NIF invite innovative citizens to participate in Challenge COVID-19 Competition (C3)

At a time when the country is facing a great crisis due to the Corona pandemic, National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India has come up with a call inviting innovative citizens to participate in its Challenge Covid-19 Competition (C3).

All interested innovators are welcome to participate with their creative ideas and innovations for problems or issues like reducing transmission of Corona virus through original creative ideas, innovations, which can supplement the efforts of the government in slowing or eliminating the spread further, innovative ideas which can make activities like sanitising one’s hands, body, home items, and home, public places wherever required more interesting and effective, supply and distribution of essential items to people specially the elderly living alone like ideas for the door-to-door supply of essential products and services which obliter ate the need to move out of the home.

Ideas are also invited for gainful engagement of people at home, healthy food for nutrition and boosting immunity specially at the time of lockdown when raw materials are limited, (Personal Protective Equipment) PPE’s and rapid diagnostic testing facilities for capacity building of healthcare, rethinking contactless devices for the post-Corona implementation, varying needs of the different segment of the population during COVID-19 like differently-abled, people with special needs and mentally challenged population.

Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology said, "NIF is a rather unique institution with a strong focus and experience in scouting and facilitating inclusive and grass-roots innovations driven by citizens. The initiative being launched will not only create awareness, but will intimately engage a wide cross-section of society with diverse backgrounds in providing and implementing solutions."

The selected technological ideas and innovations will be supported for incubation and dissemination. The details of ideas and innovations may be sent to campaign@nifindia.org & http://nif.org.in/challenge-covid-19-competition with complete details about the person (Name, Age, Education, Occupation, Address, Contact Number, Email) and details about the idea/ innovation (including photo and video, if any). The C3 announced on March 31, 2020, will accept entries on a rolling basis until further notification.

For further details, contact Mr. Tushar Garg, tusharg@nifindia.org, Mob: 9632776780.
Reducing transmission of Corona virus

The Government has suggested a few simple measures to reduce the transmission between people. Some of them are:
1. Cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief if you cough or sneeze.
2. Wash your hands with soap and water frequently.
3. Avoid touching your face.

Sanitizing one's hands/body/house/items and home/public places wherever required

To reduce transmission, it is very important to keep our hands clean. This applies to wearing gloves, washing hands with soap and water, using hand sanitizers, and using respiratory etiquette when coughing or sneezing.

Supply and distribution of essential items to people merely the elderly and weak

Despite lockdown, many people are seen偶的 that banks and post offices are closed. However, the essential items such as food, medicine, and other necessities are being delivered to the homes of the elderly and weak.

Dental engagement of people at home

It is increasingly becoming difficult for people, specially the children. The Government has suggested that people can also engage in productive activities at home.

PPE's and Rapid diagnosis testing facilities for capacity building of healthcare

Any amount of healthcare preparedness seemed very vital, dealing with COVID-19. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) has been given the utmost importance. Medical staff and healthcare workers are now being provided with adequate PPE. Similarly, rapid diagnostic testing facilities are being set up. These are essential to identify and isolate new cases and prevent the spread of the virus.

Your Safety is country's concern

In case of any technological issue while filling the explaining AF it can be filled digitally. Thank you for your help. Those ideas which may be implemented or discontinued will be engaged with relevant District Radios / Social Media Facebook group for their implementation.

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http://www.innovationgrants.com

The C3 is being announced on March 31, 2020 and will be accepting entries on a priority basis and further communication.

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