

Spine Times.



FIELD REPORT NO. 05

COVER STORY



32
PROCEDURES · 5-DAYCAMP

THE COVER FEATURE

Straightening the Spine, Steadying a Village.

FIELD NOTE · 22-26 JULY, 2026

Where the road ends, the surgery begins.

*Every consultation, every operation
and every recovery reflected the
strength of collaboration and years of
trusted partnership.*

SEARCH

**Hospital became
home to another The
Spine Foundation
camp, bringing
together specialists,
local clinicians and
hospital teams with
one shared goal:
making expert spine
care available closer
to where people live.**



GADCHIROLI JOURNAL

Inside five days of impact.

● The Journey Begins

Surgeons, anaesthetists, physios and volunteers assemble on platform. Instruments, implants, and pre- op films are loaded. The team travels together a moving hospital in coach.



● Pre-op assessment at SEARCH

Every listed patient is examined again on site: gait, curve rigidity, neurology, marking of levels. X-rays are re-read on the ward. The list for Day 1 of surgery is finalised by evening.



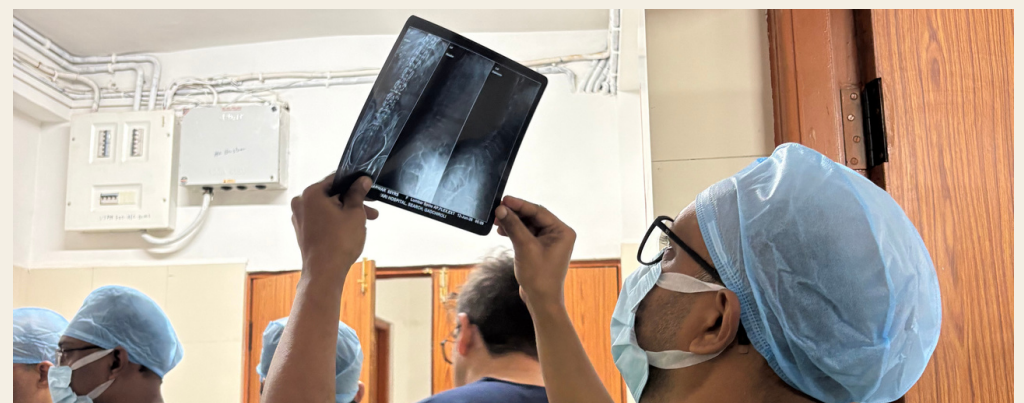
● Scoliosis correction goes first

The Hartshill + SLW deformity correction opens the operating list. Two theatres run in parallel through the afternoon decompressions and discectomies on the second table.



● Fixations, tandem & cervical

Eight lumbar fixations, a dorsal-plus-lumbar tandem decompression, and a cervical decompression complete the second surgical day. A vertebroplasty and medial bundle-branch block are added under the same anaesthesia block.



● Rounds, mobilisation, briefing

All patients remained afebrile with stable vital signs. Drain outputs were monitored and remained below 200 ml. The scoliosis patient was mobilised with assisted walking, while physiotherapy care plans were handed over to the SEARCH team for continued rehabilitation.



THE LEDGER · SEARCH, GADCHIROLI

Thirty-two *procedures.* Two days.

Every number represents a patient who received expert care closer to home.

32	30	01	01
Procedures	Spine Surgeries	Scoliosis Correction	Pain Block



PROCEDURES PERFORMED

• Lumbar Decompression	10
• Lumbar Decompression & Discectomy	08
• Lumbar Decompression & Fixation	08
• Cervical Decompression	01
• Dorsal + Lumbar Tandem Decompression	01
• Scoliosis Deformity Correction · Hartshill + SLW	01
• Vertebroplasty + Medial Branch Block	01
• Pain Block	01

A DISTRICT FIRST · SCOLIOSIS CORRECTION

A first for Gadchiroli

This camp marked an important milestone with the first scoliosis deformity correction performed during a Gadchiroli Spine Camp.



Scoliosis

is more than just a curved spine it's a condition that affects posture, balance, and overall spinal health. Characterised by an abnormal sideways curve in the shape of an "S" or "C", scoliosis can develop at any age but is most commonly diagnosed during adolescence.

It's a reminder of how long standing partnerships continue to bring advanced spine care to communities where it can make the greatest difference.



GUESTS IN THE CAMP

A visit TO THE CAMP



The Gadchiroli camp welcomed **Mr. Umesh Kamat** and **Mrs. Priya Bapat**, who spent time with the team to better understand the work taking place on the ground.

Their visit highlighted the dedication, collaboration and shared commitment that define every The Spine Foundation camp.



PODCAST IN THE CAMP

The story behind The Mission

**INDIA'S EMINENT
SPINE SURGEON**



INTERVIEWER

Dr. Aditya Agrawal
Orthopaedic Surgeon
AIIMS Graduate | Works with SEARCH

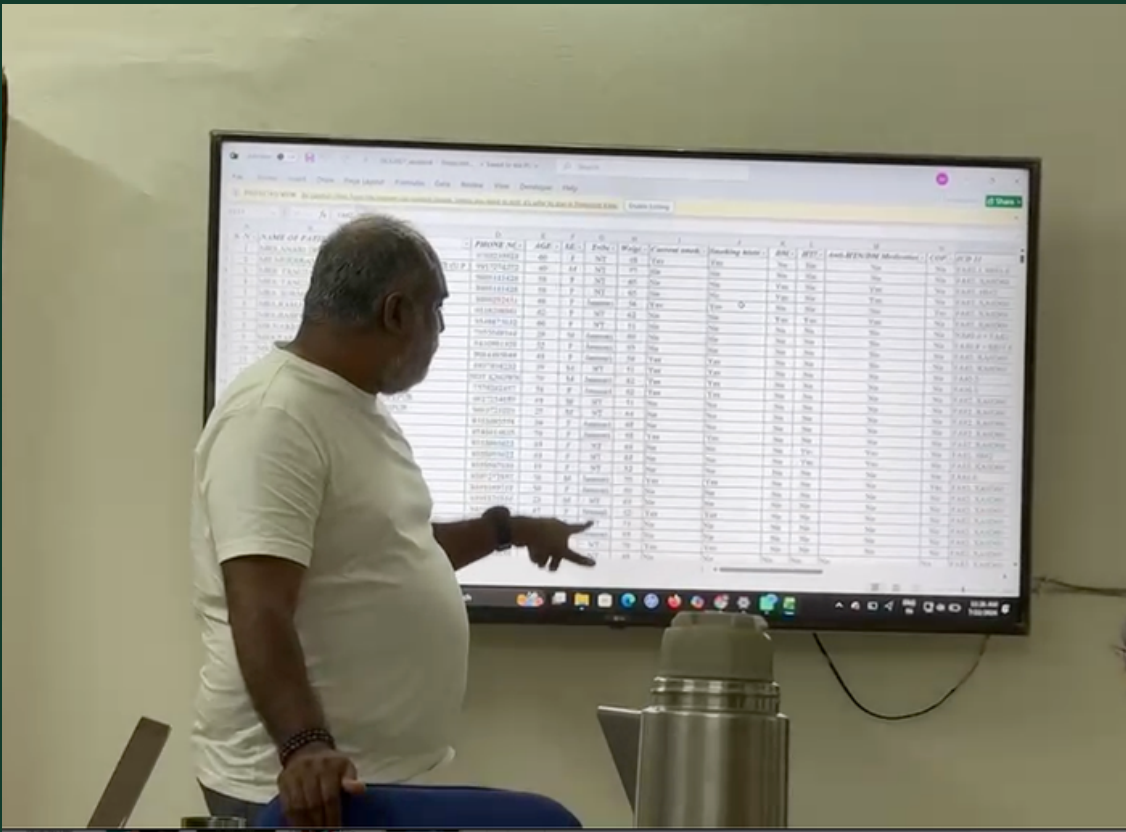
GUEST

Dr. Shekhar Bhojraj
Renowned Spine Surgeon
Founder, The Spine Foundation

The ideas that shaped a movement. A conversation on healthcare, rural outreach and the story behind The Spine Foundation. Guest Dr. SHEKHAR BHOJRAJ Host Dr. ADITYA AGRAWAL Presented by – NIRMAN – Youth for Purposeful Life.

THE SPINE FOUNDATION · GADCHIROLI · 2026

The research behind *the mission*



During the camp, Dr. Denny John worked closely with the team to support research activities, document field insights and strengthen the evidence that informs future outreach programmes.

Advancing
care through
evidence.

Research Lead - Dr. Denny John
The Spine Foundation



PHOTO ESSAY · FROM THE CAMP

Moments from the camp.

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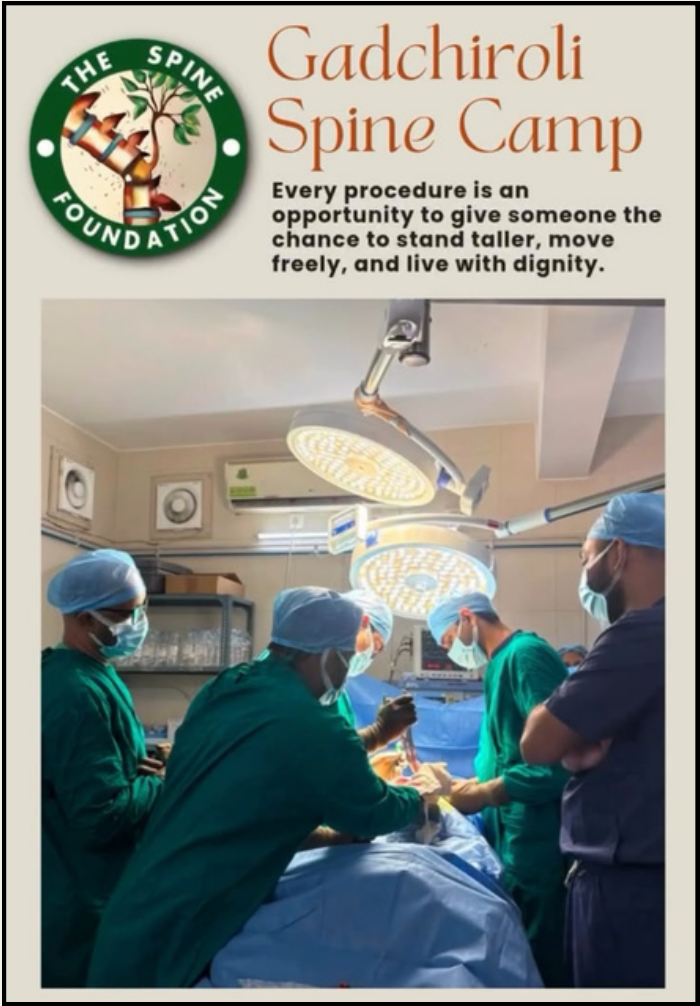
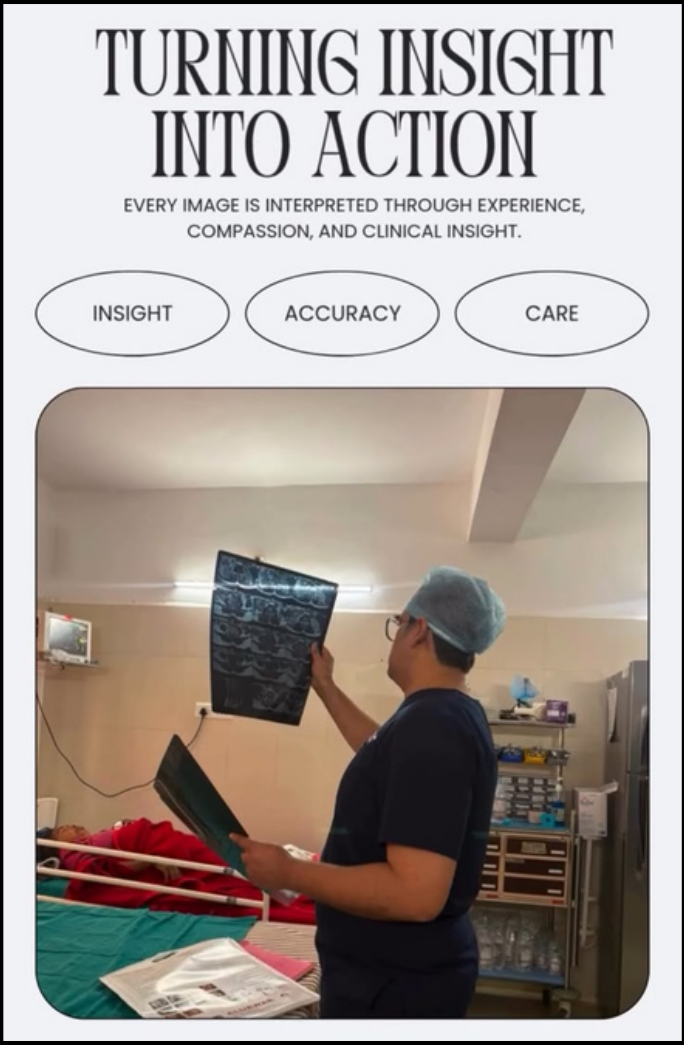
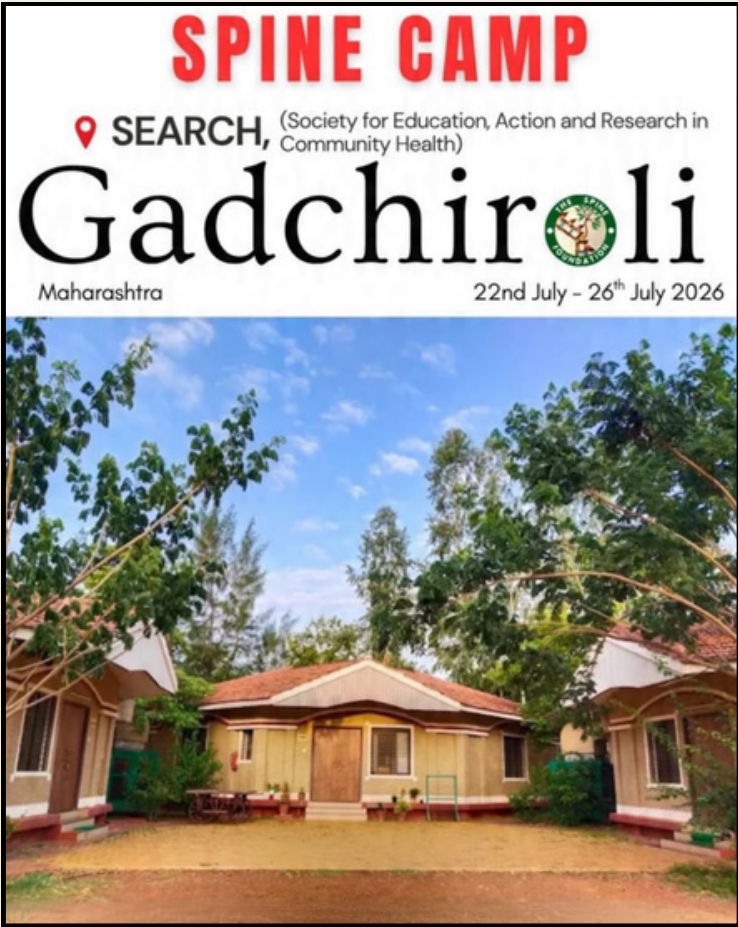


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The Leaders behind the Mission



DR. SHEKHAR BHOJRAJ



DR. GAURISH KENKRE



DR. DENNY JOHN



**DR RAGHUPRASAD
VARMA**



DR SAMEER KALKOTWAR



DR PREMIK NAGAD



DR AKSHAY GADIA

*“Vision that inspires.
Leadership that endures.”*

THE FIELD TEAM · GADCHIROLI

The people behind *EVERY MILESTONE*



Every camp is powered by people who believe everyone deserves access to quality spine care.

SURGEON TEAM

- Dr Shekhar Bhojraj
- Dr Raghuprasad Varma
- Dr Sameer Kalkotwar
- Dr Premik Nagad
- Dr Akshay Gadia
- Dr Sushruth Raj
- Dr Pranit Pawaskar
- Dr Vismay Harkare
- Dr Nrupam Mehta
- Mr Roshan Kule
- Mr Sushant Remje
- Mr Shekhar Maskar
- Mr Jogendar (Nagpur)
- Mr Dilkhush (Nagpur)

ANAESTHESIA TEAM

- Dr Jayshree Kore
- Dr Dipali Trivedi (Nagpur)
- Dr Renuka
- Dr Akansha
- Dr Shreyashi

PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM

- Dr Gaurish Kenkre
- Dr Namrata Kadam

GUESTS

- Mr Umesh Kamat
- Mrs Priya Bapat
- Dr Vishwanath Kamble

NEUROMONITORING

- Dr Jose Shaji

RESEARCH TEAM

- Dr Denny John
- RESEARCH HEAD, TSF

LOCAL COORDINATORS

- Dr Datta
- Dr Aditya
- ORTHO SURGEON, SEARCH
- Staff, SEARCH · Gadchiroli

VOLUNTEERS

- Dr Vinita Ved
- Dr Suhail Shaji
- Dr Khushali Solanki
- Dr Nikesh Madavi

