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WIPO supported Global Health Innovation Fellowship

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Why is in news? Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh presides over the launch of the DBT and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) supported Global Health Innovation Fellowship to promote Med Tech StartUps and innovators among youth

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About:

The WIPO Global Health Innovation Fellowship offers a **unique and exciting opportunity for young researchers and entrepreneurs** to work with the Department of Biotechnology (Ministry of Science and Technology) **as part of its Bio-design Program in India.**

As a fellow, you will have residency at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campuses in New Delhi or Mumbai **for two years.**

This two-year fellowship experience combines technology, public health, and intellectual property with the **goal of training innovators to develop innovative medical technologies**, creating a meaningful impact on global health.

International experience: Join a diverse network of global young innovators and experts to solve emerging health challenges, while being based in India for two years.

Prestigious collaboration: Build meaningful networks at the Indian Department of Biotechnology, IIT Delhi and Bombay campuses, and WIPO.

WIPO:

The World Intellectual Property Organization is **one of the 15 specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN).**

Pursuant to the **1967 Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization**, WIPO was created to **promote and protect intellectual property (IP) across the world** by cooperating with countries as well as international organizations.

It began operations on 26 April 1970 when the convention entered into force.

The current Director General is Singaporean Daren Tang, former head of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, who began his term on 1 October 2020.

WIPO's activities include hosting forums to discuss and shape international IP rules and policies, providing global services that register and protect IP in different countries, resolving trans-boundary IP disputes, helping connect IP systems through uniform standards and infrastructure, and serving as a general reference database on all IP matters;

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this includes providing reports and statistics on the state of IP protection or innovation both globally and in specific countries.

WIPO also works with governments, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and individuals to utilize IP for socioeconomic development.

Headquartered: Geneva, Switzerland

WIPO currently has **193 member states**, including 190 UN member states and the Cook Islands, Holy See and Niue; Palestine has permanent observer status.

The **only non-members**, among the countries recognized by the UN are the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and South Sudan.