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NEW DELHI: Genomics research and company MedGenome has secured \$30 million (around Rs 192 crore) in Series C funding led by Sequoia India and Sofina and aims to accelerate cost-effective of genetic diagnostics.

The latest funding round also saw participation by Zodius Capital; Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder and former CEO of Infosys BSE -1.45 and Lakshmi Narayanan, former CEO of Cognizant, a

company release said.

The funding will accelerate development of the company's diagnostics tests and expand market penetration by increasing customer awareness on the importance of genetic tests.

Additionally, the funding will be used to broaden biomarker discovery programs, it said. "MedGenome has established leadership in genetic diagnostics for inherited diseases in India. We will now expand DNAbased testing to cover infectious diseases like tuberculosis," said Sam Santhosh, founder and Chairman of MedGenome.

MedGenome's diagnostics tests include first liquid biopsy 'OncoTrack' for monitoring cancer treatment, non-invasive prenatal screening test (NIPT) for pregnant women, carrier screening test for couples planning on a baby, and whole exome sequencing test for identifying mutations in rare diseases.

"We believe MedGenome's efforts will have a definitive impact on healthcare delivery in India and around the world," said Xiao-Tian Loi, Investment Manager at Sofina.

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