

India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre announces winners of innovation challenge

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India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre virtually announced the winners of the Innovation challenge, that aimed to identify and support innovative solutions that can impact the treatment of non-communicable and communicable diseases and help regress critical problems in the healthcare delivery landscape of India. These winning solutions were announced through a web conference by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The innovation challenge included a rigorous evaluation process by a panel of experts from AIIMS Delhi, AIIMS Jodhpur, ICMR, The Swedish Trade Commissioners office to India, AstraZeneca, AIM, C-CAMP and other partners. This committee had shortlisted 14 compelling solutions including that of Dr Aakash Kohli, Aarogya AI innovations, Adiuvo Diagnostics, Dr Amit Goyal, Dr Bharat Choudhary, Biofi Medical Healthcare India, Blackfrog Technologies, Dozee (Turtle Shell Technologies), Dr Gautam Ram Choudhary, Janitri Innovations, Jeevtronics, Qritive, Qure.ai Technologies, and ThermaiScan Technology AB.

The India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre is a collaboration between the Swedish Trade Commissioner's Office, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (AIIMS Delhi) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur (AIIMS Jodhpur).

Anders Tofte, Swedish Trade Commissioner to India said, "Through the India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre, start-ups will be able to co-create, explore solutions from multiple angles and be able to scale-up across borders".

The winning start-ups will now work with the India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre platform which will enable faster scale-up, by providing them access to cross-country mentorship, guidance on funding, and ability to ideate with like-minded innovator, access to state-of-the-art incubation centre located within AIIMS Jodhpur campus, their lab facilities and beyond.

Speaking on the occasion of the announcement of the Innovation challenge winners, Dr Randeep Gulleria, Director, AIIMS Delhi said, "Local innovation combined with global experience is very important to develop effective and scalable innovations in healthcare."

Dr Sanjeev Misra, Director, AIIMS Jodhpur said, "Jointly with Sweden we aim to provide high quality mentorship towards ideation, development and state-of-the-art incubation and testing facilities to the 14 start ups identified from the Innovation Challenge."

Leif Johansson, Non-Executive Chairman, AstraZeneca PLC said, "With its vast array of innovation centres across the globe and experience of working with innovators in India, AstraZeneca as knowledge partner to this collaboration will bring experience and expertise that start-ups can leverage for faster scale-up".