HEALTHACON 2026

Health Innovation Lab and Conclave

Health begins where we live



12-14 November 2026

VARKALA - Native Retreats

Conclave · 14 November · 2:00-5:00 PM

KOLLAM - The Leela Ashtamudi

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The Health Innovation Lab

A fully funded, three-day residential programme where young people from Kerala turn a real community health problem into a working solution - guided by doctors, technologists and policy experts, using The Ignite Foundation's SSTx design-thinking method.

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Who can apply

- Ages 18-35, from Kerala
- No degree required
- Individually or in teams of 2-4
- English or Malayalam

What is covered

- Food, accommodation and training
- Travel to and from the venue is your own

Seed funding

Up to ₹2.5 lakh in total for the most promising Lab solutions, with support towards pilots.

Six themes to work on

Community-based Care
access, continuity, community support

Lifestyle Handholding
diet, activity, sleep, risk factors

Mental Health & Wellbeing
literacy, early support, inclusion

Technology & AI
safe, equitable digital tools

Environmental Oncology
exposure awareness, cancer prevention

Social & Behaviour Change
communication that changes practice

How the three days flow

1. **Day 1** Discover the problem with mentors
2. **Day 2** Co-design and prototype
3. **Day 3** Test, pitch and showcase at the Conclave

The Conclave

HEALTHACON 2026 closes with a public conclave that brings together policymakers, health experts, environmentalists, community leaders and the Lab's young innovators.

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1 **INNOVATE** — 2:00-3:00 PM

Health Innovation Lab showcase

Teams fresh from the three-day residential Lab at Varkala present the working solutions they built for community health challenges.

2 **ENGAGE** — 3:00-4:00 PM

Panel discussion: Changing Environment, Changing Health

An expert-led panel on how climate change, air and water pollution, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation shape disease patterns, public health and wellbeing - and how Kerala can move towards sustainable, prevention-first healthcare.

3 **ACT** — 4:00-5:00 PM

Inaugural Ceremony - Leadership Conclave

- Presentation of the **Nalla Swasam** community air-quality survey findings
- Announcement of the Health Innovation Lab winning teams and seed-funding awards

Invitations to panellists and inaugural guests are in progress; confirmed names will appear in the final programme brochure.

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Health Innovation Lab showcase

3:00 PM

Panel: Changing Environment, Changing Health

4:00 PM

Inaugural Ceremony - Leadership Conclave, with the Nalla Swasam findings and the Lab winners' announcement

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Panellist and guest line-up to be confirmed.

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