

IIT Hyderabad CfHE Fellow wins Gates Foundation Funding

The funding from Grand Challenges Explorations initiative will help Jignesh Patel implement a Mobile Vaccine Service in Pune.



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Fellow has won funding from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to implement an innovative Global Health and Development Research Project on increasing vaccinations coverage.

The project envisages providing mobile vaccine service including a smartphone-based management application that provides customized vaccinations at homes and schools and at a lower cost to ensure children in all section of the society receive vaccinations.

Who is the lucky fellow?

Jignesh Patel, a former Business Executive who joined the CfHE in 2018, is a winner of 'Grand Challenges Explorations' Grant and will take up his project titled 'VaccineOnWheels.com' under the firm Jivika Healthcare Private Limited. Thanks to the funding, he is working on increasing the

demand for vaccination through convenience and will implement his unique and low-cost but high-on-convenience model in Pune as a pilot project.

An IT Engineer and an MBA (Sales and Marketing) graduate, Jignesh Patel has over 11 years of leadership experience in Business Development, Channel Sales, Sales and Marketing Strategy. Even when his corporate career was going from strength to strength, his passion lay in becoming a social entrepreneur. In 2018, he left the corporate world to take up a Fellowship at CfHE, IIT Hyderabad.

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