

## **IHF's Quest to support innovations to tackle Covid-19 among other respiratory diseases**

The DBT's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) is one of the organizers of the 'IHF's Quest to support innovations to tackle respiratory diseases, including Covid-19'. As governments across the world grapple with containing Covid-19, the India Health Fund (IHF) is looking to support innovations that can fight respiratory and airborne infections through its nation-wide search, Quest 2020. This time round, the mandate of Quest includes innovations developed to control Covid-19, as well. Seeded by the Tata Trusts, the IHF's mandate had now extended to prioritize the identification and support for breakthrough innovations for the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and monitoring of coronavirus. Given the current public health exigencies of the Covid-19 pandemic, IHF's Quest aims to seek pre-validated solutions that can be extended to coronavirus and other respiratory infections.

Quest will provide an opportunity for innovators, scientists and entrepreneurs across sectors to share novel prototypes, which could be game changers in the fight against these diseases, IHF added. The primary aim of this initiative is to support the government's ambitious aim to eliminate tuberculosis in India by 2025 and join the fight against the deadly new coronavirus. The nationwide search for innovations is already open and innovators have till April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 to send in their applications.

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