

## **THSTI efforts to understand the epidemiology of COVID-19**

The Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, is working on an ELISA test for serological studies across the country which will essentially help understand the extent of disease spread in India. According to Dr. Gagandeep Kang, executive director, THSTI, the epidemiology research should take centre stage at this point in the life of the pandemic in India. Dr. Kang said that it would help in understanding where and to what extent the disease has spread in India. According to her, the Indian population is dense and there are so many poor people. Social distancing, therefore, may be a difficult proposition. The first task should be boosting public health research to help control the spread. The next step should be research for developing additional diagnostic tools, drugs and vaccines.

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