



## Challenge Covid-19 Competition (C3)

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### Why in News

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The National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF) has identified several Science and Tech based innovative solutions through the **Challenge Covid-19 Competition (C3)** to tackle **Covid-19 pandemic**.

The campaign ran from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### Key Points

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- Challenge Covid-19 Competition (C3) was intended for engaging innovative citizens to come up with ideas and innovations to manage pandemic and its consequences.
- Under the campaign, NIF provided **incubation and mentoring support** for further dissemination to the generator of the ideas. It also supported the **value addition** in the innovations.
- A foot-operated device for hand sanitization and an innovative sprayer for sanitization are the two recently supported innovations under the campaign.

### National Innovation Foundation

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- The National Innovation Foundation (NIF) - India was set up in **2000** with the assistance of the **Department of Science and Technology**.
- It is India's national initiative to strengthen the grassroots technological innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge.
- Its mission is to help India become a creative and knowledge-based society by expanding policy and institutional space for grassroots technological innovators.

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