National Stroke Summit 2026
24 March 2026
Ministerial Session- 1800 Hours

Welcome Address- Dr Harsh Mahajan, *Mentor, FICCI Health Sector; Founder and Chairman, Mahajan Imaging & Labs*

- **Shri J P Nadda** – Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India – ***Virtual Message***
- **Shri Prataprao Jadhav,** Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India
- **Prof V K Paul** – Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India
- **Dr Anil Bonde** – Hon'ble Member of Parliament; Chairperson, Indian Medical Parliamentarians Forum (IMPF)
- **Dr Jashvantsinh Parmar** – Member of Parliament; Joint Convenor, Indian Medical Parliamentarians Forum (IMPF)
- **Dr Jeyaraj Pandian** – President, World Stroke Organization; Professor and Head of Neurology; Principal & Dean, Christian Medical College (CMC), Ludhiana
- **Mr Mandeep Singh Kumar** – Member, FICCI Medical Device Committee; Vice President & Managing Director, India Medtronic

A very good evening to all the dignitaries, distinguished speakers, friends from the media and all our valued delegates,

It is indeed a privilege to address this august gathering at the close of the National Stroke Summit 2026. Today's deliberations have been insightful, forward-looking, and strongly action-oriented, reflecting a shared commitment to addressing one of India's most pressing public health priorities.

Stroke continues to be a leading cause of mortality and long-term disability in India, with over **1.8 million new cases annually** and nearly **10% of all deaths** attributed to it. Importantly, a large proportion of these cases are preventable, and outcomes can be significantly improved through timely recognition and intervention. This underscores the

importance of this year's theme- **'StrokePeRok'**- which calls for stronger focus on **prevention, awareness, and early action**.

Throughout the day, discussions have clearly highlighted the need for a **coordinated and integrated approach**. Strengthening early detection, improving emergency response systems, expanding **stroke-ready centres**, and building capacity across healthcare providers are essential to creating an effective stroke care ecosystem. Equally important is enhancing **public awareness**, ensuring that symptoms are recognised early and patients receive care within the critical time window.

At FICCI, we firmly believe that collaboration is key. Continued partnership between government, industry, clinicians, and academia will be critical in translating today's discussions into **tangible outcomes**. As we move ahead, it is important that the **momentum generated today is sustained** through continued engagement, policy alignment, and effective implementation on the ground.

On behalf of FICCI, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Shri J. P. Nadda Ji & Shri Prataprao Jadhav ji** for their valuable support and guidance, and continued leadership in strengthening India's healthcare system.

I also extend a heartfelt welcome to **Prof. V. K. Paul**, **Dr. Anil Bonde**, **and Dr. Jashvantsinh Parmar**, for their esteemed presence today. I also welcome all our distinguished speakers, partners, and delegates who have joined us today.

With this, we all reaffirm our collective commitment towards 'StrokePeRok'- to prevent stroke, to act in time, and to improve outcomes for millions across the country.

Thank you.