

C-CAMP AMR Quest 2020 picks winning startups

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The C-CAMP AMR Quest 2020, launched by Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms - C-CAMP as part of the CARB-X Global Accelerator Network (GAN) has identified four winning startups / innovators as winners at the Grand Finale held recently.

Another four found special mention by the Grand Jury. The rewards for the winners include a 3-month C-CAMP AMR Accelerator Programme and an all-expenses paid participation in any one of 4 major AMR international Conferences/Programs in France, UK, Netherlands and Germany.

The Anti-microbial resistance or AMR Quest 2020 that was launched on Feb 15th, aims to identify, reward and nurture exceptional innovative ideas and solutions in the AMR domain that can potentially cut across geographies in tackling superbugs and superbug-related infections.

The winners of the first C-CAMP AMR Quest 2020 are Dr Shridhar Narayanan, FNDR Labs, for novel, small-molecule antibiotics, Tanay Bhatt, an academician from DBT Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine for a nextgen antimicrobial class of peptides, Dr Dhananjay Dendukuri, Achira Labs for a rapid molecular diagnostic platform for UTI-related infections and Dr Chirag Pandya, Ampligene for a real-time AMR test panel.

The 4 special jury recommendations are Dr R. Chidambaram from MKV Organics, for an antibacterial fabric using Ganoderma Lucidum, a traditionally known medicinal fungus, Dr Vasudha B from Aristogene, for bacteriophage treatment for infections in poultry, Dr Dipti Sareen, Panjab University, for two-component lantibiotics, and Dr Sarath Nair, SRM Institutes, for a one-step nucleic acid based pathogen detection.