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Healthcare is entering a transformational phase where **pharmaceutical innovation, biotechnology, medical devices, artificial intelligence, digital health, precision medicine, advanced diagnostics and data-driven healthcare** are converging.

India is moving beyond its traditional strength in affordable medicines towards becoming a stronger global hub for **innovation, drug discovery, medical technology, biomanufacturing and healthcare delivery.** The National Policy on R&D and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech sector specifically highlights the need to strengthen India's innovation ecosystem, reduce import dependence and encourage indigenous development of cutting-edge products and technologies.

At the same time, medical technology is becoming increasingly software-driven. CDSCO has recently issued guidance specifically addressing **Medical Device Software,** while regulatory developments around IVDs, risk classification, performance evaluation and post-market surveillance demonstrate the increasing sophistication of India's MedTech ecosystem.

Gujarat is particularly well positioned to participate in this transformation because of its established pharmaceutical and manufacturing base and its emerging biotechnology and innovation ecosystem. The state's 2026-31 STI Policy specifically identifies **medical technology, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, AI, deep tech and advanced technologies** as priority areas.

Against this backdrop, **NERVE 2027 - Healthcare, Pharma & Medical Technology Summit** will bring together policymakers, healthcare leaders, pharmaceutical companies, medical-device manufacturers, hospitals, researchers, investors, startups, technology companies, academia and international stakeholders.

The Summit will create a platform to discuss the next generation of healthcare while facilitating **business partnerships, technology collaborations, investment, R&D partnerships, startup-industry connections and policy dialogue.**

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WHY NERVE, WHY NOW ? WHY GUJARAT ?

Healthcare is undergoing one of the most significant transformations in its history. Advances in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, precision medicine, medical devices, digital health, diagnostics and pharmaceutical research are fundamentally changing how healthcare is researched, developed, delivered and experienced.

At the same time, India is emerging as a critical global hub for pharmaceutical manufacturing, healthcare innovation and affordable medical technology. NERVE Gujarat 2026 aims to capture this momentum by creating a platform where India's healthcare ambitions meet global opportunities, connecting ideas with investment, research with industry and innovation with scalable solutions.

Gujarat has established itself as one of India's most important industrial and pharmaceutical destinations, supported by a strong manufacturing ecosystem, entrepreneurial culture, world-class infrastructure and an expanding base of research and innovation institutions. The state's pharmaceutical and chemical industries, emerging biotechnology ecosystem and growing interest in medical technology position Gujarat uniquely within India's healthcare landscape.



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PHARMACEUTICAL & CHEMICAL HUB IN INDIA

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INDUSTRIAL DESTINATION WITH WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

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EMERGING BIOTECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM



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OBJECTIVES

Build a unified Healthcare–Pharma–MedTech ecosystem

Bring together traditionally separate sectors and create stronger connections between:

Healthcare + Pharma + Biotech + MedTech + AI + Digital Health + Academia + Investment

Accelerate Research-to-Market

Create mechanisms for converting research and intellectual property into:

- → **Products**
- → **Technologies**
- → **Startups**
- → **Licensable technologies**
- → **Manufacturing opportunities**
- → **Global businesses**

Promote Indigenous Innovation

*Focus on **"Designed, Developed & Made in India"** healthcare technologies and reduce dependence on imported critical technologies.*

Strengthen Gujarat as a Healthcare Innovation Hub

Position Ahmedabad–Gandhinagar and Gujarat as a destination for:

- → **Pharma R&D**
- → **Biotechnology**
- → **Medical devices**
- → **Diagnostics**
- → **Digital health**
- → **Clinical research**
- → **Healthcare startups**
- → **Health-tech manufacturing**

Facilitate Investment

Connect startups, innovators and companies with:

- → **Venture capital**
- → **Private equity**
- → **Corporate investors**
- → **Banks**
- → **Government schemes**
- → **Strategic investors**

Encourage Industry–Academia Collaboration

Create stronger partnerships between:

- → **Universities**
- → **Hospitals**
- → **Startups**
- → **Research Institutions**
- → **Industry**

Promote Global Market Access

Discuss exports, regulatory pathways, international certifications, clinical validation and global partnerships.

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KEY FOCUS AREAS - 8 Major Pillars For NERVE 2026.

N — New Healthcare Technologies

AI, robotics, digital health, remote monitoring, virtual care and connected healthcare.

E — Emerging Pharma & Biotech

Biologics, biosimilars, vaccines, cell & gene therapy, precision medicine and novel drug discovery.

R — Research & Innovation

R&D, translational research, clinical research, IP, technology transfer and commercialization.

V — Vitality & Preventive Healthcare

Preventive healthcare, chronic disease management, nutrition, wellness, ageing and population health.

E — Excellence in Medical Technology

Medical devices, diagnostics, surgical technology, medical imaging, implants, wearables and health-tech hardware.

NERVE STARTUPS INNOVATION ZONE

A small exhibition alongside the summit Sections :



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DELEGATE PROFILE - Target 300+ Delegates from :

INDUSTRY	GOVERNMENT	KNOWLEDGE ECOSYSTEM	FINANCE	ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Pharma companies	Central ministries	IITs	VC funds	Healthcare startups
Medical-device manufacturers	Gujarat Government	Universities	PE funds	Biotech startups
Diagnostics	Regulators	Medical colleges	Banks	MedTech startups
Biotechnology	Healthcare agencies	Research institutions	Family offices	Digital-health startups
Hospitals	Investment agencies	Laboratories	Corporate investors	
CROs		Technology-transfer offices		
CDMOs				
Healthcare technology				
AI companies				

KEY OUTCOMES

NERVE 2026 should target measurable outcomes rather than only attendance.

300+ Delegates	**100+** B2B/B2G Meetings	**50+** Industry & Institutional Participants	**25+** Speakers
25+ Healthcare Startups	**15+** Potential MoUs / LOIs	**10+** Investment / Technology Discussions	**1** Gujarat Healthcare Innovation Roadmap

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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INAUGURAL SESSION

"Gujarat 2030: Building a Global Healthcare, Pharma & MedTech Innovation Hub"

Key discussion Points

- Gujarat's next phase of pharma growth
- Moving from manufacturing to innovation and R&D
- Gujarat as a MedTech manufacturing and export hub
- AI and digital transformation in healthcare
- Biotechnology and advanced life sciences
- Industry–academia–government collaboration
- Attracting healthcare investments to Gujarat
- Building globally competitive healthcare companies from Gujarat

SESSION 1 - PHARMA & BIOTECH

"Beyond Generics: India's Next Pharma & Biotech Revolution"

Gujarat already has a huge pharma base, but the next opportunity is moving towards high-value, research-led and biologics-driven pharma.

Key discussion Points

- Beyond generics: innovative pharma
- Biologics & biosimilars
- GLP-1 and peptide-based therapies
- Complex injectables and drug delivery
- AI-driven drug discovery
- Contract research & CDMO opportunities
- API and pharmaceutical supply-chain resilience
- Clinical research and regulatory pathways
- Pharma R&D in Gujarat
- Export competitiveness
- From formulation manufacturing to new molecular entities

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SESSION 2- MEDTECH + AI + DIGITAL HEALTH

"Healthcare 4.0: AI, MedTech & the Intelligent Hospital" - Can Gujarat build the intelligent hospital of the future?

The healthcare market is moving from standalone medical devices towards
connected devices + AI + data + remote monitoring + robotics + digital hospitals.

Gujarat's current HealthTech ecosystem is already seeing startups working in AI-driven healthcare, biopsy devices, diagnostics, rehabilitation and other technology-led solutions.

Key discussion Points

- Generative AI in healthcare
- AI-assisted diagnosis
- AI in radiology and pathology
- Agentic AI and clinical decision support
- Smart hospitals
- Connected medical devices
- Remote patient monitoring
- Robotics in surgery
- Digital diagnostics
- Wearables
- Health data and interoperability
- Cybersecurity
- Medical-device software
- From prototype to clinical validation

SESSION 3 — RESEARCH, INVESTMENT & GLOBAL MARKET

"From Lab to Global Market: Financing, Scaling & Exporting Healthcare Innovation"

Research → IP → Prototype → Clinical Validation → Regulatory Approval → Investment → Manufacturing → Global Market

Key discussion Points

- Why good healthcare research doesn't reach the market
- Technology transfer
- Healthcare IP and patents
- Clinical validation
- Regulatory approvals
- Startup–hospital partnerships
- Startup–pharma partnerships
- Corporate venture capital
- Healthcare investment
- MedTech manufacturing
- Export markets
- Gujarat-to-global healthcare companies
- Government support and incentives

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NERVE HEALTHCARE, PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AWARDS 2027

Celebrating Excellence, Innovation & Impact Across the Ecosystem.

The NERVE Awards will recognise outstanding organisations, leaders, innovators, researchers and emerging enterprises contributing to the advancement of healthcare, pharmaceuticals and medical technology.

The awards will celebrate excellence across pharma & biotechnology, medical technology, healthcare innovation, AI & digital health, research, diagnostics, healthcare startups and industry leadership, providing a prestigious platform to acknowledge achievements that are shaping the future of healthcare.



AWARD NOMINATION

Organisations are invited to submit their nominations under the relevant sectoral award categories for consideration by the NERVE Gujarat 2026 Committee..

Nomination Fee: ₹25,000 + GST.

The nomination fees will be refunded if your submission ends up outside the final award selection.

Note: Submission of a nomination does not guarantee selection or conferment of an award. All entries will be evaluated through a structured assessment process by the NERVE Gujarat 2027 Committee.

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