakhapatnam

Application Categories



Clinical Innovations

Solutions that directly impact
patient diagnosis, treatment,
and outcomes.

Examples: AI-enabled
radiology & pathology, remote
patient monitoring & tele-ICU,
smart surgical/diagnostic
devices, clinical decision
support systems (CDSS),
robotics in surgery & rehab.



Non-Clinical / Operational Excellence

Innovations that improve
hospital administration,
workflows, safety, and
efficiency.

Examples: AI-powered supply
chain & inventory
management, predictive
staffing tools, energy
efficiency & green healthcare,
digital compliance trackers,
cybersecurity & data privacy.



Patient Engagement & Safety

Platforms that empower
patients, enhance trust, and
ensure safer care.

Examples: Digital consent
platforms, AI chatbots for
triage, gamified adherence
& wellness apps, CRM tools
for patient experience, and
infection prevention &
medication safety solutions.

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Join India's Premier Healthcare Startups Showcase



An Opportunity to gain visibility, receive expert feedback, build strategic partnerships, and accelerate the adoption of your solution across the healthcare ecosystem.

Applications are invited from startups working in:

01

Artificial Intelligence & Advanced Analytics

AI-powered solutions for clinical decision support, predictive analytics, medical imaging, workflow automation, and operational intelligence.

02

Digital Health & Virtual Care

Telemedicine, digital therapeutics, patient engagement platforms, mobile health applications, and connected healthcare ecosystems.

03

Biomedical Engineering & Medical Innovation

Innovative biomedical technologies, bioinstrumentation, implantable devices, biomaterials, and healthcare engineering solutions.

04

Clinical Engineering & Smart Hospitals

Technologies for medical equipment management, asset tracking, smart infrastructure, calibration, maintenance, and hospital engineering excellence.

05

Diagnostics & Precision Healthcare

Point-of-care diagnostics, molecular diagnostics, pathology innovations, imaging technologies, screening tools, and precision medicine solutions.

06

Pharmacy Technology & Medication Safety

Medication management systems, smart dispensing, pharmacy automation, drug adherence technologies, and medication safety innovations.

07

Rehabilitation Technology, Robotics & Assistive Care

Rehabilitation devices, robotic systems, exoskeletons, prosthetics, assistive technologies, and solutions enhancing functional recovery.



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Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics Technology

Digital nutrition platforms, AI-based diet planning, therapeutic nutrition solutions, and technologies supporting personalized patient care.

09

EMR, EHR & Clinical Decision Support Systems

Electronic medical records, interoperability solutions, clinical intelligence tools, documentation systems, and evidence-based decision support.

10

Remote Patient Monitoring, Wearables & Connected Care

Wearables, IoT-enabled monitoring, remote patient monitoring, ICU technologies, and continuous health tracking solutions.

11

Healthcare Technology Assessment & Value-Based Care

Solutions supporting health economics, outcomes measurement, technology assessment, cost-effectiveness analysis, and value-based healthcare.

12

Healthcare Cybersecurity, Smart Surveillance & Command Centres

Cybersecurity, intelligent surveillance, command centers, access control, risk monitoring, and AI-driven operational management.

13

Patient Safety, Quality & Accreditation Technologies

Technologies enhancing patient safety, infection prevention, quality improvement, clinical governance, and accreditation readiness.

14

Sustainability & Green Healthcare Technologies

Innovations in waste management, energy efficiency, water conservation, carbon reduction, and environmentally sustainable healthcare.

15

Make in India Healthcare Technologies

Indigenously developed medical devices, diagnostics, digital platforms, healthcare equipment, and technologies supporting Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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Emerging Healthcare Technologies

Next-generation innovations including AR/VR, digital twins, blockchain, genomics, nanotechnology, quantum applications, and future healthcare solutions.



About CAHO

CAHO is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering quality initiatives in Indian healthcare settings through focused events, courses, workshops, and training programs.

We firmly believe that accreditation marks the initiation of a quality journey. Our mission is to methodically instill and propagate the essence of quality in healthcare at the grassroots level, fostering a culture of safety within healthcare organizations.

As a collective association of healthcare institutions, diagnostics centers, and individuals, we synergize our resources to achieve shared objectives in promoting quality, patient safety, and accreditation. Serving as the driving force for continuous quality improvement, we actively collaborate with all stakeholders to embark on a journey beyond accreditation.

Vision

To be an admired global leader transforming healthcare quality and safety.

Purpose

Working together for safer healthcare and add value to all stakeholders.



14 November

PitchFest for Healthcare Start Ups

**Hospital Innovation & Early
Technology Adoption Showcase**

AMTZ Facility Tour

15 November

**Main Conference &
Mega Healthcare Technology Expo**

AT AMTZ CAMPUS, VIZAG



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CAHOTECH 2025 WINNERS

Pitchfest for Healthcare Startups



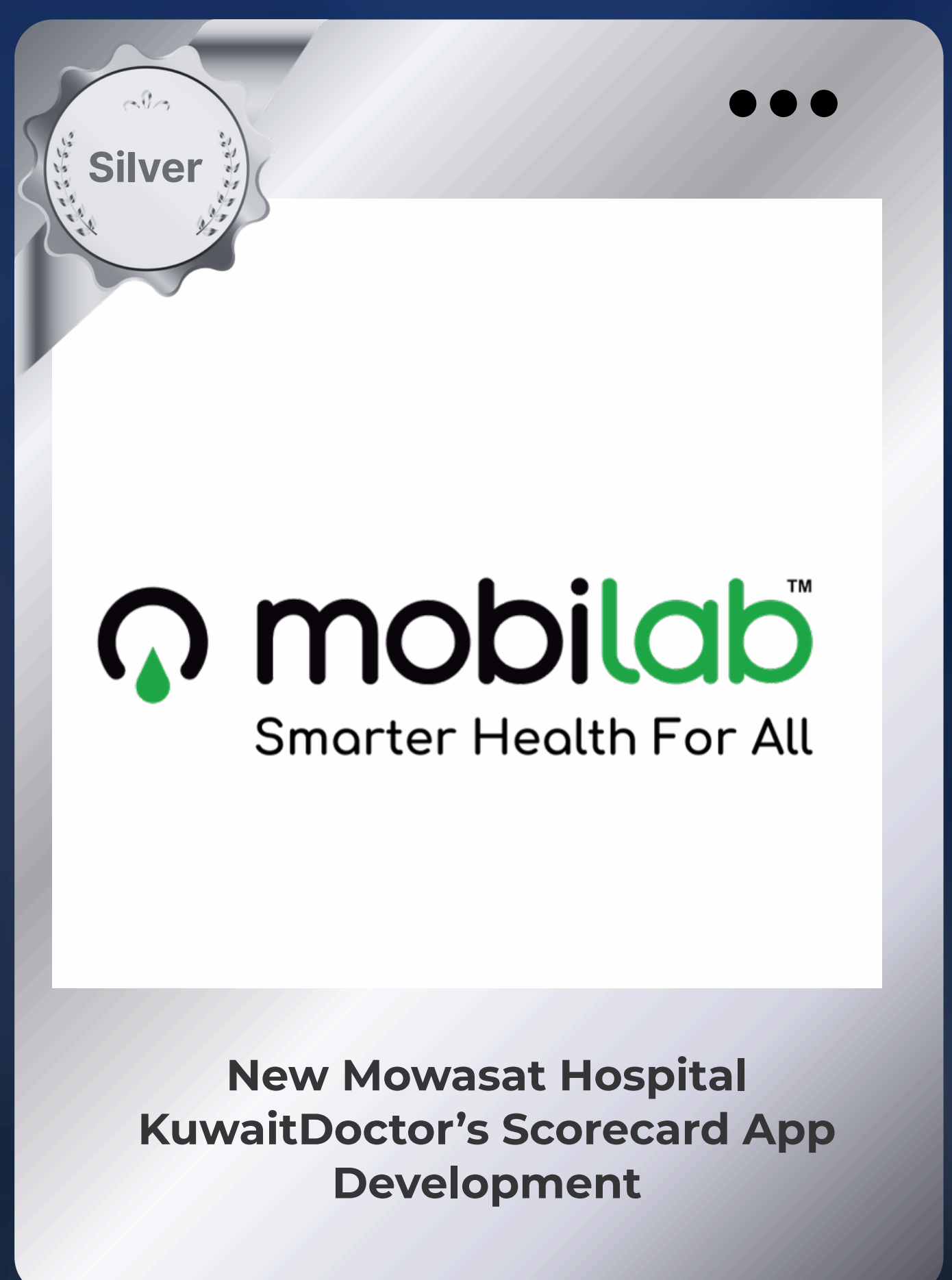
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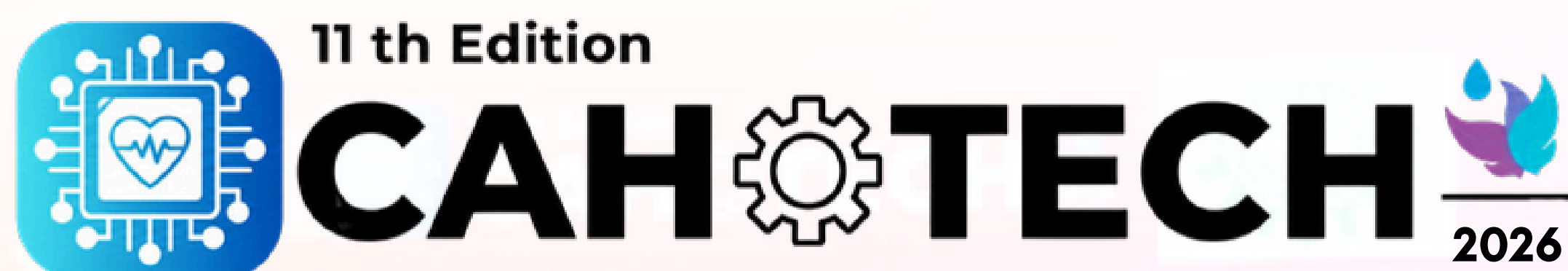
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Solving Challenges in Healthcare

15th & 16th November 2025, @ KIIT, Bhubaneswar, Orissa

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY



CAHOTECH 2025



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