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Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

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**WINNERS**  
Of  
**Pharma & Medical Devices Startup Grand Challenge**

**Medical Devices**

1<sup>st</sup>  
**Sascari**  
Sascari Meditech Private Limited

2<sup>nd</sup>  
**newndra**  
Newndra Innovations Private Limited

**Pharma**

1<sup>st</sup>  
**Oncosimis**  
Oncosimis Biotech Private Limited

2<sup>nd</sup>  
**TESTRIGHT**  
TestRight Nanosystems Private Limited

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*Kerala start-up incubated @ SCTIMST, an Autonomous Institute under DST, Govt of India wins two prestigious awards at National level*

**Sascan Meditech Pvt limited**, a medical technology startup **incubating at the SCTIMST-TIMed**, the Technology Business Incubator of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram has been adjudged the winner of **Startup India Grand Challenge 2021** (Cash grant of INR 15,00,000) in the **medical device category**.

The Grand Challenge was organized by **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Govt of India** along with **Startup India** and **Investindia.org**.

The award was announced by Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Ayogafter a rigorous evaluation process and “Sascan” was selected from among 310 start-ups which took part in the grand challenge.

Sascan Meditech has developed **OralScan**, a **handheld device for early, accurate and cost effective detection of pre-cancerous lesions in the mouth**. It is a biophotonics technology based device and the results of clinical trials has been published in scientific journal. OralScan was launched in October 2020 and has reached **eight states** in India.

Sascan's second product **CerviScan**, a hand-held non-invasive device for cervical cancer screening and early detection of cervical cancer, will be launched soon.

Sascan has received **Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG)** of **BIRAC** and further **NIDHI Seed support** of Department of Science & Technology, Government of India for developing OralScan.

Sascan was also selected as the winner of “**AnjaniMashelkar Inclusive Innovation Award 2021**” by an eminent jury after review of applications from all over India.



**The Anjani Mashelkar Foundation** engages in recognizing, rewarding, encouraging those responsible for creating value for the society in science, technology and innovation domain and is set up by **Padma Vibhushan Dr Raghunath.A. Mashelkar(former Director-General of CSIR)** in memory of his mother Smt. Anjani Mashelkar,who brought him up facing many odds as a poor widowed uneducated mother.

**SASCAN** focus on developing affordable healthcare products and solutions for cancer care and screening, based on biophotonics and allied technologies.

**Dr Subhash Narayanan, is the founder and CEO of SASCAN (a scientist turned biomedical entrepreneur),**

**OralScan Promo Video**

- <https://youtu.be/QSRXQ1saxyQ>

**OralScan Working Video**

- <https://youtu.be/VLAkbfAcw8M>

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