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Centre for work on local and global solutions launched by IIT

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NEW DELHI: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar has launched [Dr Kiran C Patel](#) Centre for Sustainable Development to work on local and global solutions through interdisciplinary research. Dr Patel is a renowned American-Indian cardiac surgeon.

The centre is going to involve Indian and [global experts](#) and researchers on sustainability and undertake research on water, pollution, waste management, energy, natural resources and climate change.

Going forward, the centre will undertake technology transfer of sustainable solutions to [NGOs](#), local governments and industry and collaborate with policy makers and industry to identify and solve sustainability challenges. It would also promote startups on sustainability along with the IIT's [entrepreneurship](#) cell by providing seed grants.

“Dr. Patel’s exceptional generosity for an institution with which he has no earlier connection touches us deeply and inspires us greatly. The gift will enable our faculty and students to work on developing practical solutions to major sustainability challenges through an integration of advanced research, traditional knowledge and field understanding,” Sudhir K Jain, Director, IIT Gandhinagar, said.



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